



## PATIENT

Dash Martin

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Miniature Dachshund

## SEX

Neutered male

## AGE

11 years

## WEIGHT

20.6 lbs

## INTERPRETED BY

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Distended abdomen
- O have been trying to get him to loose weight, other dog has lost but he has not.
- Temp slightly elevated: 102.7 Running 4Dx test BW from 2/2024 showed elevated ALP (191). O did not want to do BW today, just wanted to start with u/s

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder is full with a normal thickness and smooth appearance of the wall. Normal anechoic urine with no sediment or uroliths evident.

Normal appearance of the trigone area, proximal urethra, and iliac blood vessels.

Normal appearance and size of the iliac lymph nodes. Ureters not visualized, which can be considered a normal finding.

Normal renal size (left measured 5.2 cm, right measured 4.6 cm), architecture, echogenic appearance, cortico-medullary differentiation, which maintains a 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio, pelvis, and capsule. No infarcts, mineralization or renoliths evident.

The prostate is small and hypoechogenic.

### *Adrenal Glands*

The adrenal glands are bilaterally enlarged but maintained normal shape, echogenic appearance, position and appearance of the visible peri-adrenal vasculature. Left adrenal gland measured 1.74 cm in length x 0.78 cm and 0.7 cm in width. The right adrenal gland measured 0.7 cm in width.

### *Spleen*

Normal size and echogenic appearance. Smooth homogenous parenchyma and regular curvilinear capsule. Normal volume of the splenic vasculature without any overt congestion or thrombosis evident. No inflammatory, neoplastic, infarction, or infiltrative changes evident. The spleen measures 1.5 cm in width.

### *Liver*

Normal size with a diffuse increased echogenic, coarse and nodular appearance, normal portal markings, and regular curvilinear capsule. Nodules are multiple, parenchymal, hypoechogenic and measure up to 1.2 cm in size. No masses evident. Normal appearance of the hepatic and portal vasculature.



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## ***Gallbladder***

The gallbladder is full containing a small amount of non-adhered, hyperechogenic sediment. Normal thickness and echogenic appearance of the wall. Normal size and appearance of the cystic and common bile duct.

## ***Gastrointestinal***

Normal appearance of the stomach, duodenum, small intestine, ileo-cecal junction, and colon with no loss of layering, 1:3 muscularis to mucosa ratio, normal wall thickness and peristaltic activity, and no distension of the lumen. The small intestine measures up to 0.36 cm.

## ***Pancreas***

Normal size and echogenic appearance with a regular capsule. Normal echogenic appearance of the mesentery and fat surrounding the pancreas.

## ***Free Abdomen***

Normal mesenteric lymph nodes.

No ascites evident.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Nodular hepatopathy
- Bilateral adrenomegaly
- Gallbladder sediment

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

Etiologies for the nodular hepatopathy would be nodular hyperplasia, granulomatous disease, chronic hepatitis and possibly infiltrative neoplasia.

Etiologies for the adrenomegaly would be age related reactive hyperplasia, disease, stress and possibly emerging pituitary dependent Cushing's disease.

The gallbladder sediment can be considered an incidental finding.

Further assessment would be urine specific gravity and urine cortisol to creatinine ratio and if abnormal then adrenal function testing (ACTH stimulation/LDDST) would then be indicated.

If Cushing's disease has been excluded then further assessment of the hepatopathy would be FNA cytology. However, a tru cut or wedge biopsy may be required for a final etiological diagnosis.

Specific therapy would be dependent on an etiological diagnosis.



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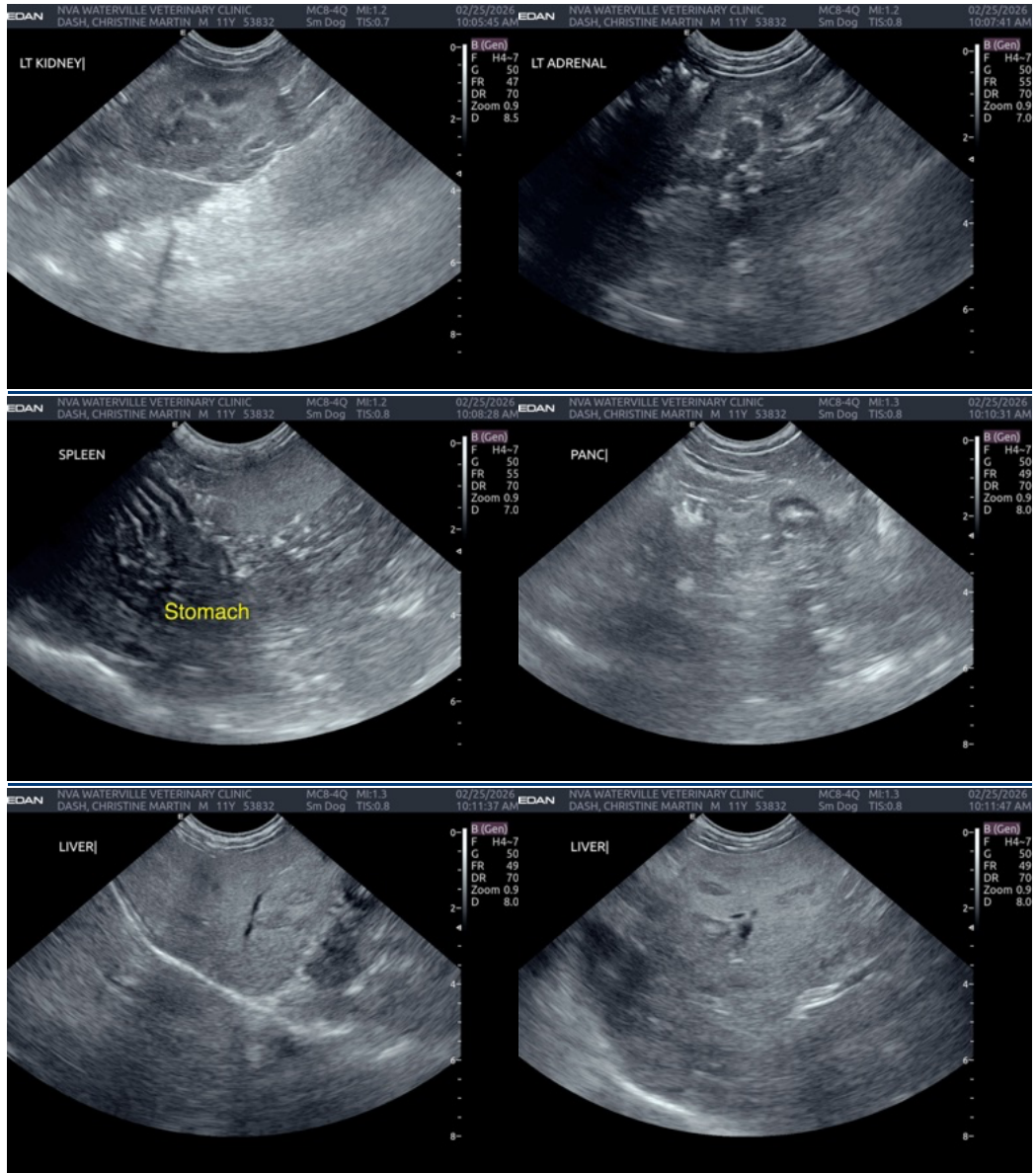
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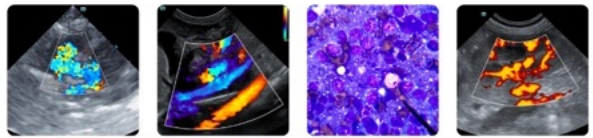
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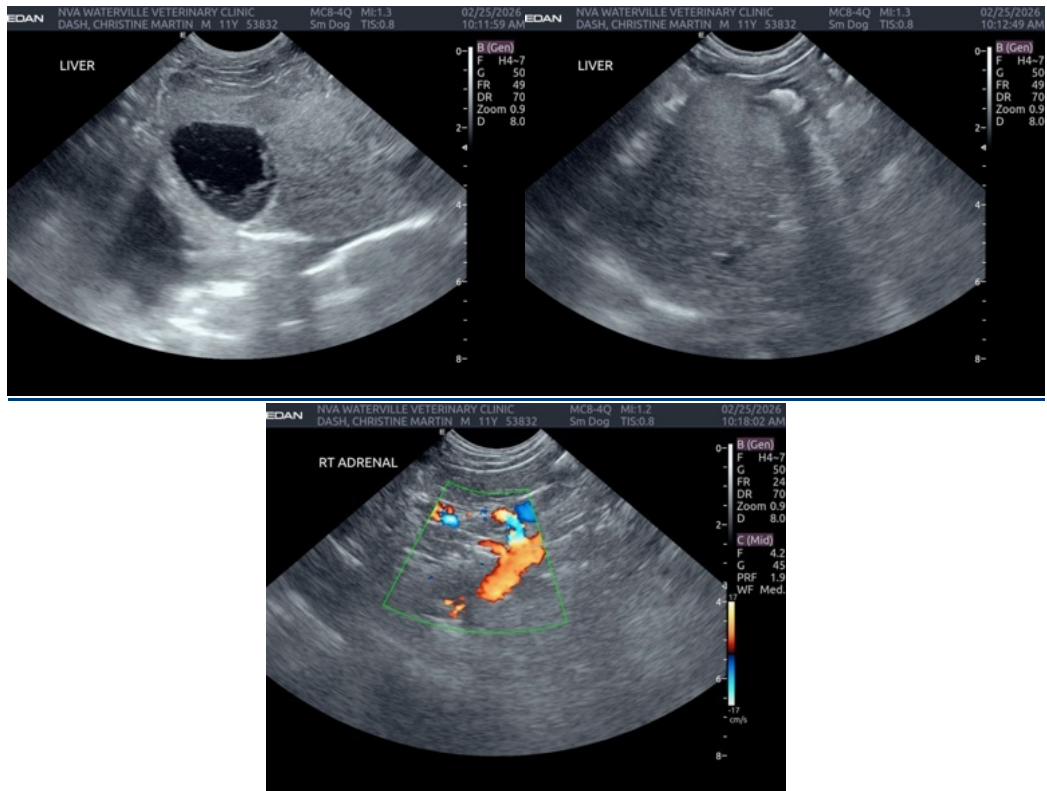
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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