



PATIENT

Hank Taggart

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Border Terrier

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

14 Years 8 Months

WEIGHT

34 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Diarrhea, hyporexia, hypercalcemia, lethargy, hypothyroidism,. Intermittent grade 1/6 heart murmur, moderate OA mod- severe dental disease. Meds: Carprofen 37.5 mg BID, Thyrotabs 0.2 mg BID

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Abs. Neuts 13365 (H) WBC 16.5 (H) PLT 488 (H) Ca 12.8 (H) iCA 1.56 (H)

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

Full urinary bladder 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, architecture, echogenic appearance, cortico-medullary differentiation, which maintains a 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio, pelvis, and capsule. No infarcts, mineralization or renoliths evident. Left kidney measures 4.8 cm. Right kidney measures 4.5 cm. Normal color flow pattern evident in both kidneys.

Reproductive System

Small, hypoechoic prostate measuring 0.80 cm in width.

Adrenal Glands

Normal shape, echogenic appearance, size, position, and appearance of the visible peri-adrenal vasculature. Left measures 2.26 cm in length x 0.80 cm and 0.41 cm in width. Right measures 2.12 cm in length x 0.65 cm and 0.37 cm in width.

Spleen

Normal size (1.5 cm in width) and echogenic appearance. Smooth homogenous parenchyma and regular curvilinear capsule. Normal volume of the splenic vasculature without any overt congestion or thrombosis evident. Small focal hypoechoic parenchymal nodule noted in the body of the spleen, measuring approximately 0.70 cm in size.

Liver

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

Gallbladder

Full containing normal anechoic bile. Normal thickness and echogenic appearance of the wall. Normal size and appearance of the cystic and common bile duct.



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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

Visible sections present normal size and echogenic appearance. Regular capsule. Normal echogenic appearance of the mesentery and fat surrounding the pancreas.

Free Abdomen

Normal mesenteric lymph nodes.

No ascites evident.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Splenic nodule.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Likely etiologies for the splenic nodule would be reactive hyperplasia/extramedullary hematopoiesis, hematoma, and granuloma, with neoplasia being a less likely differential diagnosis yet should still be considered with hypercalcemia. On this ultrasound there are no obvious etiologies for the hypercalcemia.

Further assessment would be PTH and PTHrP assay, and if the PTHrP assay is elevated, then further assessment would be FNA cytology of the spleen, splenic nodule, and 3-view thoracic radiographs. If the PTHrP is normal and the PTH is elevated, then further assessment would be ultrasound of the thyroid glands. Specific therapy would be dependent on an etiological diagnosis.





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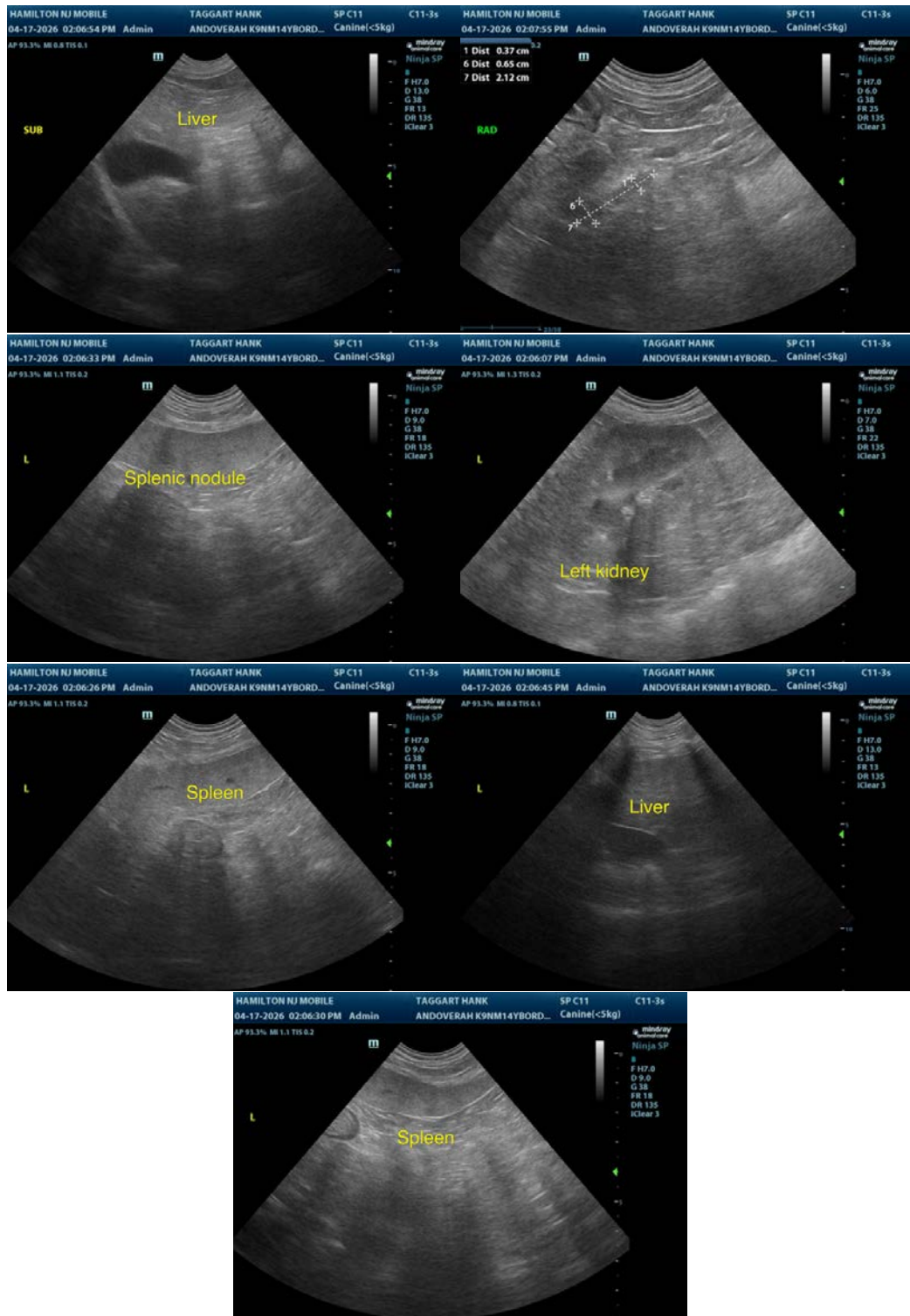
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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