



**PATIENT**

Joy Joy Horres

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Mix

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

08/20/2010

**WEIGHT**

52 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**Clinical Exam Findings:**

- Acute onset Cough, Tachypnea, recent increase in respiratory effort
- Hx presumptive pneumonia in right cranial lung lobe treated in August- responded clinically but not brought back for follow-up
- Acute recurrence of cough, resp rate last week - see Radiographic findings

Abnormal lab-work values: GLU 198 (stressed). ALP 888  
Current Medications: Clavacillin, Prednisone

**Radiographic Findings:**

- In August, Rad-review came back as alveolar lung disease in right cranial lobe - presumptive pneumonia (was treated with clavacillin for 1 week to start but did not follow up)
- Last Thursday at southside - Very similar to August radiographs - Right cranial lung lobe alveolar pattern (no rad review)
- CVRC radiographs yesterday (11/6/22) - Mass effect cranial thorax (tracheal deviation much more prominent, lungs appeared clearer, no rad review)

**Notes to Specialist (if any)**

- Patient had diaphragmatic hernia repaired in 2015 and developed pneumonia post-op in right cranial lung lobe. 2-week Post-op radiographs of pneumonia also showed tracheal deviation.
- O declined CT at CVRC due to cost

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN AND THORAX**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is mildly to moderately distended with anechoic urine. The wall is diffusely thickened (up to 0.57 cm) with a slightly irregular mucosal surface. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 3-4 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (6.76 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal size (7.39 cm in length) with a slightly irregular. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. A 1.47 cm cortical cyst is observed at the lateral aspect. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

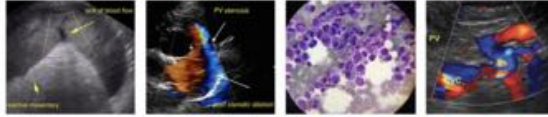
**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.86 cm at cranial pole) (0.78 cm at caudal pole); 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 enlarged (1.81 cm at cranial pole) (8.40 cm at caudal pole), with an irregular shape and a 2.48 x 1.81 cm mass effect at the cranial pole. The mass is mildly heterogenous and invades into the caudal vena cava. Surrounding mesentery is hyperechoic.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (2.05 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.



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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A 0.80 cm cholelith is visualized along with a scant amount of echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is moderately distended with ingesta and soft, shadowing material. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract appears patent. 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 disease is noted.

**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.

**Free Abdomen**

There is no obvious evidence free fluid.  
The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

**Other**

An approximately 8.00 cm heterogenous vascular mass is observed in the caudal vena cava (extension from the right adrenal mass). The caudal vena cava distal to the mass is subjectively dilated. Several small, tortuous vessels are observed in the cranial to midabdominal region.

**Thorax**

The left hemithorax is unremarkable.

In the right cranial hemithorax, a 2.64 x 1.73 cm irregular, slightly heterogenous mass is visualized. No pleural effusion is seen.

Cursory evaluation of the heart reveals no obvious evidence of pericardial effusion or chamber enlargement. There is no evidence of a heart-based tumor.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS: ABDOMEN**

**Primary Findings**

- Right adrenal mass with substantial extension/invasion into the caudal vena cava. Neoplasia (i.e., pheochromocytoma, adenoma, other) is suspected. Adjacent peritonitis is present.
- The tortuous vessels within the mid to caudal abdomen likely represent collateral circulation due to obstruction of blood flow in the caudal vena cava.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS: THORAX:**



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- Mass in the right hemithorax. Differentials include metastatic disease lesion from the right adrenal tumor, primary pulmonary tumor, collapsed lung lobe, granuloma, other.

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**Secondary Findings**

- Urinary bladder wall changes are most consistent with cystitis
- Cholelith - incidental

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Given the presence of the adrenal mass, baseline blood pressure measurement should be considered.

Also consider a urinalysis +/- culture and sensitivity to assess for cystitis.

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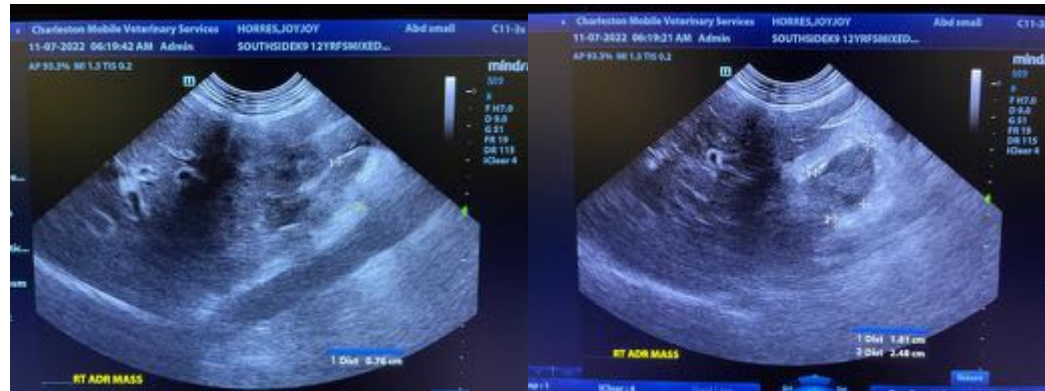
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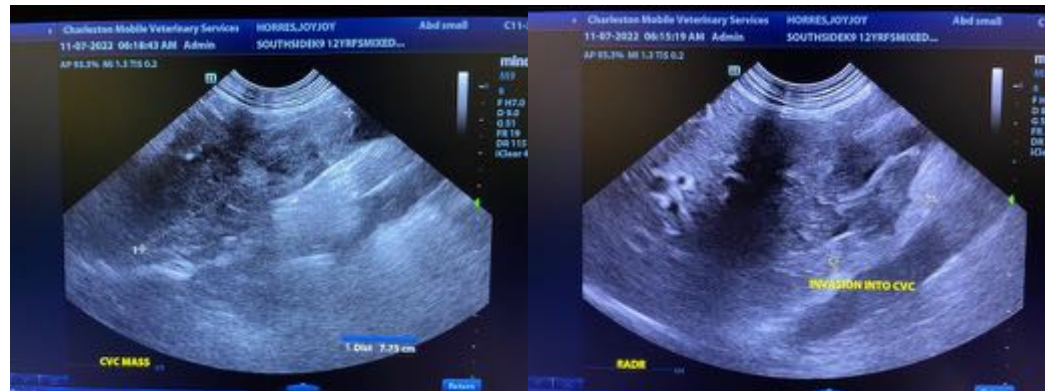
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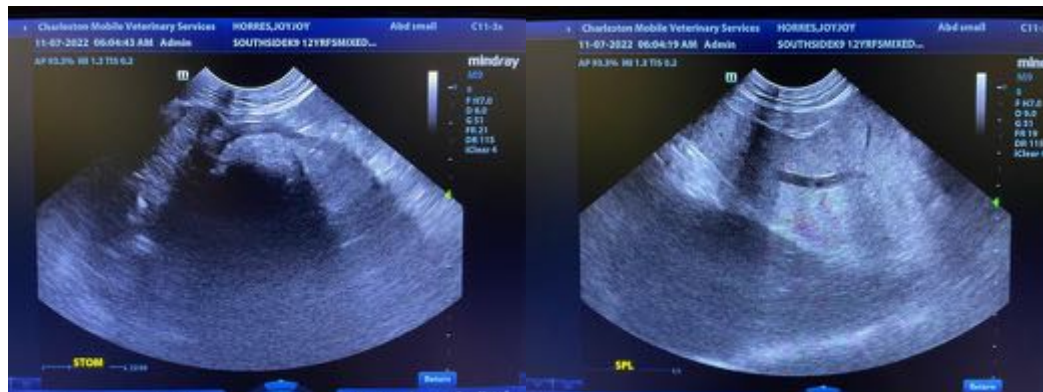
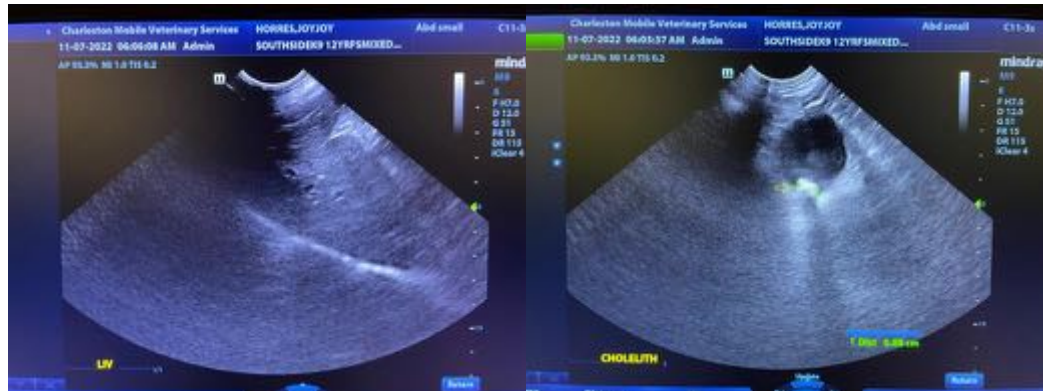
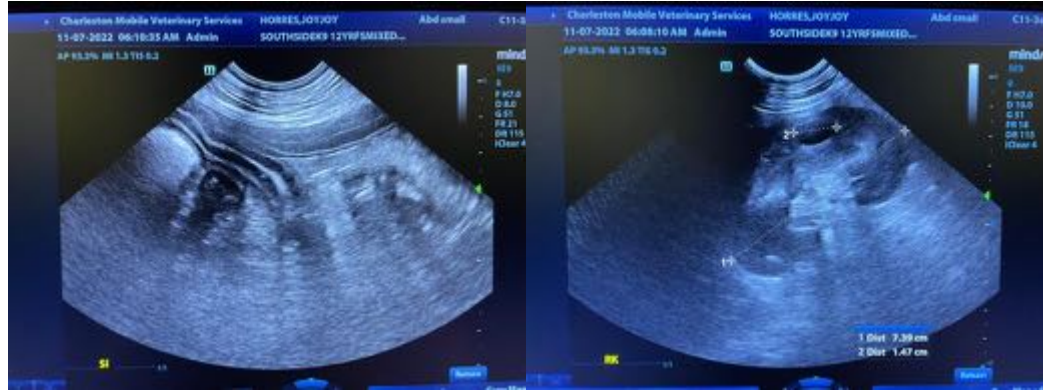
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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