



**PATIENT**

Eloise Glaberson

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Elevated bile acids, suspect liver shunt. Hx of urinary calculi.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Bile acids 146, post 154

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Canine

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF THE ABDOMEN**

A high resolution pre- and post-contrast CT study of the abdomen is provided for review.

**BREED**

Yorkshire Terrier

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The serosal fat presents normal attenuation behavior. There is no evidence of peritoneal effusion or peritonitis.

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Female Spayed

Both kidneys present within normal limits for size, shape and organ architecture. After contrast administration a bilaterally symmetric and uniform nephro- and pyelogram is noted. A very small amount of gravity dependent, mineral attenuating material is visible in the urinary bladder.

**AGE**

5 Years, 4 Months

The adrenal glands are within normal limits for size, shape and organ architecture.

Both liver and spleen present with normal shape, even surface, uniformly attenuating parenchyma and homogeneous contrast enhancement, unremarkable.

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The portal vein presents a normal order of its tributary veins. The left gastric vein is dilated, and an anomalous vascular loop is coursing cranially and dorsally beyond the level of the stomach, connecting to the azygos vein. The azygos vein is moderately dilated. The portal vein cranial to the splenic vein presents a moderately decreased diameter. The intrahepatic branches of the portal vein can be followed up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> order vessels.

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The pancreas is evenly contoured, the pancreatic parenchyma is homogeneous and presents uniform contrast enhancement.

The position, delineation, wall and content of the gastrointestinal tract are considered within normal limits throughout.

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The bony and surrounding soft tissue structures reveal no abnormalities.

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Congenital single extrahepatic portosystemic shunt, left gastric vein to azygos vein (porto-azygos shunt)
- Very mild amount of bladder sand, likely ammonium urate

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The current CT study is consistent with a congenital single extrahepatic portosystemic shunt (left gastric vein to azygos vein).

Surgical intervention by a slow progressive closure technique (ameroid constrictor, cellophane banding) is the therapy of choice. In the current case ligation of the shunt vessel may be feasible as well if there is no evidence of portal hypertension during digital compression of the shunting



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vessel. Empirical treatment until surgery along with feeding of a hepatic diet is recommended.

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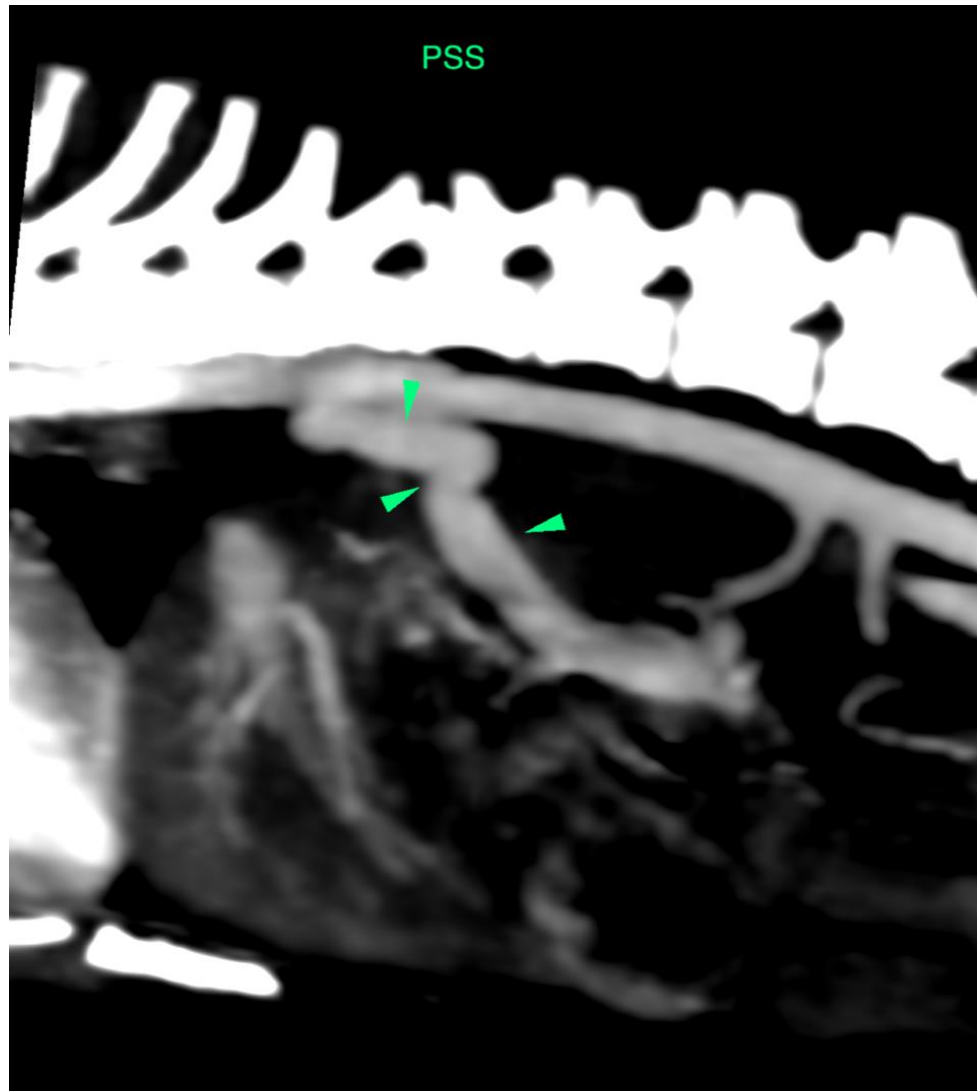
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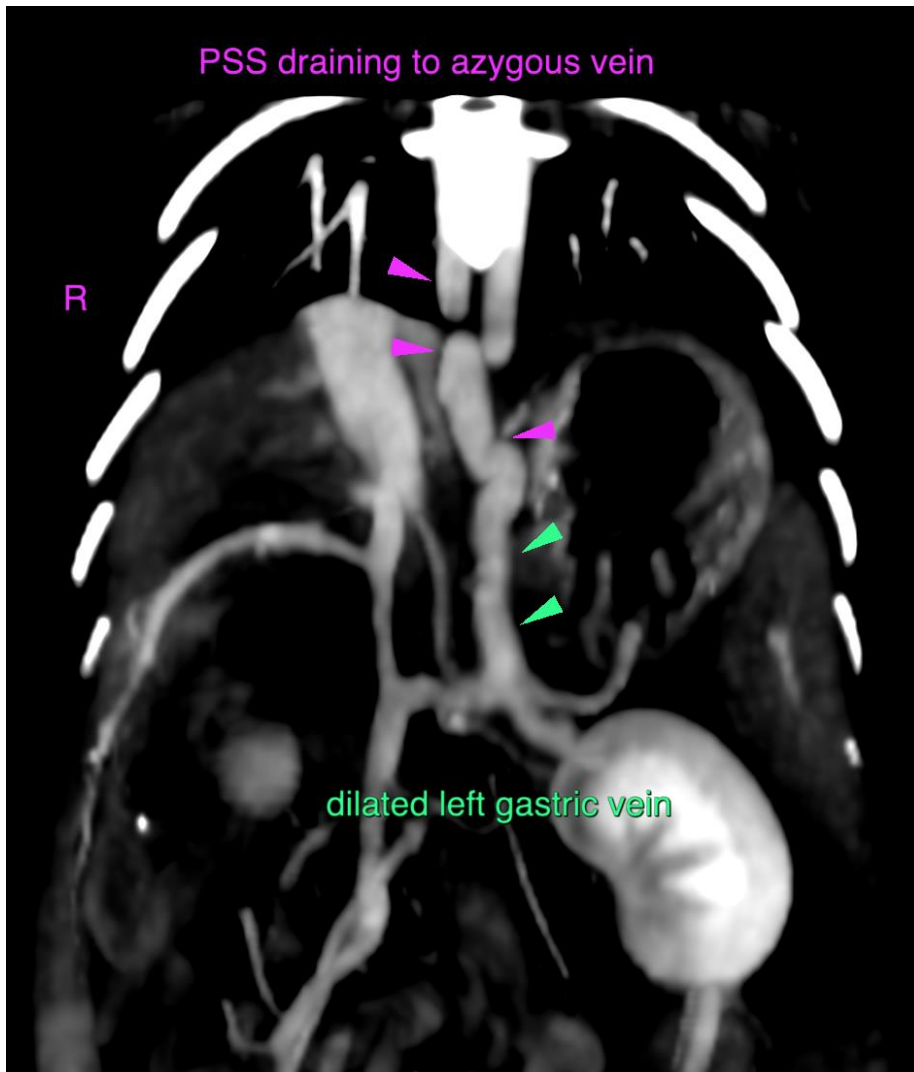
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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