



PATIENT

Roo Gwinn

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Miniature Australian Shepherd

SEX

Spayed female

AGE

9 years

WEIGHT

13.1 lbs

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3/3/26

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Patient presented on 1/15/26 for a dental cleaning and pre-op BW showed a mild ALT elevation. The dental procedure was performed and the patient was sent home on Denamarin. Recheck BW 1 month later showed progressive elevation of ALT, as well as newly noted mild elevation of ALP and elevations of AST and GGT (not previously tested on first panel). TBili remains normal. Patient is doing well at home and owner has no concerns.
- 1/15/26: ALT 264, ALP normal at 139, Tbili normal at 0.2 (AST and GGT not available on this panel) 2/27/26: TP 7.9, AST 90, ALT 462, ALP 277, GGT 13, Chol 394, HGB 20.5, HCT 62, Tbili normal at 0.1

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is small 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 3.1 cm, right measured 3.8 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.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in shape, echogenic appearance, size, position, and appearance of the visible peri-adrenal vasculature. Left adrenal gland measured 0.32 cm and 0.38 cm in width. The right adrenal gland was not clearly visualized, but appears to be of normal shape, echogenic appearance and size.

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 measured 1.2 cm in width.

Liver

Normal size, echogenic appearance, portal markings, and regular curvilinear capsule. No nodules or masses evident. Normal appearance of the hepatic and portal vasculature.



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Gallbladder

The gallbladder is full containing a moderate 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.

Pancreas

The visible sections of the pancreas are of 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

- Gallbladder sediment.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

In essence a normal ultrasound examination of the abdomen as the gallbladder sediment can be considered an incidental finding.

Although the liver appears ultrasonographically normal, with the progressive elevation of liver enzyme activity, an underlying hepatopathy such as reactive hyperplasia, vacuolar and metabolic should still be considered.

Hepatitis and infiltrative neoplasia would be highly unlikely differential diagnosis.

Further assessment would be FNA cytology of the liver. However, a tru cut or wedge biopsy may be required for a final etiological diagnosis.

Specific therapy would be dependent on an etiological diagnosis.

Symptomatic management that can be considered would be to continue with the current therapy and to add Ursodiol with regular monitoring of liver enzyme activity.



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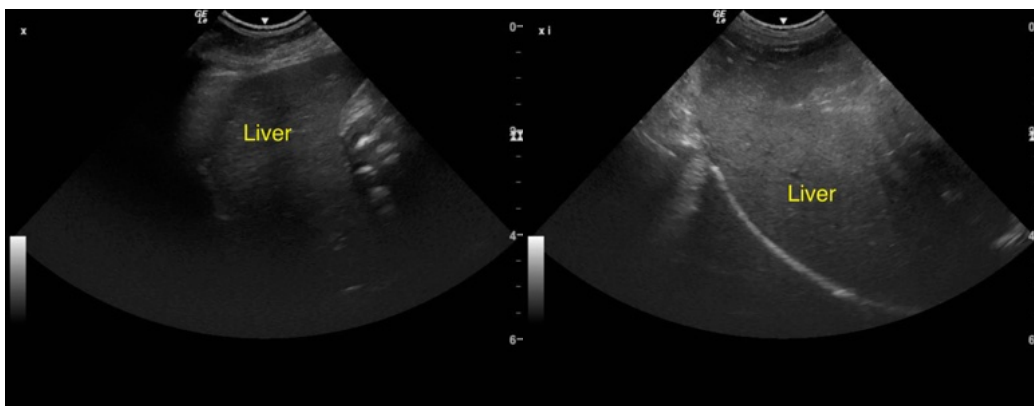
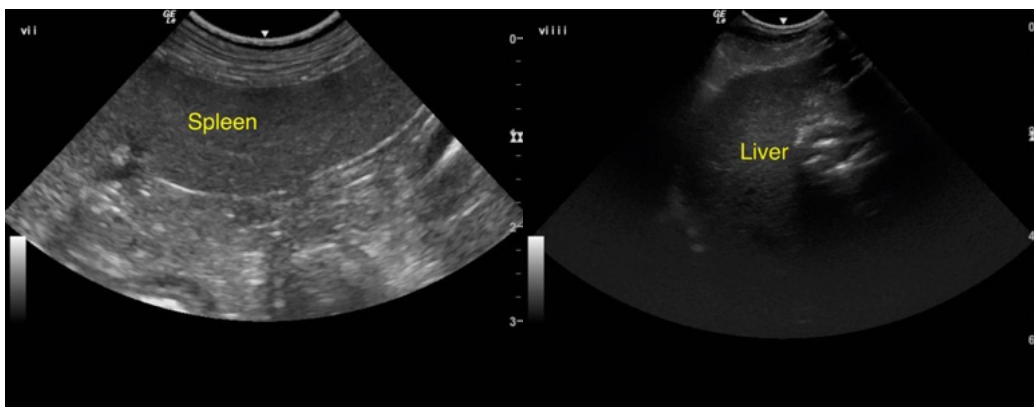
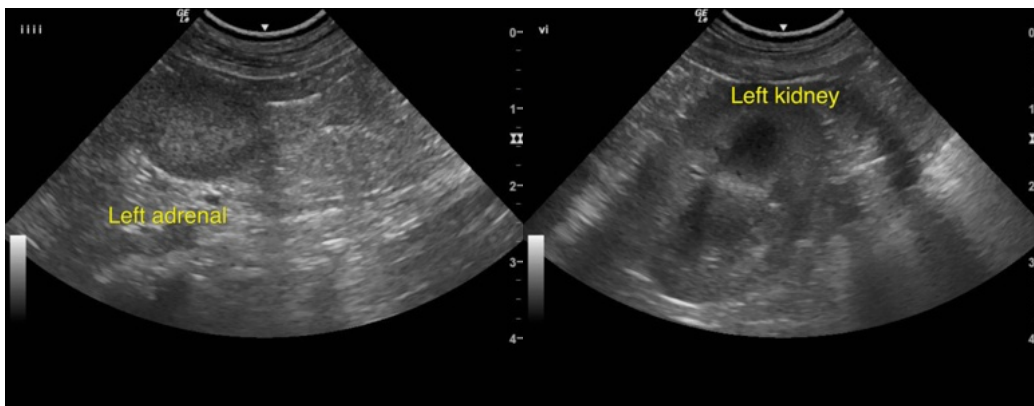
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Although the gallbladder sediment at this point appears to be an incidental finding, monitoring for the development of a mucocele would be recommended.





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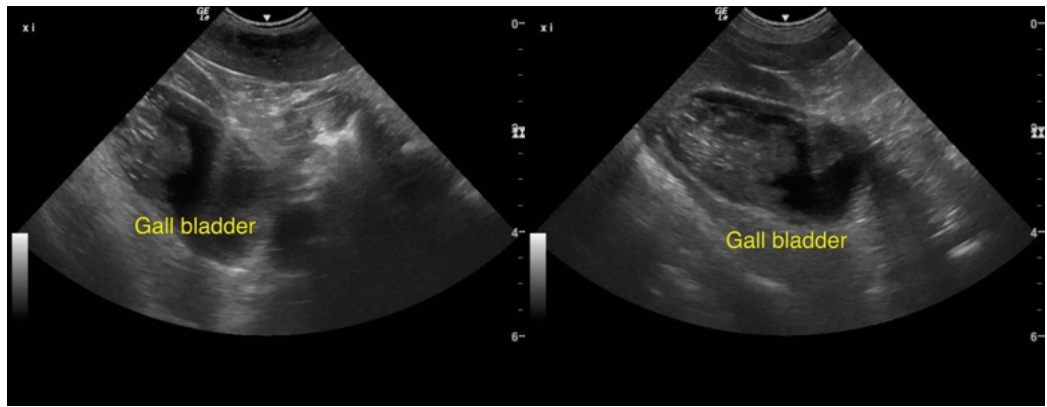
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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