



## PATIENT

Jongea Anderson

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Yorkie Terrier

## SEX

Spayed female

## AGE

2 ½ years

## WEIGHT

10 lbs

## INTERPRETED BY

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Elevated ALT noted on pre-op labwork for dental. Asymptomatic per owner. No previous labwork ever performed.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 438 U/L, albumin 4.1 g/dl; no other bloodwork abnormalities Bile acids and lept antibody panel pending

## 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 3.6 cm, right measured 3.3 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. Normal color flow pattern is evident in both kidneys.

### *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 0.26 cm and 0.28 cm in width. The right adrenal gland was not visualized.

### *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 1.4 cm in width.

### *Liver*

The liver is subjectively small in size, but maintained a normal echogenic appearance, portal markings, and regular curvilinear capsule. No nodules or masses evident. Normal appearance of the hepatic and portal vasculature.

### *Gallbladder*

The gallbladder is 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*

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

- Microhepatica?

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Although the microhepatica may be artifactual and associated with the patient's size, an underlying breed specific hepatopathy such as primary portal vein hyperplasia should still be considered.

Other possible etiologies for the elevated ALT activity would be reactive hyperplasia, vacuolar and metabolic hepatopathies.

Further assessment would be based on the pending results.

If the bile acids are elevated, then further assessment would be CT angiography and liver biopsy. If the bile acids are within reference range, then further assessment would be FNA cytology; however, a tru cut or wedge biopsy may still be required for a final etiological diagnosis.

Specific therapy would be dependent on an etiological diagnosis.

Symptomatic management that could be considered would be the use of Ursodiol with regular monitoring of the liver enzyme activity.



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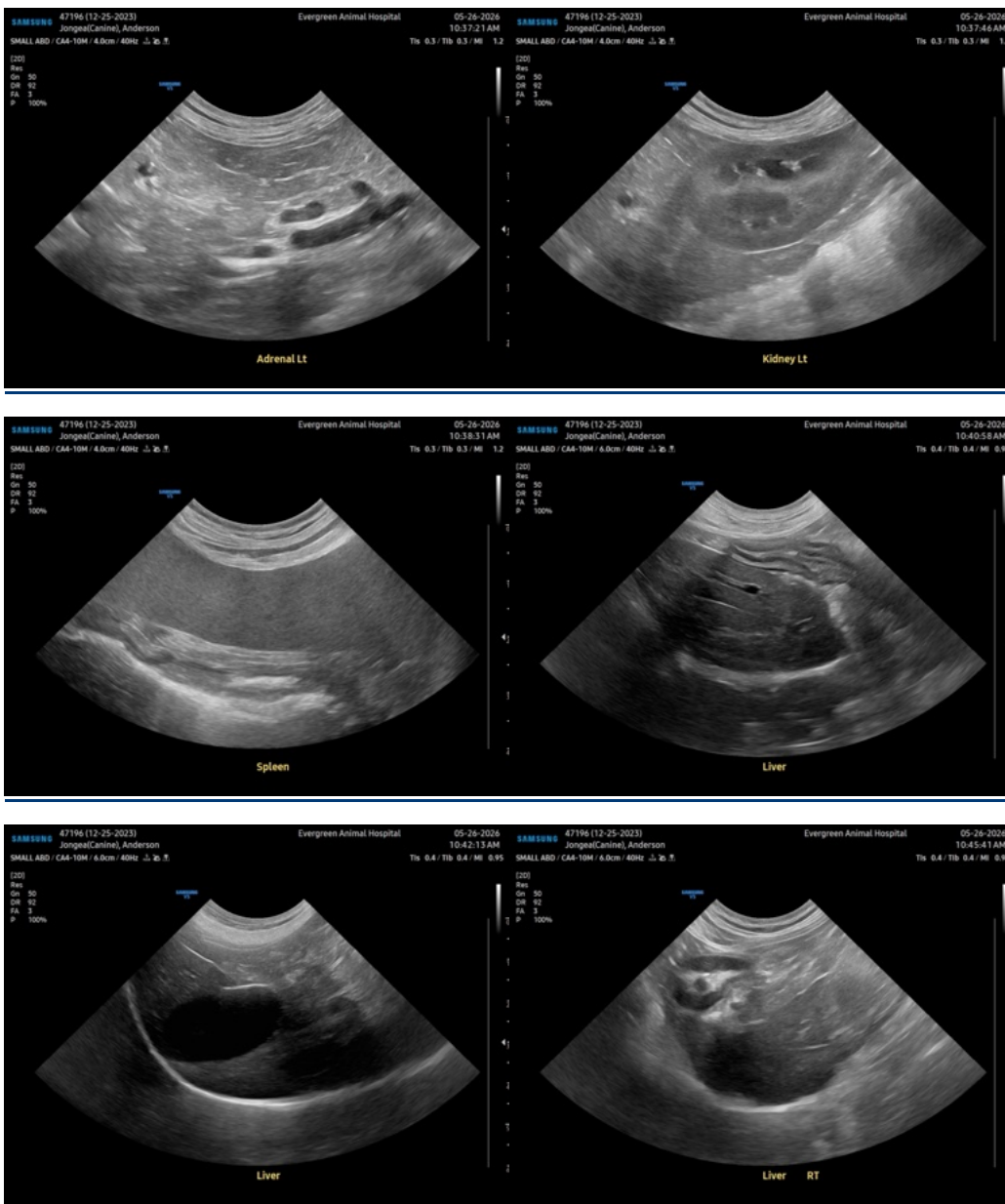
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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