



## PATIENT

Harley Ortell

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Mix

## SEX

F/S

## AGE

10 yrs

## WEIGHT

43

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## DATE

5/6/26

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Elevated liver values increasing over time  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 349, AST 69,

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 3.0 cm exhibited normal thickness and tone. Anechoic urine was present in the lumen with no uroliths or sediment. No mineral or calculi. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

No evidence of pathology in the area of the aortic trifurcation.

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 5.0 cm in length. The right kidney measured 4.9 cm in length.

### *Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland was indistinctly visualized yet overtly normal in size, position, and shape. The left adrenal gland subjectively measured 0.55 cm width at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland was not definitively visualized.

### *Spleen*

The spleen exhibited a finely textured and homogenous parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. 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. Acute to chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or benign parenchyma changes were not noted.

### *Liver/ Gallbladder*

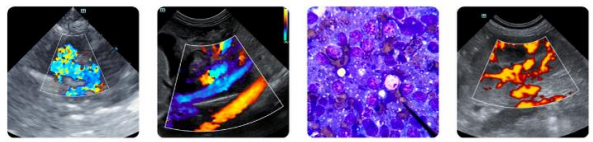
The liver was subjectively normal in size, structure, and contour. Normal hepatic vascular volume was present. The liver parenchyma was uniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a mild coarse echotexture. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was non-distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

### *Gastrointestinal*

The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach was empty without evidence of retained ingesta, fluid, or foreign material.

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 formed feces in lumen.



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**Pancreas**

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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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No overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Sonographically unremarkable subjective normal volume liver
- Normal gallbladder

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The appearance of the liver was nonspecific but most consistent with benign hepatopathy. Considerations for the liver may include benign, favored nonspecific inflammatory/infectious/immune mediated disease, given elevated ALT / AST combination, toxic hepatopathy (i.e. copper), or other without evidence of cholestasis or neoplastic criteria. Hepatic FNA cytology could be considered for further clarification, primarily to assess for suspected evidence of inflammation. No evidence of intrahepatic or extrahepatic macroscopic shunt. Leptospirosis titers / PCR and bile acid profile may be considered if clinically indicated. Hepatic core or surgical biopsy with histopathology and copper assessment are required for definitive diagnosis. Hepatosupportive medications including Denamarin, Vitamin E, and Ursodiol, given its antioxidant and immunomodulatory effects within the liver may prove beneficial.

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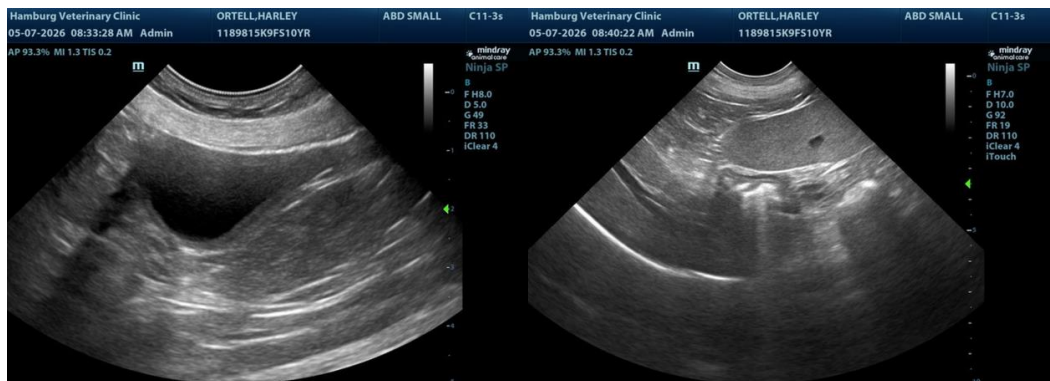
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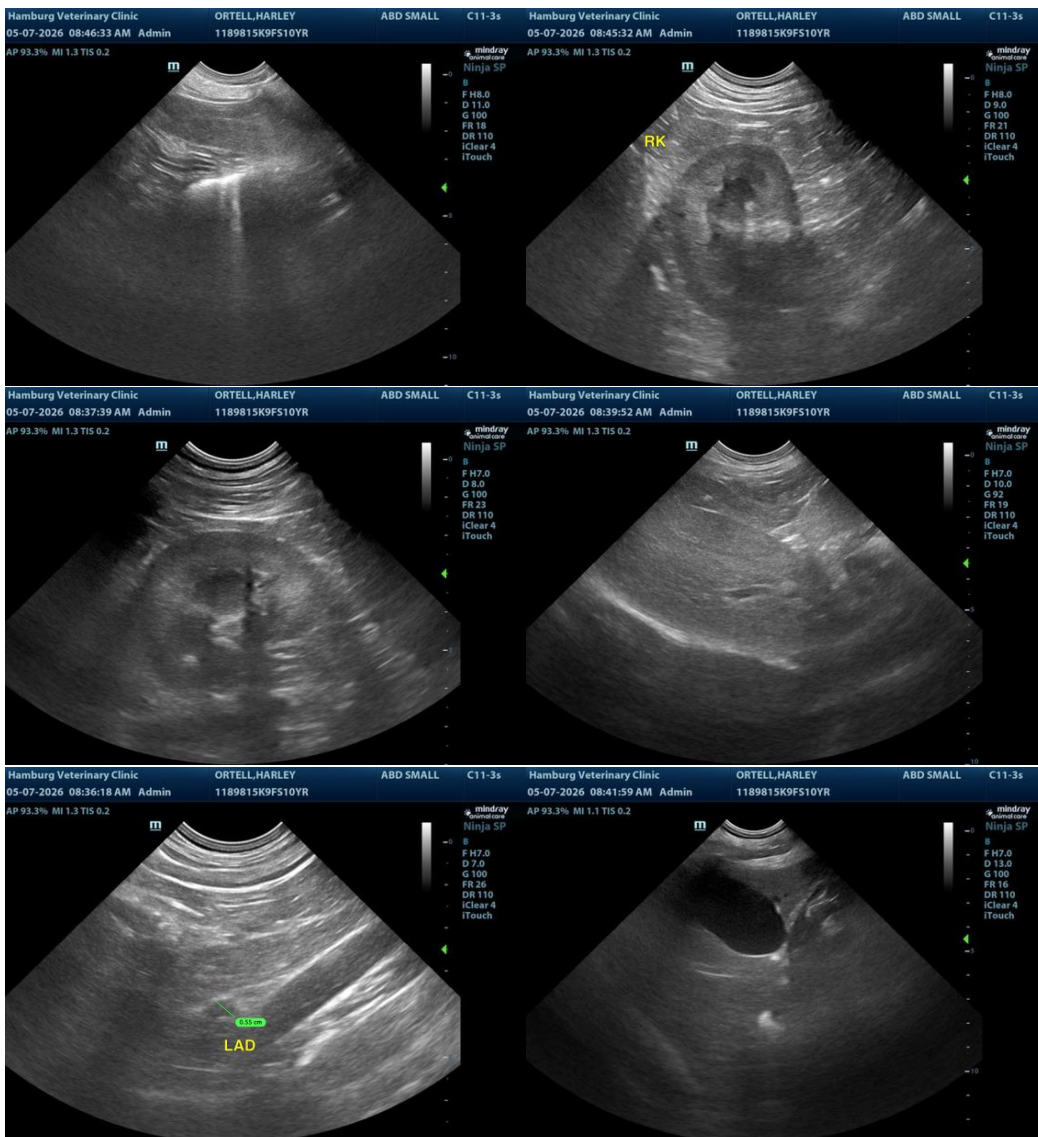
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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