



**PATIENT**

Chloe Larson

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Lab Mix

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

13 years

**WEIGHT**

54.7 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Elevated ALP (689 in April). Chronic cough that responds to corticosteroids. Thoracic radiographs were performed.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The **urinary bladder** wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is moderately distended with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The **left kidney** is normal size (6.72 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. At least one, small cortical cyst is seen. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The **right kidney** is normal size (6.54 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. A small cortical cyst is seen. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The **left adrenal gland** is normal size (0.75 cm at cranial pole) (0.73 cm at caudal pole) (2.67 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 (1.35 cm at cranial pole) (0.64 cm at caudal pole) (2.77 cm in length); with a slightly irregular shape. A 1.23 x 0.89 irregular hyperechoic nodule is observed at the cranial pole. Glandular echogenicity and detail at the caudal pole are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** is normal in size (1.81 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

**Liver**

The **liver** is subjectively normal in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen with minor changes consistent with age-related remodeling. No focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion

The **gall bladder** lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of aggregated, echogenic, mostly gravity dependent debris/sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The **gastric lumen** is mildly distended with ingesta and irregular soft, shadowing material. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract is patent. The small intestinal lumen is segmentally dilated with chyme. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are



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not identified. The colonic wall is normal. The colonic lumen contains shadowing fecal material. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

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**Pancreas**

The right limb of the pancreas is visible with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is largely isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and slightly mottled in appearance. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated. There is no evidence of peripancreatic 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**

**Primary Findings**

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- The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, and/or age-related remodeling. Inflammatory and infiltrative disease are considered less likely. However, correlation with the patient's most recent labwork is recommended.

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- The right adrenal nodule trends toward the benign (i.e., benign nodular hyperplasia). However, an emerging tumor cannot be completely excluded.

**Secondary Findings**

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- Bilateral, chronic age-related renal changes
- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- The shadowing material within the gastric lumen may represent normal ingesta and/or foreign material. It appears nonobstructive at the time of the study.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Recheck bloodwork is recommended at this time to reassess the liver values. Thereafter, serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) is recommended. If values continue to increase, a repeat abdomen ultrasound +/- a more advanced hepatic work-up (i.e., tissue sampling) may be warranted.

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Consider testing for hyperadrenocorticism with a low-dose dexamethasone suppression test or ACTH stimulation test if clinical signs (i.e., PU/PD) develop.

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Regarding the right adrenal nodule, consider a repeat ultrasound in 2-3 months to assess for growth.



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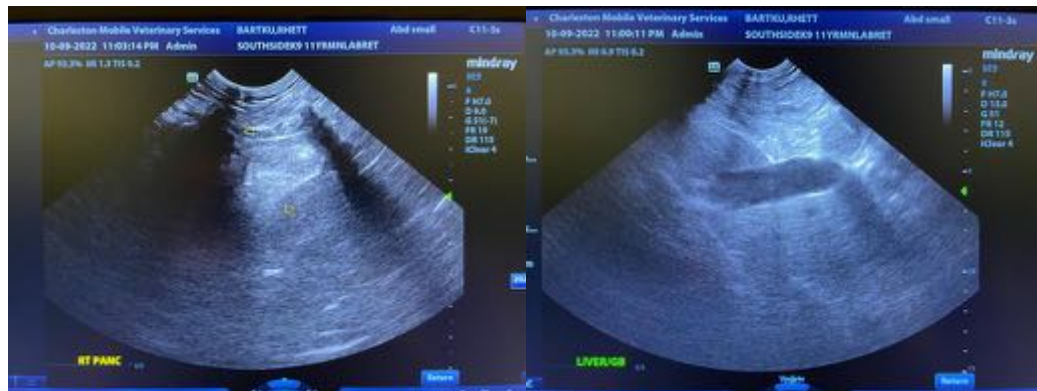
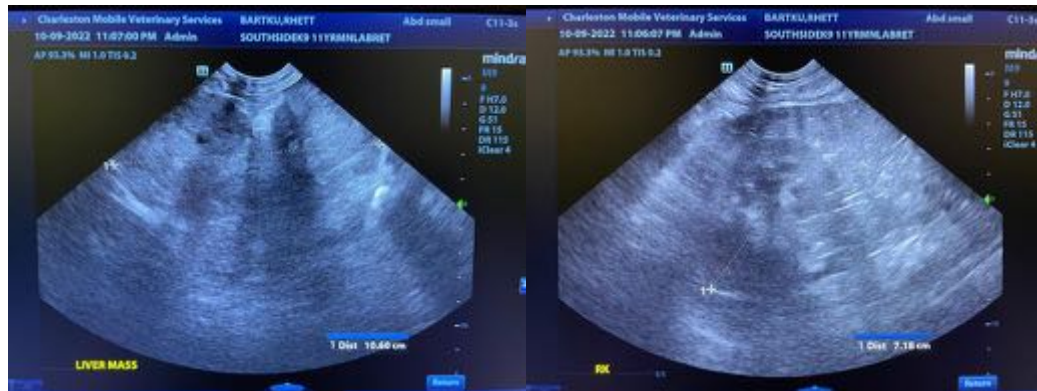
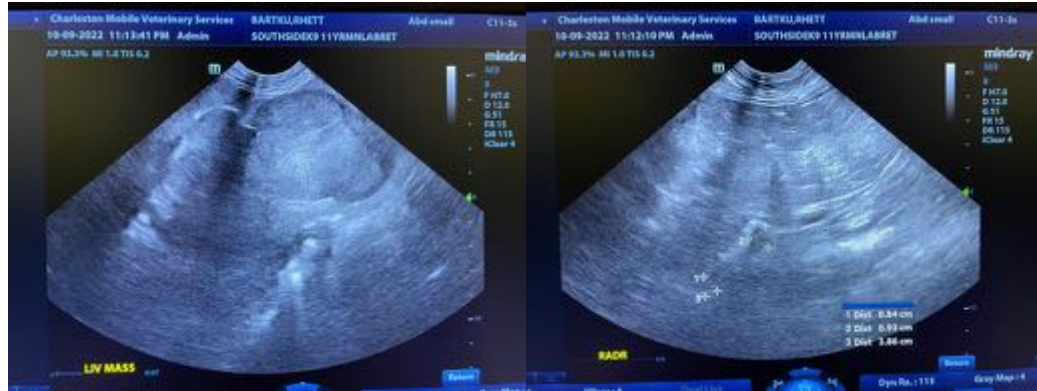
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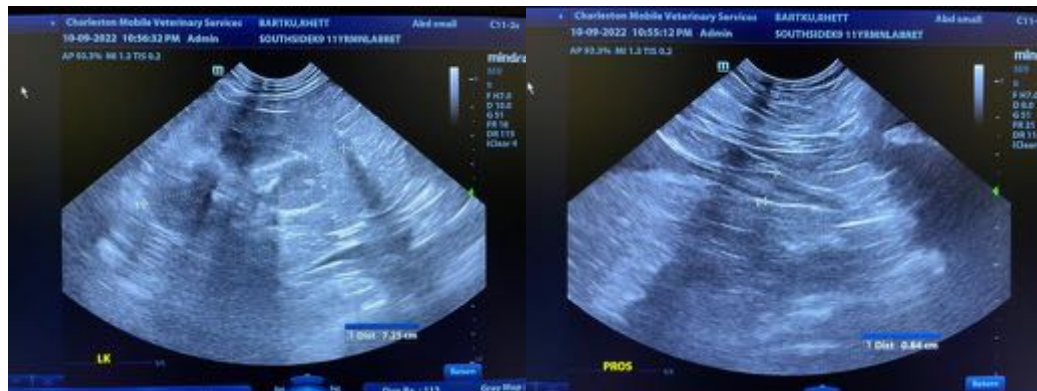
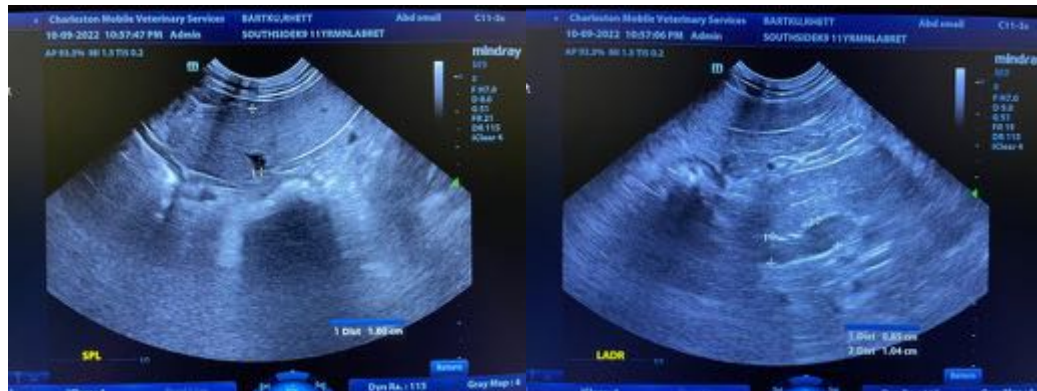
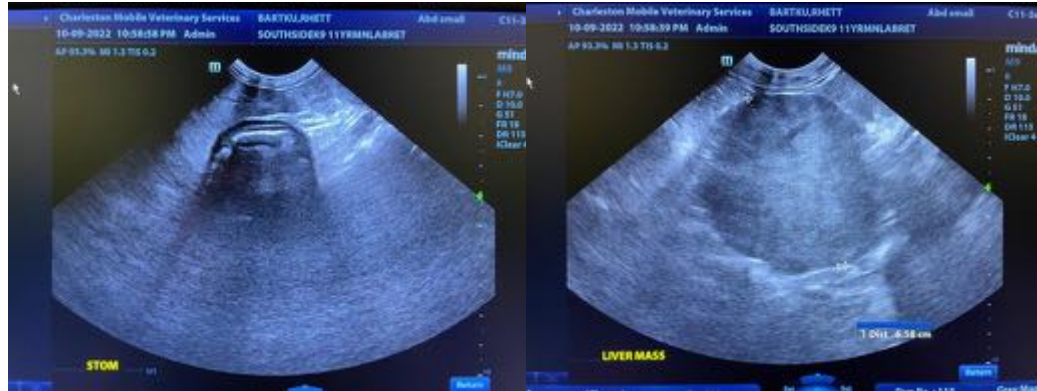
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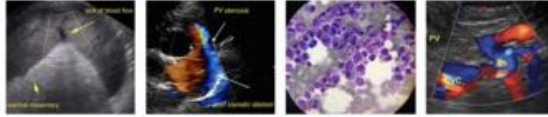
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.



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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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