



## DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

9/24/21 history of "pot belly" appearance but thin. polyuria without polydipsia. evaluate liver, adrenals urinary system for polyuria. caouses for increased urination

**PATIENT** Current Medications:clavamox 62.5mg bid

Fred Badolato Lab Results:ldds baseline 5.5 4 hour .9 8 hour .9

U/A usg 1.012, wbc 4-10

alp 236

**SPECIES** Radiographs:  
Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound:

Canine Sedation:not required

Stat Report: not requested by dvm

## BREED ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Dachshund

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

2008

The prostate is normal in size (1.15 cm) and shape for this neutered male dog. The parenchyma is homogenous and the external margins are smooth. The prostatic urethra appears normal with no evidence of irregularity, invasion, mass effect or calculi.

**WEIGHT**

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.3 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. Numerous small cortical cysts are present. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.43 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. Numerous small cortical cysts are present. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

### *Adrenal Glands*

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Abbey AH

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.81 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Coughlin

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.72 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

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### *Spleen*

The spleen is subjectively normal in size. The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and mildly mottled, the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There is a large, solid, isoechoic mass effect on the tail of the spleen measuring 3.02 cm x 3.63 cm.

### *Liver*

The liver is large in size, and normal in echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is mildly heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the

vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There is a large, expansile, highly vascular, solid mass on the right side of the liver, measuring 6.04 cm x 8.15 cm.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. There is a moderate amount of non-organized echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum wall measured 0.49 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.3 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

### ***Pancreas***

The pancreas is normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

### ***Free Abdomen***

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

### ***Other***

A brief view of the heart was submitted. No pericardial effusion was seen.

## **PRIMARY FINDINGS**

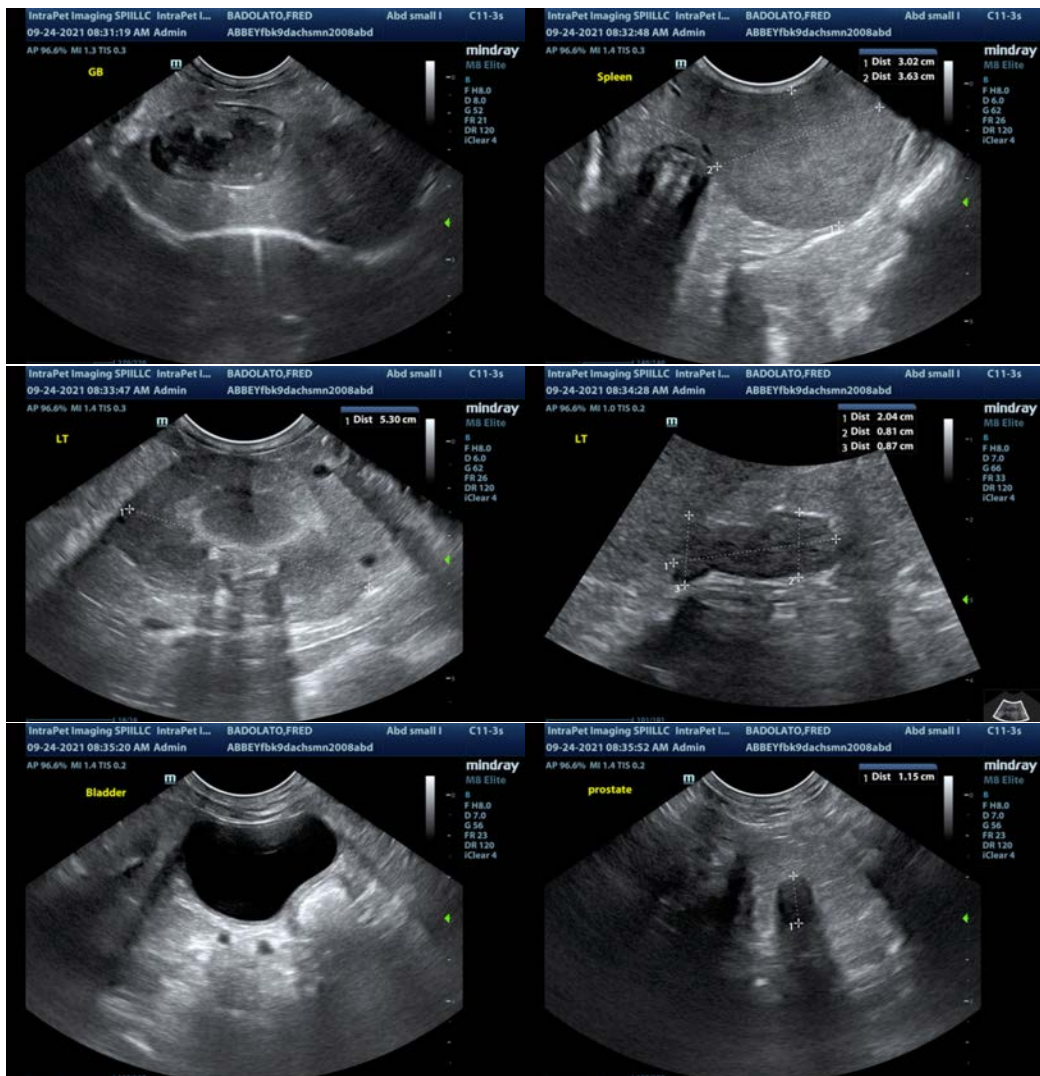
- Large, vascular right-sided hepatic mass – This is most consistent with a primary hepatic mass (adenoma or carcinoma). Other possibilities exist.
- Moderate sized solid splenic mass – This mass is expansile and distorts the splenic capsule. Differentials for the mass include neoplasia (hemangiosarcoma, hemangioma), hematoma, abscess, other.
- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with numerous small cortical cysts – Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis.

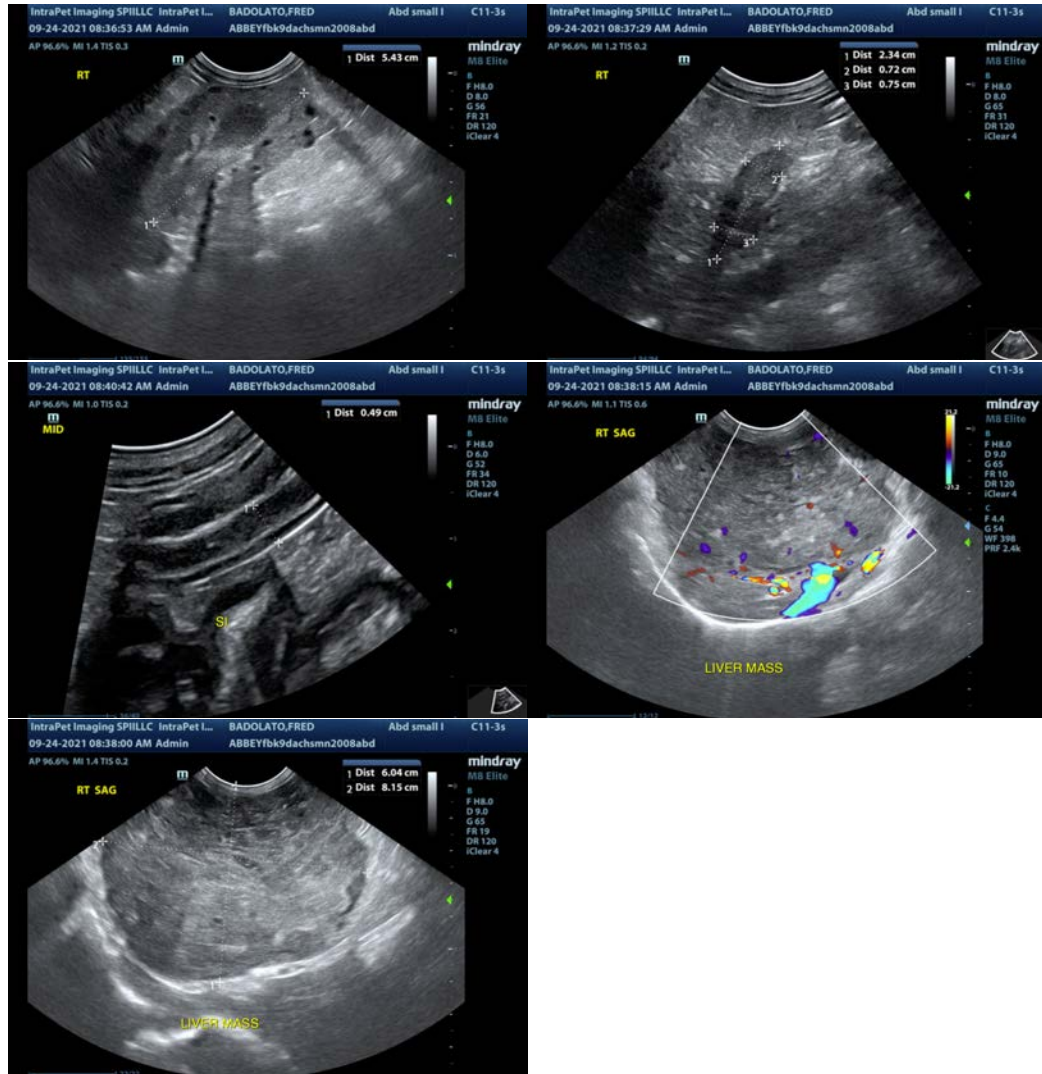
## **SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Moderate gallbladder sludge – The significance of the aggregated gallbladder sludge is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a large right-sided hepatic mass present. Based on the size and appearance, surgical removal would be the ideal treatment modality. Recommend referral to a veterinary surgeon and possible preoperative advanced imaging (CT scan). Recommend splenectomy at the same time for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. Recommend 3-view thoracic radiographs and clotting times prior to surgery.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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