



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Mullin Adams acute onset ataxia lethargy

**SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART & ABDOMEN**

Canine

BREED

Boston X

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

5 Years

WEIGHT

40

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CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT			NM	1.35	40	74	0.24
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm)	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
PATIENT	NM	1.8	1.4		3.3	3.5	

**Cardiac Presentation**

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 separate methods of LA evaluation. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented normal linear structure, extension in systole, and union in diastole with normal kinesis. The **left ventricle** presented thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The **myocardium** presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. **Contractility** of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions of the myocardium. The **left ventricular outflow** tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology and kinesis. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonary outflow** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted. The cranial **mediastinum and pericardial and extra-cardiac regions** were free of masses in the visible window. No overt evidence of arrhythmogenic disease.

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of – 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 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 4.7 cm. The right kidney measured 4.8 cm.



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***Adrenal Glands***

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The adrenal glands were uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 1.8 cm length x 0.47 cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measured 2.5 cm length x 0.60 cm at the caudal pole.

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***Spleen***

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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.

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***Liver***

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The liver exhibited potential for mild generalized enlargement. The hepatic parenchyma revealed diffuse reduced echogenicity compared to the spleen and renal cortical parenchyma with a mild coarse echotexture. Increased portal vein prominence was evident. The capsule of the liver was normal in margination. Distinct masses or nodules were not evident. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance. The gallbladder was non-distended in size with primarily anechoic luminal content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No overt evidence of gallbladder wall edema.

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***Gastrointestinal***

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The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. Minor retained echogenic ingesta was present in the stomach.

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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. Jejunum wall measured 0.30 cm.

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Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent 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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***Free Abdomen***

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No peritoneal masses, lymphadenopathy or effusion.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- Normal echocardiogram
- Hypoechoic liver
- Otherwise unremarkable abdomen

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The hypoechoic liver is non-specific. Potential considerations given the hepatic presentation may include acute hepatitis (infectious or other), hepatotoxic insult, congestive hepatopathy, reactive hepatopathy, with occult neoplasia considered a less likely yet potential differential diagnosis. Correlation with full CBC/Chem panel and urinalysis recommended. Otherwise, no overt evidence of structural cardiac or visceral pathology as an obvious cause of the patient's clinical signs. Screening

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blood pressure recommended. Resting cortisol to rule out occult Addison's disease may be considered. If evidence of hepatic enzyme elevations, hepatic FNA (assuming normal clotting status) +/- Leptospirosis titers/PCR may be indicated.

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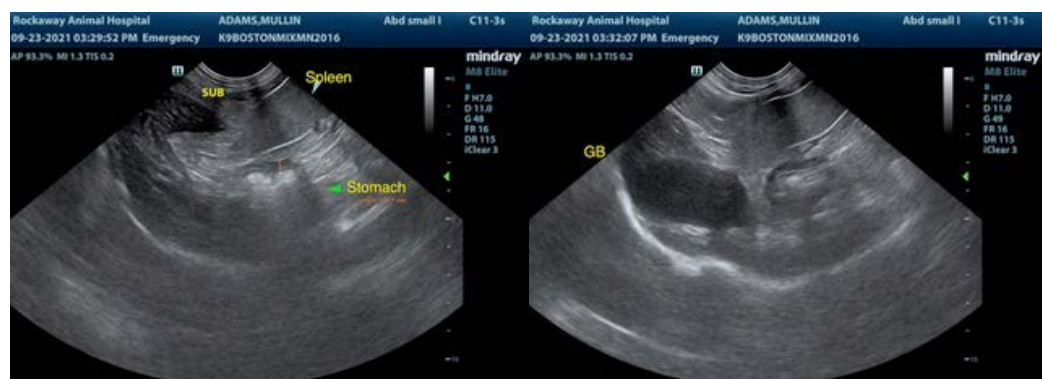
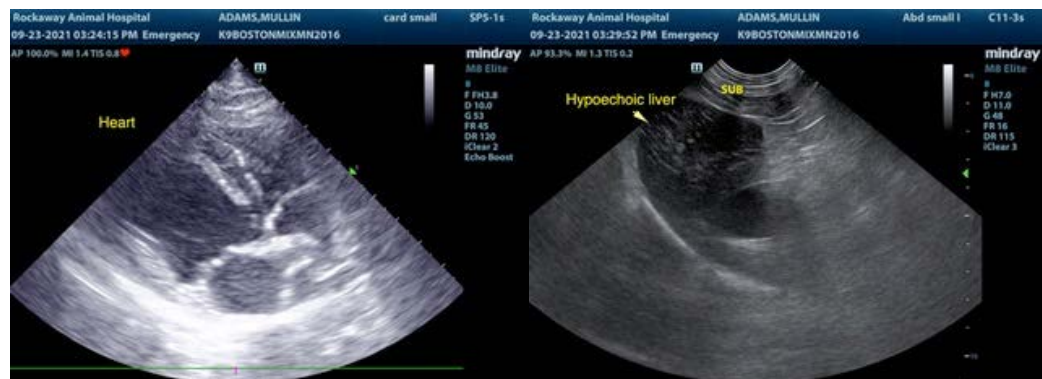
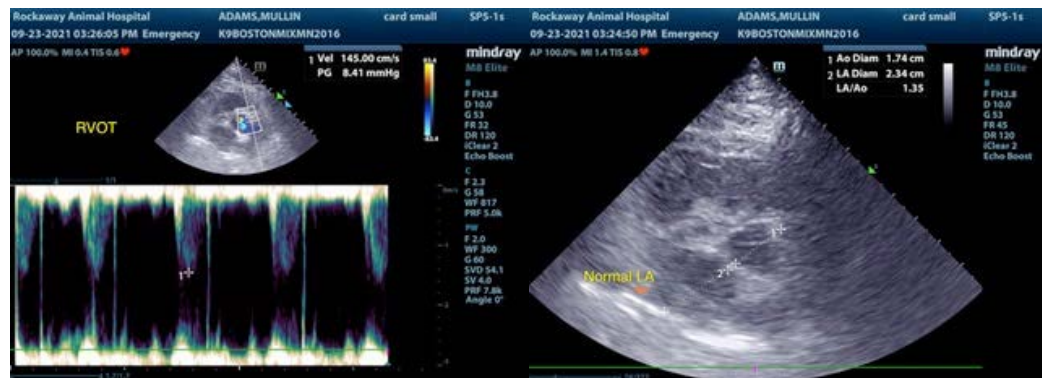
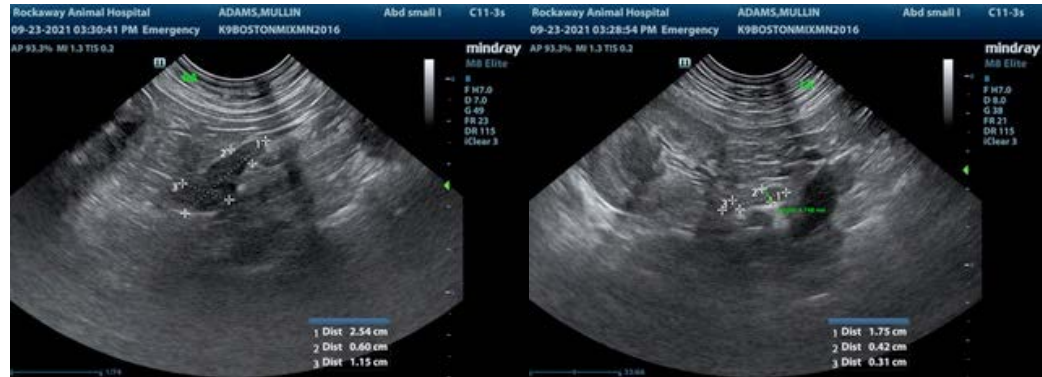
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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