



PATIENT

Jake Guzman

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Mixed breed

SEX

MN

AGE

10yr

WEIGHT

28.68lb

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TLC Animal Hospital

REFERRING VET

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03/03/2026

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Pt has history of prior splenectomy for benign mass. Routine blood work from 2/28/26 showed new mild elevation in liver values (alt elevated 497, ast elevated 99). O very concerned for pt. Pre BA slightly elevated at 15.9, post WNL at 5.4.
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 02/28/2026: alt elevated 497, ast elevated 99). O very concerned for pt. Pre BA slightly

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 evidence of urine/lumen sediment, mineral, or calculi. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted.

Normal size and margination were present in the kidneys. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio and normal corticomedullary definition were maintained. The echogenicity of the cortex was similar to or slightly less than normal liver parenchyma while the medulla echogenicity was hypoechoic to the cortex with no evidence of pelvic dilation. The left kidney measured 4.9 cm in length. The right kidney measured 5.3 cm in length.

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

The residual prostate appeared normal and free of pathology

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.57 cm width at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland was indistinctly visualized and was overtly normal in size, position, and shape. The right adrenal gland subjectively measured 0.49 cm width at the caudal pole.

Spleen

The spleen was not present owing to previous splenectomy.

Liver/Gallbladder

The liver was subjectively normal in size, structure, and contour. The liver parenchyma was uniform with a mild coarse echotexture. Normal vascular volume. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was indistinctly visualized and was non-distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content. The common bile duct was not visualized without overt evidence of dilation or post hepatic obstructive criteria.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach contained mild lumen gas 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 contained segmental mild intestinal lumen gas to the level of the colon.

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

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Pancreas

The parenchyma of the left limb, body and right limb of the pancreas presented isoechoic to the adjacent omental fat. A normal curvilinear capsule contour of the pancreas was present. The visible pancreatic duct was normal. No signs of active inflammation or neoplastic disease was evident.

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Free Abdomen

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

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary

- Sonographically unremarkable normal volume liver
- Normal visible gallbladder
- Normal kidney / urinary bladder
- No evidence of renal or urinary bladder mineral / calculi
- Normal adrenal glands
- Absent spleen - previous splenectomy

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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The appearance of the liver was nonspecific but most consistent with benign hepatopathy. Considerations for the liver may include benign vacuolar hepatopathy, inflammatory/infectious/immune mediated disease, hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (i.e., copper) or other with neoplasia thought less likely. No evidence of intrahepatic or extrahepatic macroscopic shunt. Potential for portal hypoplasia / microvascular dysplasia thought less likely yet not excluded. Ultrasound guided FNA of the liver using a 25-gauge needle and assuming normal coagulation parameters would be warranted for screening cytology. 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. Leptospirosis titers / PCR may be considered if clinically indicated. Core or surgical biopsy is likely required for definitive diagnosis.

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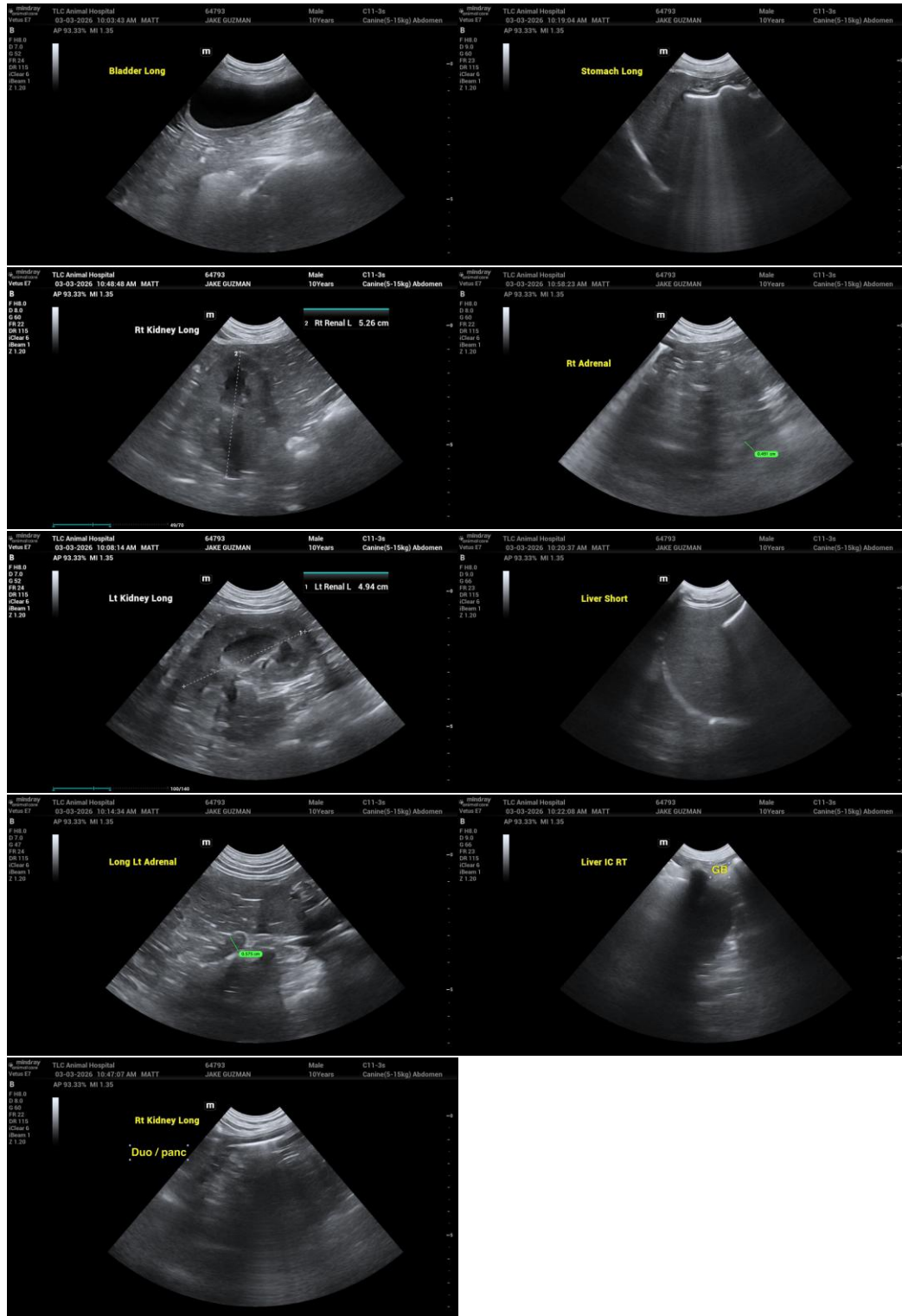
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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