



PATIENT

Buddy McGinley

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Difficulty with hind legs 8/25/22, Galliprant started. No weight change past 3 years. Not Pu/PD

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 143 on 4/16/19 increased to 304 10/11/21, 293 on 10/11/22 ALKP 30 on 4/16/19 increased steadily 253 on 10/11/22. Renal values still WNL

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

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Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 2 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.

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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. Pinpoint areas of medullary were present. A moderately sized thinly walled cyst containing anechoic fluid measuring 3.0 cm in diameter was present in the left kidney. The left kidney measured 5.6 cm in length. The right kidney measured 5.4 cm in length.

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The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

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Adrenal Glands

The bilateral adrenal glands were normal in size. Mild parenchyma heterogeneity and mild capsule asymmetry was present without suspicion for overt neoplasia. The left adrenal gland measured 0.71 cm width in the cranial pole and 0.59 cm width in the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measured 0.65 cm width in the cranial pole and 0.66 cm width in the caudal pole.

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Spleen

The spleen exhibited primarily finely textured parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. Mild generalized parenchyma heterogeneity was present without evidence of nodular changes. The capsule was smooth and regular without apparent expansion. The splenic vasculature at the hilus was normal in volume with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis. The parenchymal heterogeneity is likely consistent with benign changes such as extramedullary hematopoiesis or age-related remodeling with minor potential for inflammatory or neoplastic disease.

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Liver

The liver was subjectively mildly enlarged in size with normal structure and contour. The liver parenchyma was mildly nonuniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a moderate coarse echotexture and subjective mild to benign parenchymal remodeling. Ill-defined areas of hyperechoic parenchyma to hyperechoic nodules were present likely consistent with areas of nodular hyperplasia, lipogranuloma or potential fibrosis. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. No masses were noted.

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The gallbladder was non-distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content with moderate dependent to non-dependent hyperechoic non-organized debris. No evidence of gallbladder or peripheral gallbladder inflammation was present. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

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Gastrointestinal



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The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material.

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The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. The lumen of the small intestine was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material.

Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent formed feces in lumen.

Pancreas

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The pancreas was normal in size and contour with isoechoic to heterogeneous parenchyma compared to adjacent omentum likely consistent with age-related pancreatic changes and incidental. No signs of active inflammation or neoplasia.

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Free Abdomen

No omental masses, overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Hepatopathy exhibiting mild non-uniform remodeled parenchyma and a solitary hepatic cyst-vacuolar hepatopathy, inflammatory/immune mediated disease, hematopoiesis, hyperplasia, fibrosis or other hepatopathy possible. Neoplastic criteria considered unlikely.
- Gallbladder debris (non-mucocele)-potential for low grade cholecystitis possible
- Bilateral chronic renal changes with pinpoint medullary mineral and left kidney cyst
- Mild age-related adrenal changes-no evidence of adrenal tumors

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Assuming normal clotting status and using a 25g needle, a hepatic FNA for screening cytology is warranted for further assessment.

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No overt suspicion of primary adrenal disease given the lack of clinical signs. Hepatosupportive medications such as Denamarin or Vitamin E as well as Ursodiol due to its antioxidant and immunomodulatory effects within the liver would be warranted, although these medications may not result in decreased hepatic enzyme levels.

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Further renal staging to include urine C/S and protein: creatinine ratio on sterile urine sample may be considered.

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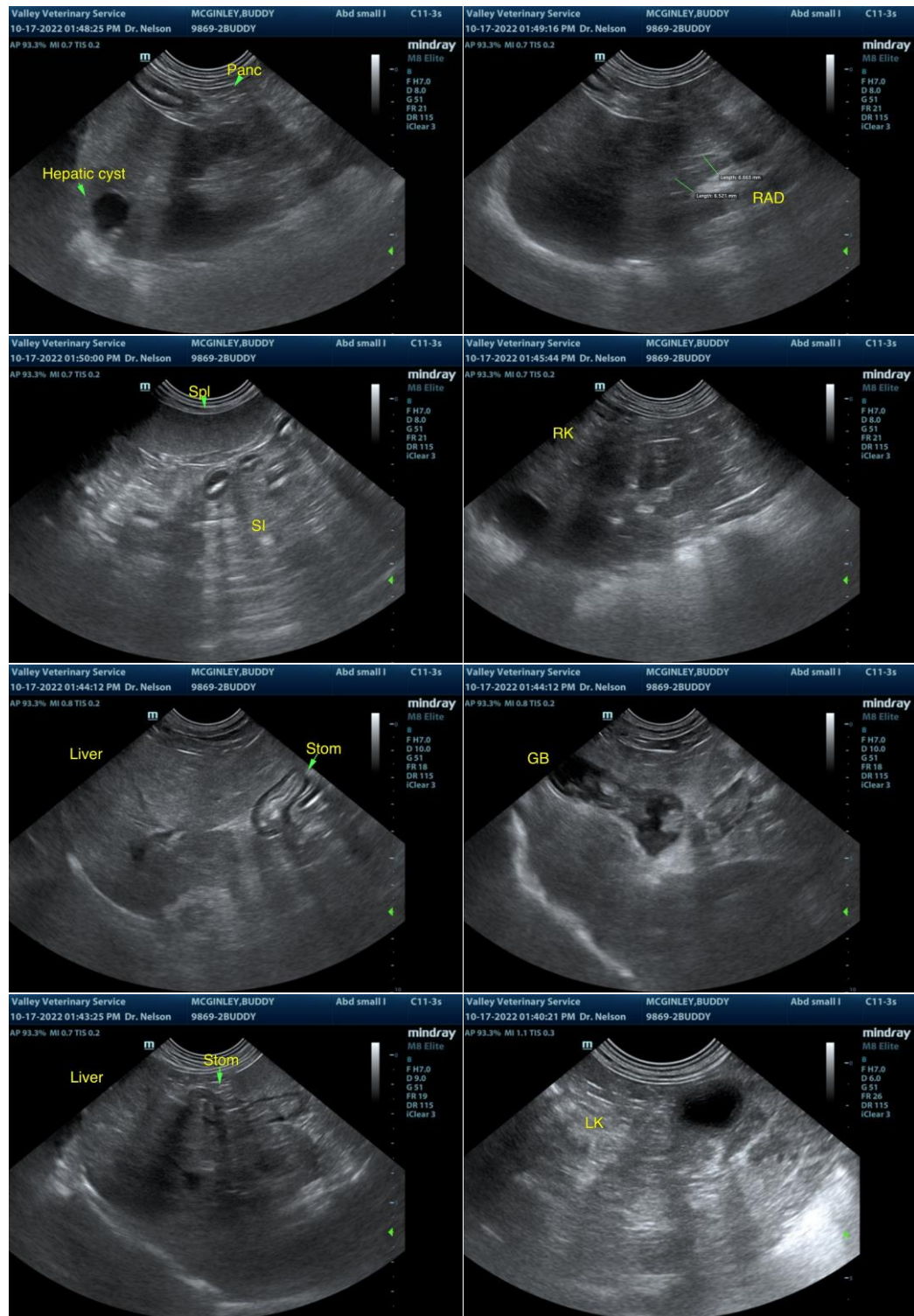
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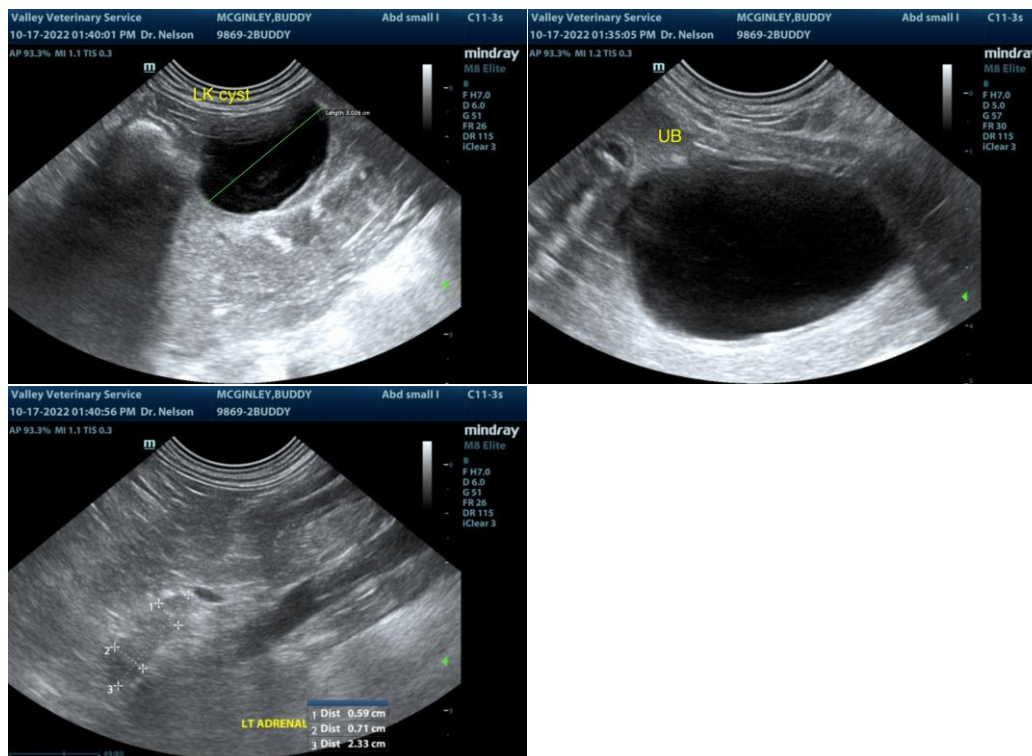
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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