



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Max Christensen Examined on 4-18-23 for weight loss, lethargy and icterus. Patient has lost 18lbs in the past 10 months.

SPECIES Current Medications Gabapentin for joint pain

Canine Radiographic Findings No radiographs obtained. Primary Question/Differential to Be Answered in This Exam Looking for cause of hepatitis, screen for neoplasia.

BREED Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Elevated liver enzymes and monocytosis. Will email copy of lab results.
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SEX ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

MN **Urinary System**

AGE The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 4 cm exhibited normal thickness and tone. Anechoic urine was present in the lumen with minor particulate sediment. The sediment may indicate cellular debris / protein, crystalline debris, lipid, or mucus. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.
8yr

WEIGHT 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 mild loss of corticomedullary symmetry and definition expected for the age of the patient. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 8.5 cm in length. The right kidney measured 8.7 cm in length.
104lb

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The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

The area of the residual prostate appeared normal and free of pathology measuring 0.9 cm.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.55 cm width at the caudal pole and 3.5 cm length. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 0.82 cm width at the caudal pole and 2.9 cm length.

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Spleen

The spleen was normal in size with maintained symmetrical capsule contour. Multifocal, small to discrete, hypoechoic nodules were present diffusely throughout the parenchyma without associated capsule impingement or distortion. The splenic vasculature at the hilus was normal in volume with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis. No splenic masses.

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Liver/Gallbladder

The liver exhibited generalized enlargement with rounded to swollen contour. Normal to mildly non-uniform parenchymal echogenicity exhibiting mild to moderate coarse echotexture was present. Overtly normal hepatic vascular volume was present. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content with mild to moderate non-organized mildly hyperechoic debris. No

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evidence of gallbladder or peripheral gallbladder inflammation was present. The common bile duct was not definitively visualized without overt post hepatic obstruction.

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Gastrointestinal

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.

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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. No signs of active inflammation or neoplasia.

Free Abdomen

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No omental masses or overt lymphadenopathy was present.

Moderate volume peritoneal effusion was present. Generalized increased omental echogenicity was present.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Discretely mottled/micronodular spleen-hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia possible.
- Hepatomegaly exhibiting mild non-uniform parenchyma-vacuolar hepatopathy, cholestasis, cholangiohepatitis, hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia all potentials.
- Distended gallbladder with moderate non-organized sludge-not consistent with mucocele criteria.
- Moderate volume peritoneal effusion.
- Heterogenous pancreas-not sonographically consistent with significant/active pancreatitis.
- Sonographically unremarkable GI tract.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Primary concern for infiltrative hepatic or hepatosplenic neoplasia is warranted. Assuming normal clotting status and using a 25g needle, a hepatosplenic FNA for screening cytology is warranted for further assessment. Effusion analysis cytology +/- C/S is recommended.

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Three view chest radiographs are recommended if not done to assess for occult thoracic pathology.

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Empirically, therapy for non-specific hepatitis/cholangiohepatitis with as needed GI support would be reasonable. An extremely guarded prognosis is indicated.

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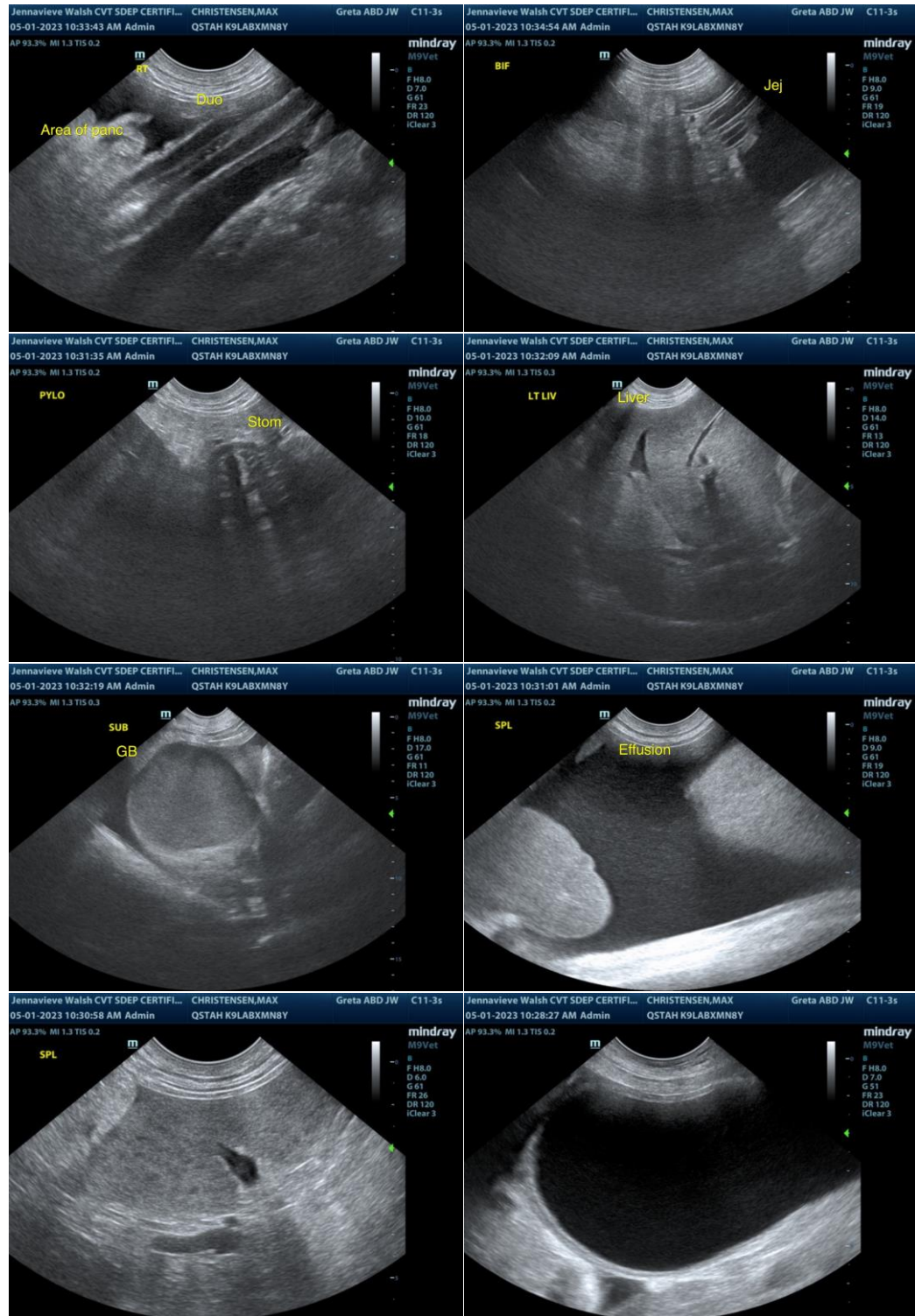
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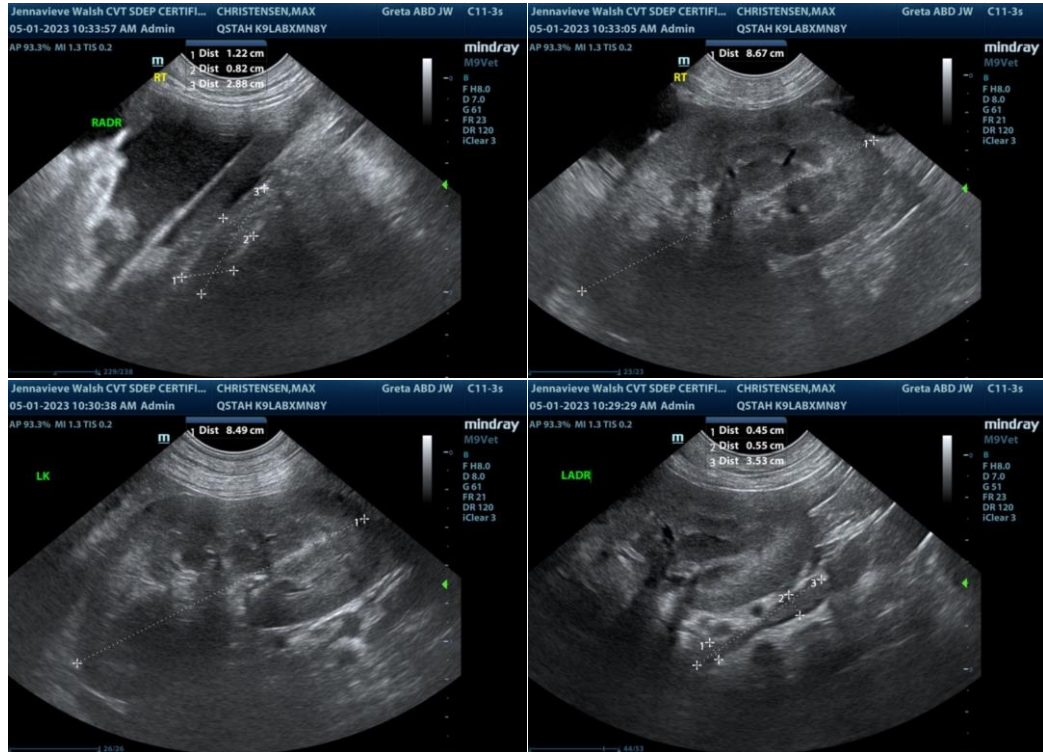
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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