

**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Milo Gaboury

History: PU/PD for about one year. Bloodwork in February 2021 was unremarkable, with the exception of a mild elevation in ALT. PE is unremarkable other than multiple SQ masses. Most have been aspirated and are consistent with lipomas. Repeat CBC/Chem on December 2 showed increased ALT (over 2.5 times value from February) and an increased ALP and cholesterol. UA shows borderline hyposthenuria/isosthenuria. Takes cartrophen for OA. No other medications.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Border Collie X

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: December 2, 2021 CBC= wnl Chem: ALT=420 U/L (10-125) ALP=465 U/L (23-212) Chol=10.1 mmol/L (2.84-8.26) UA: usg=1.007 pH=7.0 nsf on sediment

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is mildly 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.

**AGE**

13 Years

The prostate is normal in size (1.35 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

**WEIGHT**

22.1 kg

The left kidney presented normal size (5.61 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

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The right kidney presented normal size (5.96 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.46 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 cm at caudal pole) (1.96 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.

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The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.79 cm at cranial pole) (0.63 cm at caudal pole) (2.7 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.

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**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (2.02 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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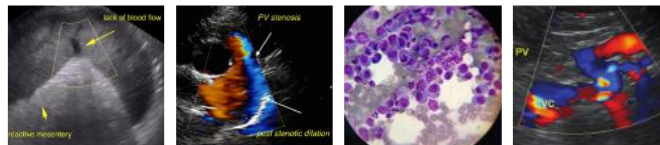
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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively prominent to enlarged with swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is similar in echogenicity relative to the spleen, and subtly 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 is moderately distended. Several small, irregular polypoid-like lesions are arising from the luminal surface. A small amount of gravity-dependent echogenic debris is also present within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is mildly distended with ingesta. The gastric wall is 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. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

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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**

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**Primary Findings**

- Non-specific diffuse hepatopathy. Differentials include inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, (i.e., bacterial cholangiohepatitis, chronic hepatitis), hepatotoxicity (i.e., copper), infiltrative neoplasia (less likely), +/- concurrent age-related change (i.e., vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, age-related remodeling) or other hepatopathy.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Ideally, a surgical liver biopsy with aerobic and anaerobic bile cultures, and acquisition of additional hepatic tissue samples for copper quantitation would be performed to get a definitive diagnosis. A fine-needle aspirate of the liver can be performed as a more conservative step (if clotting status is appropriate). However, cytology results may not provide a definitive answer. If the client wishes to attempt medical management prior to hepatic tissue sampling, consider empirical treatment for bacterial cholangiohepatitis, with broad-spectrum antibiotics (i.e., Amoxicillin/Clavulanic acid), as well as antioxidant therapy +/- Ursodiol. If no improvement in the liver values is seen within 7-10 days of initiating therapy, antibiotics should be discontinued, and hepatic tissue sampling revisited.

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- Pre- and post-prandial serum bile acids would be useful in assessing hepatic function.
- Also, in general, NSAID use should be avoided until the liver issue is diagnosed and resolved.

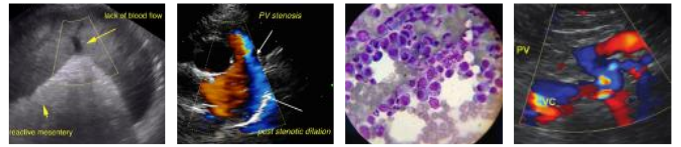
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- Given the patient's age, three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status, particularly if the patient is to undergo general anesthesia.

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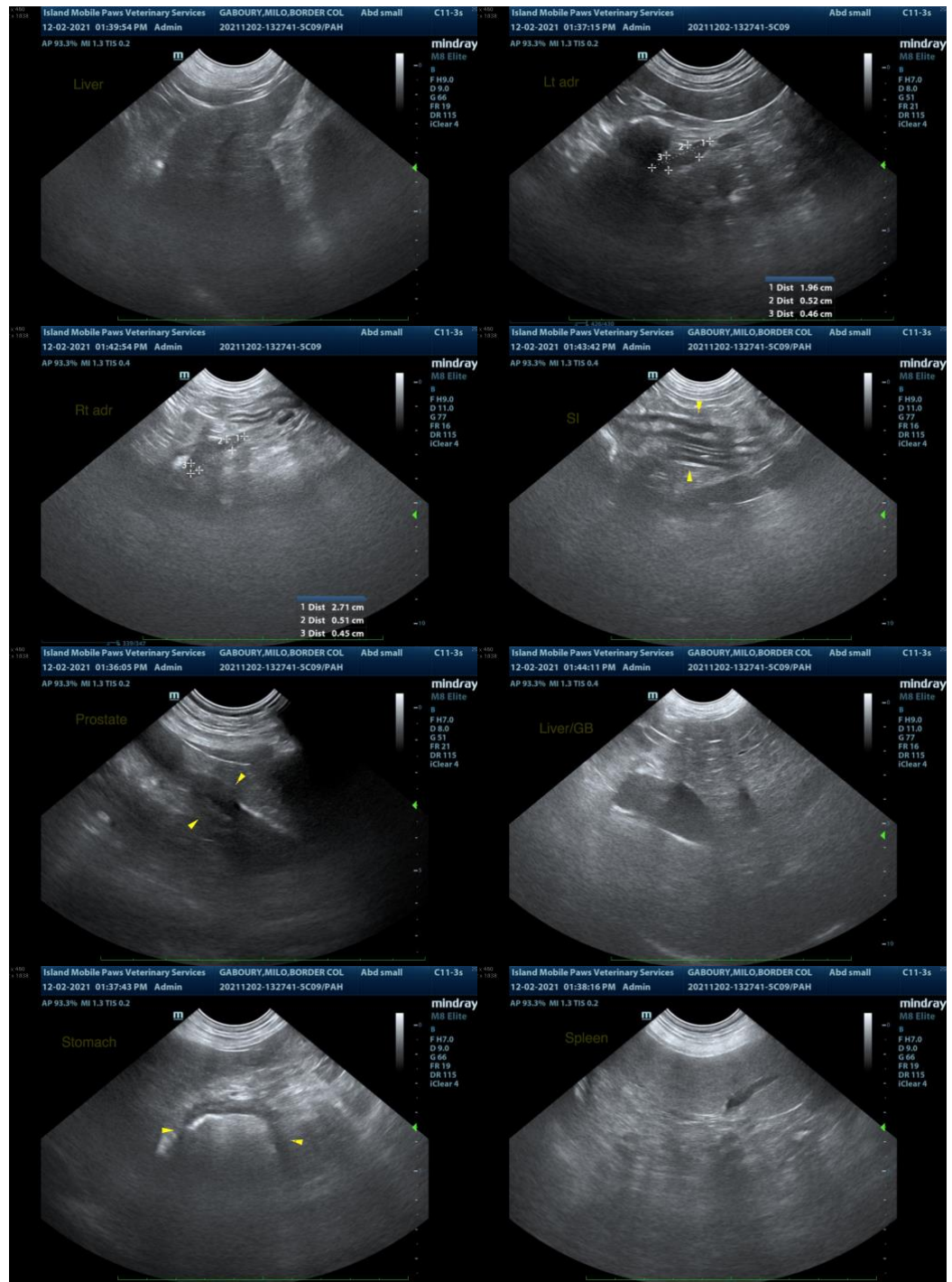
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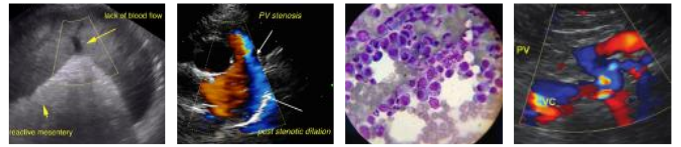
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Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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