

**PATIENT**

Jessie Muir

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Clinically healthy. current on all vax, and is vax against Leptospirosis.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Liver values have been elevated. ALP 1092 ( was 1022 in June), and ALT is 196 (was 156 in June). Dog is currently taking Denamarin

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****BREED**

German Shorthair Mix

**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 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 and minor loss of corticomedullary definition was present. 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 6.3 cm in length. The right kidney measured 6.3 cm in length.

**AGE**

9yr

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

**WEIGHT**

59lb

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.72 cm width at the caudal pole and 2.3 cm length. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 0.47 cm width at the caudal pole and 2.0 cm length.

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**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.

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**Liver****HOSPITAL NAME**

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The liver exhibited subjective mild enlargement, symmetrical capsule contour and normal overall parenchyma echogenicity. Moderate coarse architecture was present with evidence of minor parenchymal remodeling. A solitary non-disruptive non-homogeneous to hyperechoic nodule was noted in the deep mid liver measuring 4.1 cm in diameter. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion.

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The gallbladder was non-distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

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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.

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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*****BREED**

No peritoneal effusion was present.

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Focal, mildly prominent to enlarged mesenteric nodes were present. The lymph nodes were essentially isoechoic to adjacent omentum without evidence of peripheral inflammation and maintaining a normal width: length ratio (<0.5).

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Hepatopathy exhibiting minor parenchymal remodeling and solitary intraparenchymal nodule
- Sonographically unremarkable gallbladder
- Mild age-related renal changes
- Normal adrenal glands

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS****WEIGHT**

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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 with parenchymal inflammation. No overt evidence of hepatic neoplasia which is considered a less likely differential diagnosis.

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Ultrasound guided FNA of the liver using a 25-gauge needle and assuming normal coagulation parameters would be warranted for screening cytology, primarily to assess for evidence of inflammatory cells and to rule out unlikely neoplasia. 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 Hepatic core biopsy likely required for a definitive diagnosis.

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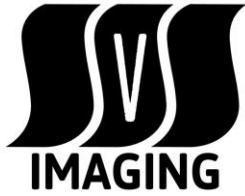
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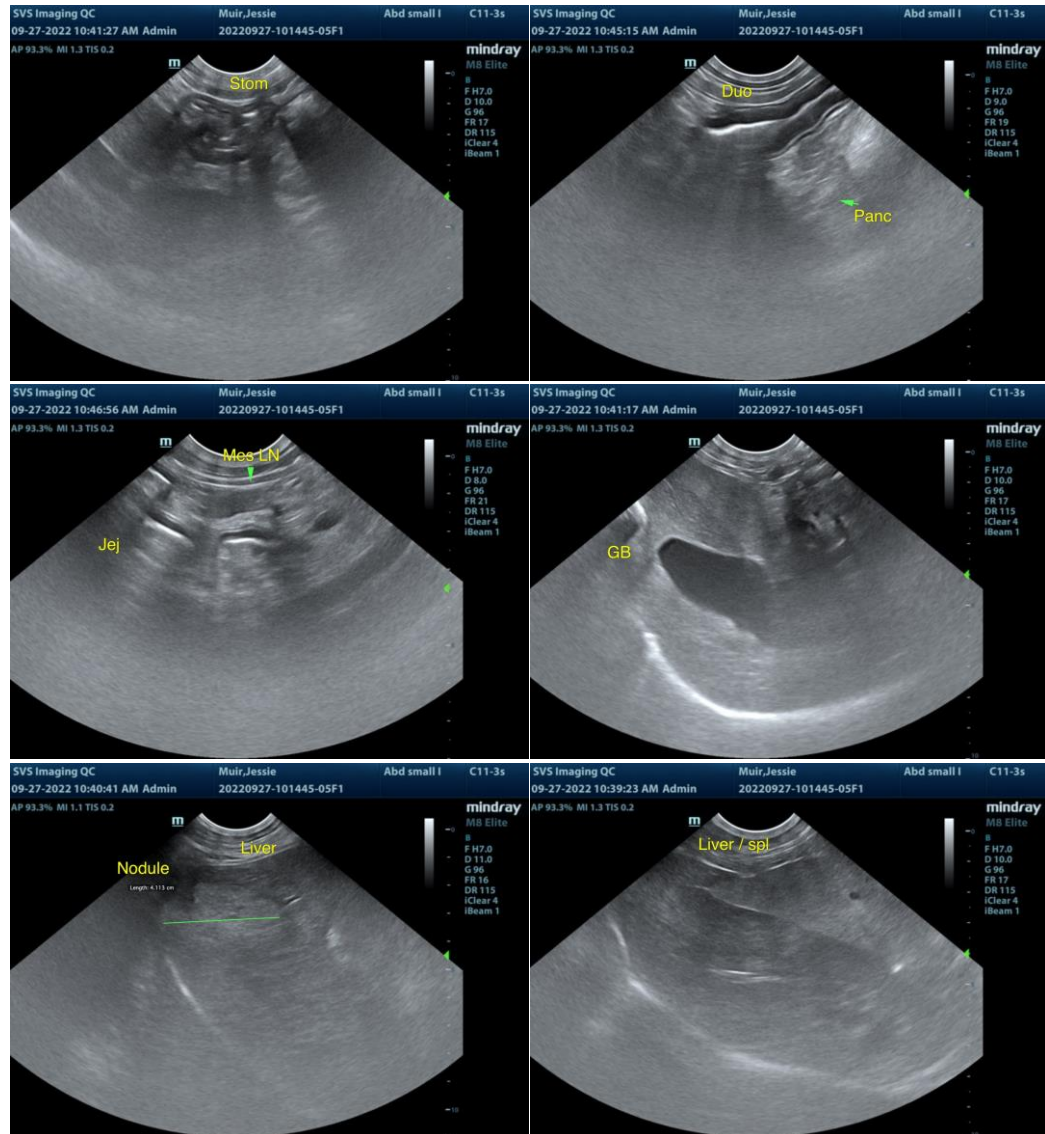
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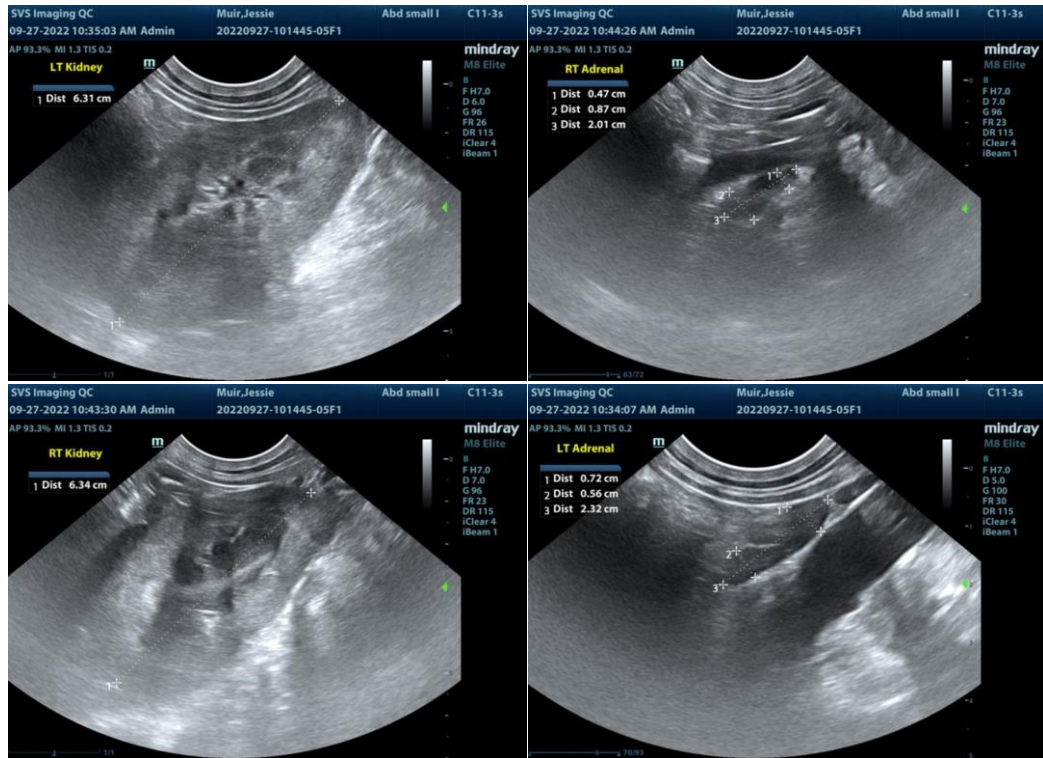
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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