



**PATIENT**

Lucas McMaster

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Poodle X

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

13 Years

**WEIGHT**

17.3 Lbs.

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Examined 1/17/22 for exacerbation of chronic bronchitis - doxycycline sent home, pred refilled and hydrodone Rx prescribed. Cough improved w/ meds but patient developed acute onset lethargy, decreased appetite, abdominal pain and vomiting. re - examined 1/21/22 - febrile w/ cranial abdomina pain.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Abdominal/thoracic rads taken 1/21/22: evidence of peribronchial cuffing in lung lobes supportive of chronic bronchitis. Stomach empty/aerophagia. No evidence of masses, organomegaly, abnormal gas patterns noted. Intestines look empty and minimal feces in colon. Bloodwork performed 1/22/22: CBC: WBC (18.95), Neutrophilia (16.24), Monocytosis (1.3), Platelets (560) - Infection, inflammation, steroid use, open Chem: ALT (620), AP (916), GGT (33), T. Bili (1.6), Chol (351)- cholangiohep, gall bladder mucocele, neoplasia, open Lytes: UR CPL: Abnormal SQF, cerenia, baytril, convenia, buprenorphine administered - pred D/C. hospitalization and AUS declined @ that time. Ongoing lethargy, decreased appetite and abdominal pain noted; hosp still declined. SQF administered q 2-3 days. Liver chemistry rechecked 1/25/21: Increased AST ( 448), increased ALT ( 1036), increased ALP ( 1776), increased GGT ( 83), increased TBILI ( 1.2)

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder and visible portion of the pelvic urethra are normal for the degree of luminal distension. A scant amount of echogenic debris is suspended within the lumen. Cystic calculi and discrete masses are not observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (0.78 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

The left kidney presented normal size (4.49 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several nonobstructive nephroliths are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney presented normal size (5.07 cm in length); with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.42 cm at cranial pole) (0.42 cm at caudal pole) (1.65 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.44 cm at cranial pole) (0.25 cm at caudal pole) (1.41 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (1.06 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour.



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There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen and slightly mottled in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small to moderate amount of gravity dependent echogenic to mineralized debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

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**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease is noted.

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**Pancreas**

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.

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**Free Abdomen**

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Nonspecific diffuse hepatopathy. Based on the patients history, top differentials include, bacterial cholangiohepatitis, hepatotoxicosis or chronic active hepatitis, Infiltrative neoplasia is possible but considered unlikely based on the sonographic changes.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- Leptospirosis testing (i.e., blood and urine PCR, serology) is recommended.
- Cytologic evaluation of the liver should be considered in this patient if clotting status is appropriate. A fine needle aspirate using a 25-gauge needle is recommended. If cytologic evaluation is inconclusive, consider a surgical liver biopsy with aerobic and anaerobic bile cultures and acquisition of additional hepatic tissue samples for copper quantitation.
- If a conservative approach is desired, consider empirical treatment for bacterial cholangiohepatitis (amoxicillin-clavulanic acid, hepatic antioxidants). If no improvement in the liver values is seen within 7-10 days of initiating therapy, antibiotics should be discontinued, and hepatic tissue sampling reconsidered. If liver values improve, continue therapy for at least 4-6 weeks and 1 week beyond normalization of the liver values.

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- Given the patients age, three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status.



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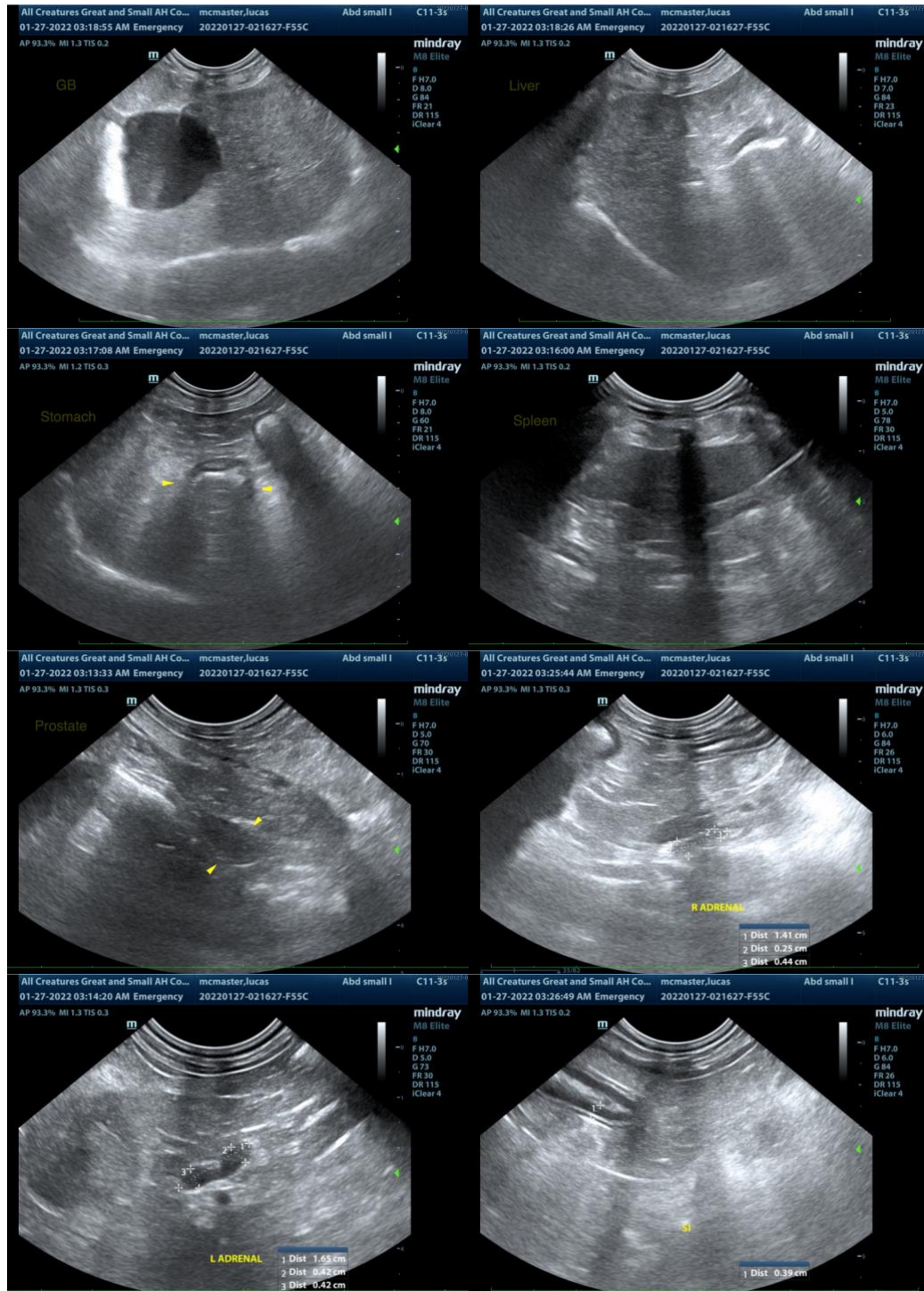
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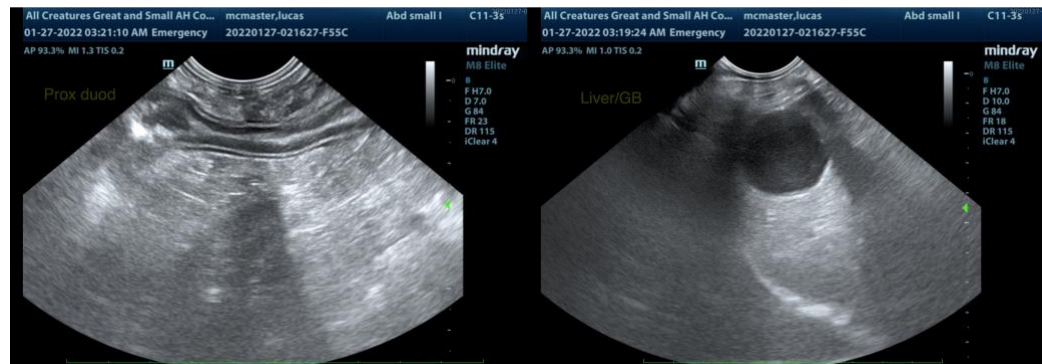
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**The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.**

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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