



**PATIENT**

Kingston Zamora

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Shih Tzu

**SEX**

MN

**AGE**

16yr

**WEIGHT**

16.2lb

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Seen 1/21/2023 for decreased appetite. Diagnosed at a different hospital with bronchitis earlier this month. Started on cefpodoxime (?) first and wasn't doing anything so started on doxycycline. Receiving hydrocodone for coughing. Appetite decreased in the past 2-3 days. Has also been lethargic. CBC/Chem performed and liver value elevations observed. Ultrasound to assess abdomen for cause of decreased appetite outside of doxycycline and to assess liver for cause of elevated values.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE 1/21/2023: recent weight loss of almost 2#, grade 1/6 apical systolic HM, possible muffled heart sounds upper right side, mild cough during exam, 5% dehydrated cbc/chem 1/21/2023 alpk elevated 373 r/o hepatic vs. benign hyperplasia ALT 373 rule out hepatic, secondary inflammation BUN 33 rule out dehydration, creatinine normal at 0.8 Rest of CBC CHEM WNL 3 view whole body rads 1/21/2023 FINDINGS: The cardiac silhouette is similarly normal in size and shape. The pulmonary lobar vasculature is normal. A similar mild, diffuse bronchial pattern is present, characterized by prominent bronchial walls. Within the right cranial ventral thorax there are multiple regions of arborizing mineral opacity. The pleural space and mediastinal structures are normal. Mild smooth osseous proliferation is present at the caudal aspect of the humeral heads and glenoids bilaterally. Mild smooth osseous proliferation is present at the costochondral junctions. The included portions of the abdomen are normal. CONCLUSIONS: 1. Similar mild, diffuse bronchial pattern with evidence of bronchial mineralization. Inflammatory lower airway disease is again prioritized. Although there is no evidence for it on this study, dynamic airway collapse cannot be excluded. 2. Mild bilateral glenohumeral osteoarthritis. There is again no evidence of cardiomegaly or cardiac decompensation. There is no evidence of pneumonia. RECOMMENDATIONS: Continued therapy for inflammatory lower airway disease is recommended. Fluoroscopic evaluation of the airway may be beneficial to assess for dynamic tracheal collapse. Alternatively, radiographs performed at peak inspiration and expiration may show this finding. Echocardiography may be beneficial to further assess the heart as radiographs are not sensitive or specific for cardiac function.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 3 cm exhibited normal thickness and tone. Anechoic urine was present in the lumen with no uroliths or sediment. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

Normal size and margination were present in the kidneys. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio was maintained. The medulla and cortices were uniform in texture with some increased echogenicity and moderate loss of corticomedullary symmetry and definition expected for the age of the patient. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Left kidney lateral thinly walled cyst was present measuring 1.0 cm in diameter. The left kidney measured 4.6 cm in length. The right kidney measured 4.7 cm in length.

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

The area of the iliac trifurcation was free of pathology including no evidence of medial, iliac or sublumbar lymphadenopathy.

The residual prostate was normal in size and contour with mild heterogenous parenchyma. No overt pathology or neoplastic criteria was present, measuring 1.0 cm in diameter.

**Adrenal Glands**



<b>PATIENT</b>	A mildly expansive mixed echogenic discretely mineralized left adrenal nodule/small mass was present measuring 1.6 cm x 1.5 cm.
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<b>SPECIES</b>	The right adrenal gland was borderline prominent in size. Mild parenchyma heterogeneity and mild capsule asymmetry was present without suspicion for overt neoplasia. The right adrenal gland measured 0.68 cm width in the cranial pole and 0.54 cm width in the caudal pole.
Canine	<b>Spleen</b>
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Shih Tzu	<b>Liver/Gallbladder</b>
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<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>Gastrointestinal</b>
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<b>INTERPRETED BY</b>	The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio with non-specific duodenojejunal mucosal speckling. The lumen of the small intestine was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material.
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<b>IMAGING PERFORMED BY</b>	<b>Pancreas</b>
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Lucas Budden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benign hepatopathy with intraparenchymal cyst</li> <li>• Minor gallbladder debris (non-mucocele)</li> <li>• Inflammatory gastroenteropathy pattern-gastroenteritis, potential for IBD</li> <li>• Heterogenous pancreas- may indicate patient/ age variant, remodeling owing to previous inflammatory episode or mild to chronic pancreatitis possible</li> <li>• Splenic mass-nonspecific, hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, granuloma, splenitis, or neoplasia (sarcoma, round cell neoplasia, other)</li> </ul>
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- Left adrenal mass-functional vs non-functional adenoma, hyperplasia, neoplasia including pheochromocytoma, adenocarcinoma or other
- Chronic renal changes with pinpoint corticomedullary mineral and left kidney cyst

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

A GI panel to include PLI/TLI/Cobalamin/Folate is recommended. A screening BP is advised to assess for evidence of hypertension which may allude to emerging left adrenal neoplastic criteria i.e., pheochromocytoma. Assuming normal clotting status and using a 25g needle, a hepatic FNA for screening cytology could be considered for further assessment yet no overt evidence of hepatic or hepatobiliary neoplastic or obstructive criteria.

Sonographic monitoring of the splenic mass and left adrenal mass for evidence of progression with initial recheck in 4 weeks is likely ideal assuming surgery is not a potential for this patient.

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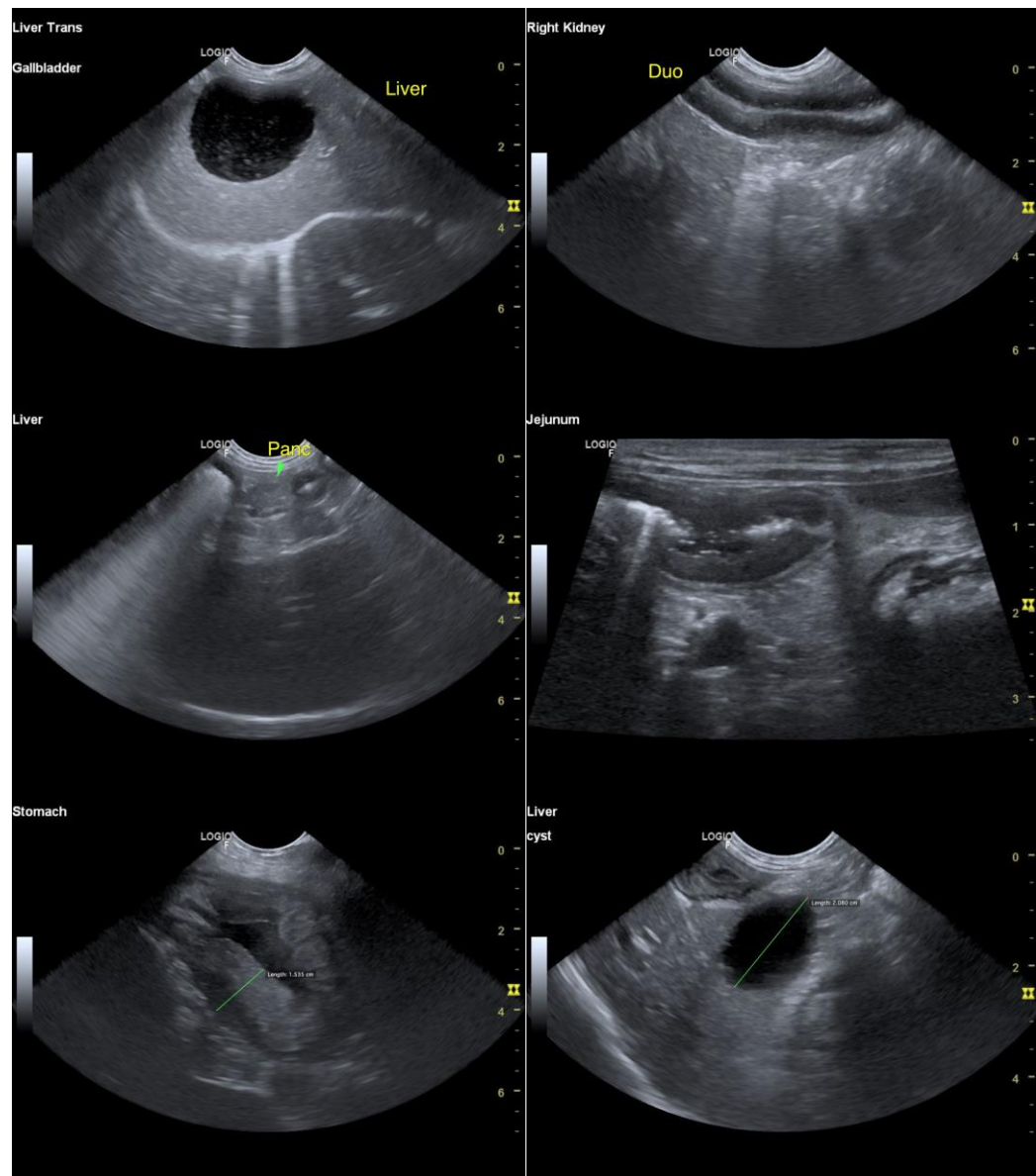
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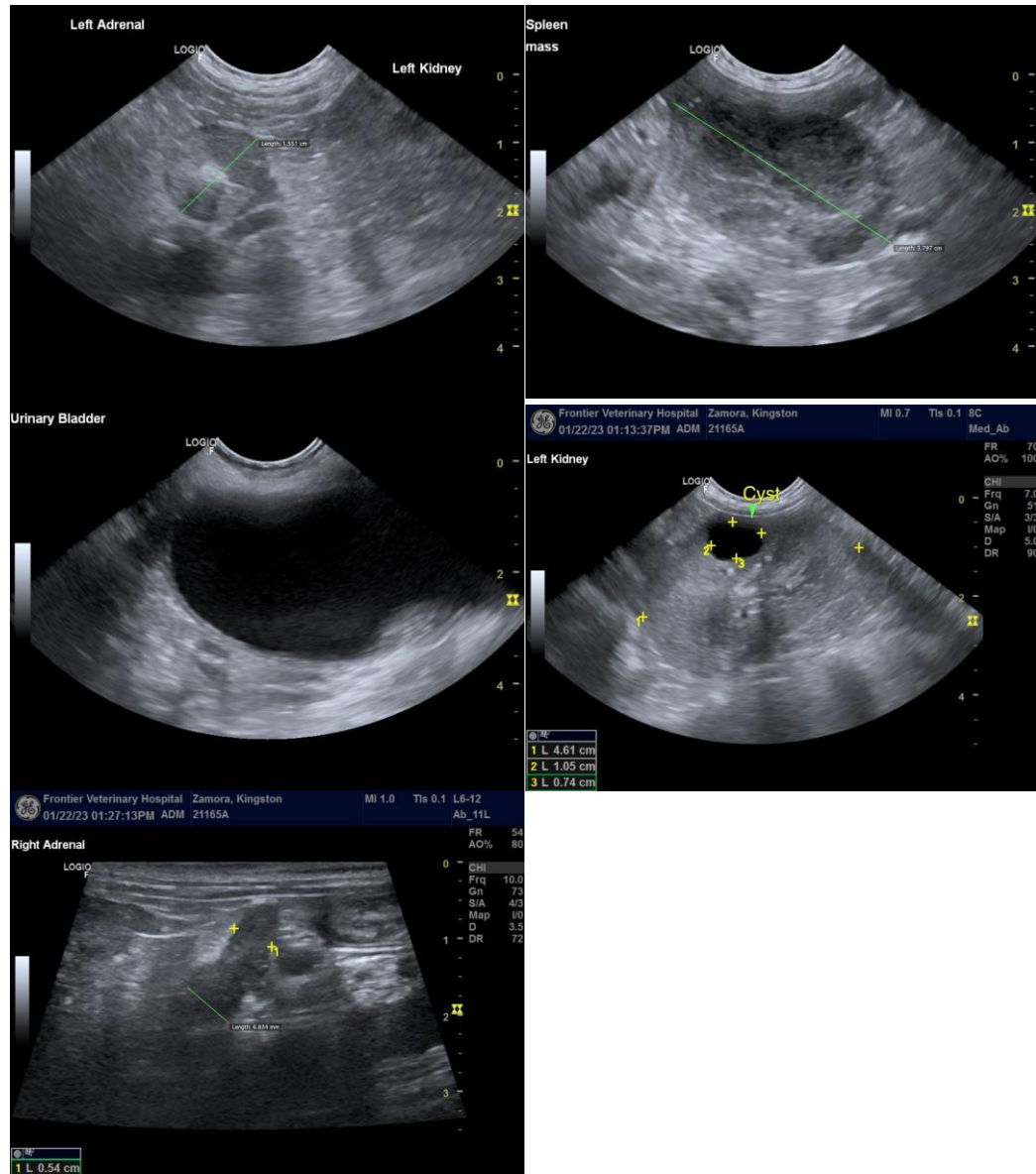
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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