

**PATIENT**

Red Catkavage

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Brittany Spaniel

SEX

FS

AGE

8yr

WEIGHT

45lb

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History of elevated liver enzymes. Still rising on Denamarin.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Please see attached.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder presented uniformly thickened ventroapical urinary bladder wall isoechoic to the adjacent normal urinary bladder wall. The luminal margin of the thickened urinary bladder wall was mildly asymmetrical in contour. Urinary bladder wall thickness measured 0.61 cm. Mineralization or echogenic foci within the thickened areas of urinary bladder wall was not present. The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra exhibited normal 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.

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 5.9 cm in length. The right kidney measured 6.3 cm in length.

The area of the aortic trifurcation was 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 0.58 cm width at the caudal pole and 0.53 cm width at the cranial pole. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 0.50 cm width at the caudal pole and 0.49 cm width at the cranial pole.

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. Intermittent discrete hypoechoic splenic nodules were present an example measuring 0.26 cm in diameter. The splenic vasculature at the hilus was normal in volume with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis.

Liver

The liver exhibited variable enlargement in the mid to left liver, 2symmetrical contour and non-uniform to irregular parenchyma exhibiting variably sized isoechoic nodules/macronodules, an example measuring 3.8 cm in diameter. Variable asymmetrical lobar swelling was present. 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 with very minor non-dependent echogenic debris. No evidence of inflammatory gallbladder criteria. 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 contained mild ingesta and luminal 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 was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material.

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

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Pancreas

The pancreas was normal in size and contour with isoechoic to heterogeneous parenchyma compared to adjacent omentum. No signs of active inflammation or neoplasia.

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Free Abdomen

No overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Possible mild cystitis
- Heterogeneous irregular liver with indistinct variably sized parenchymal macronodular changes
- Heterogeneous pancreas-patient variant, potential for low-grade pancreatitis
- Non-specific discrete intermittent splenic nodules-minor lymphoid hyperplasia, hematopoiesis or similar likely

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The non-specific presentation of the liver may indicate vacuolar hepatopathy, chronic active hepatitis, hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (copper), early fibrosis / cirrhosis or other hepatopathy. Neoplasia considered a less likely differential diagnosis yet cannot be excluded. Assuming normal clotting status and using a 25g needle, a liver nodule FNA for screening cytology is warranted. Hepatic core surgical biopsy may be required for a definitive diagnosis.

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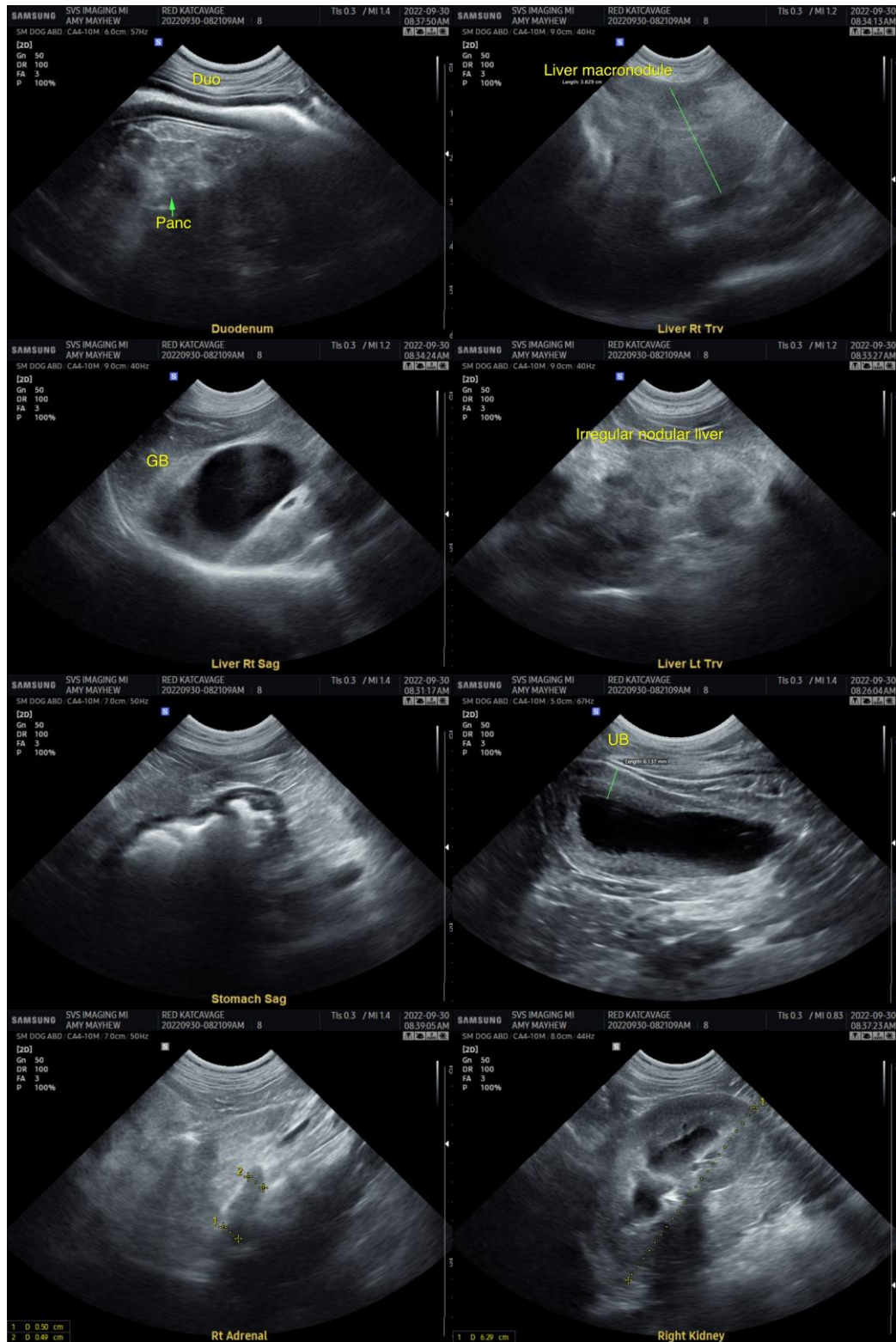
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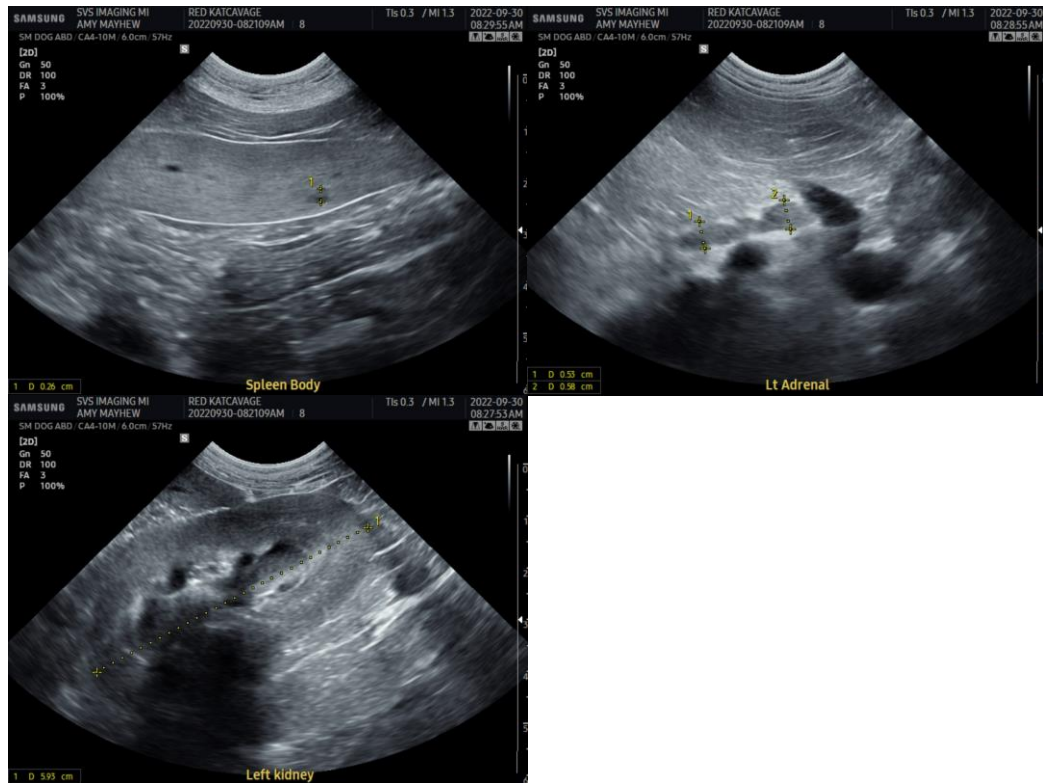
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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