



PATIENT

Zuko Diamond

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

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WEIGHT

5.01 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

In January, patient presented with a fever, lethargy, and lymphadenopathy. At that time was diagnosed feline leukemia positive. White blood cell count was very low. Was treated with doxycycline, Onsior and fluids. Clinically improved. Is an indoor cat. Littermate also is feline leukemia positive. Today presented severely lethargic for the past 24 hours, anorexic and drooling. No fever. Did get in a fight with the other cat on Saturday. Labs showed a normal hematocrit and white blood cell count. Mild neutrophilia with possible bands. ALT is off the scale. ALP 147. Tbili 4.7. Lipase 5172. Low BUN at 14. Globulins low at 2.4.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is upper limits of normal size (4.47 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral contours. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is mildly enlarged (4.71 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral contours. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.42 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.39 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.79 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. Using a high-frequency probe, a light macronodule pattern is observed throughout the organ. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

Liver

The liver is subjectively normal-in-size with smooth peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hyperechoic relative to the spleen and diffusely homogeneous in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A scant amount of echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is not distended. 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 not dilated. The small intestinal wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are 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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Lymph Nodes

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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Free Abdomen

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

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Other

A brief echocardiogram reveals no obvious evidence of pericardial or pleural effusion in the visible window.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- The diffuse hepatic parenchymal changes could be consistent with an inflammatory hepatopathy (i.e., bacterial cholangiohepatitis, lymphoplasmacytic hepatitis, feline infectious peritonitis), infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma) hepatic lipidosis, and/or other hepatopathy.
- The splenic parenchymal changes could be consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).

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Secondary Findings

- Mild bilateral renomegaly, the significance of which is unclear. It may be a normal variant for this patient or could be secondary to interstitial nephritis, pyelonephritis, emerging neoplasia (less likely), other.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- If an aggressive approach is desired, consider fine-needle aspirates of the liver and spleen (assuming normal clotting status). Twenty-five gauge-needles should be used. Aerobic and anaerobic bile cultures would also be beneficial. If tissue sampling is not pursued at this time, consider empirical treatment for bacterial cholangiohepatitis (i.e., broad-spectrum antibiotic, hepatic antioxidants, fluids, nutritional support, and other symptomatic measures, as needed). If liver values do not improve with medical management, tissue sampling should be reconsidered.

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- Regarding the mild renomegaly, a urinalysis +/- culture and sensitivity should be considered.

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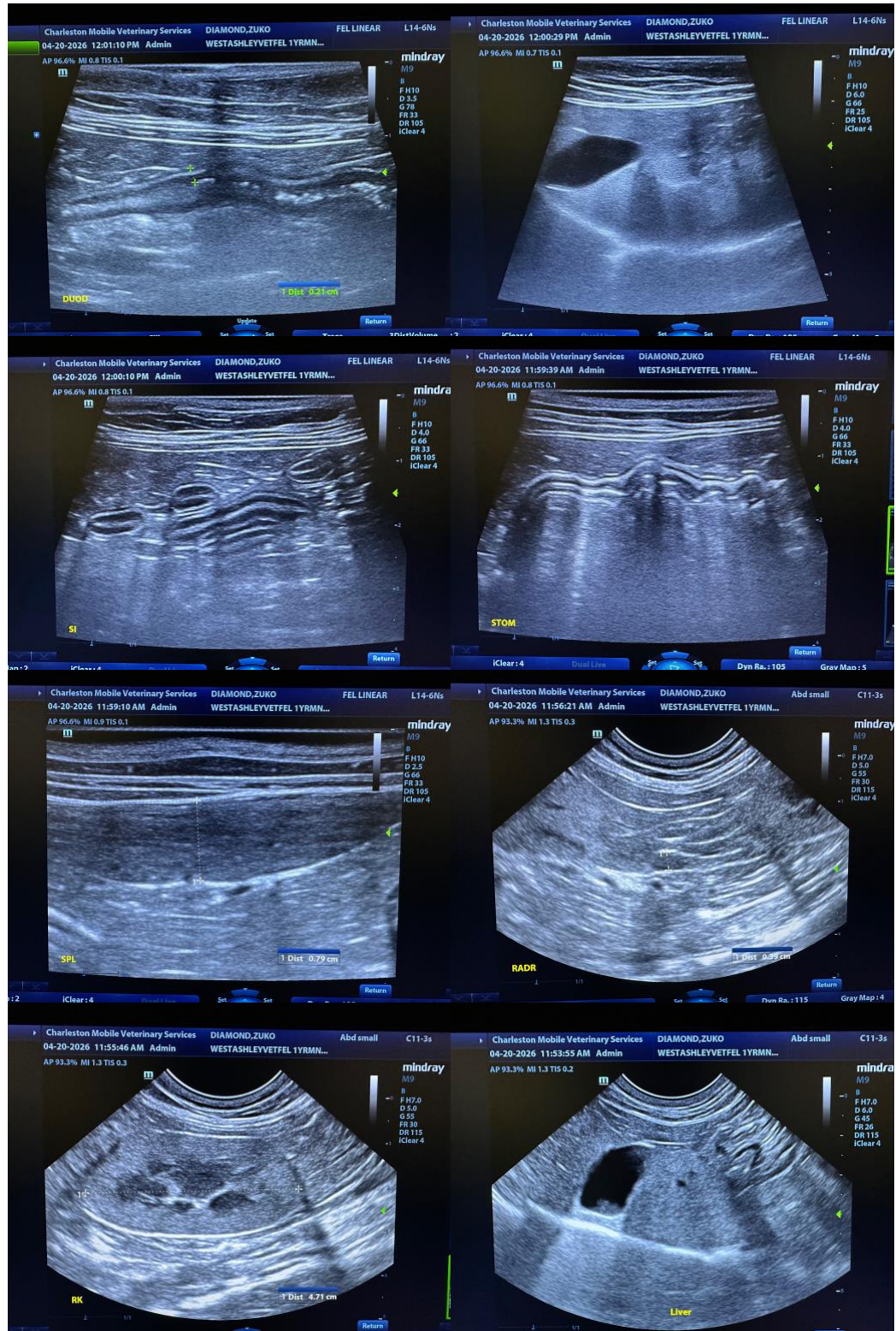
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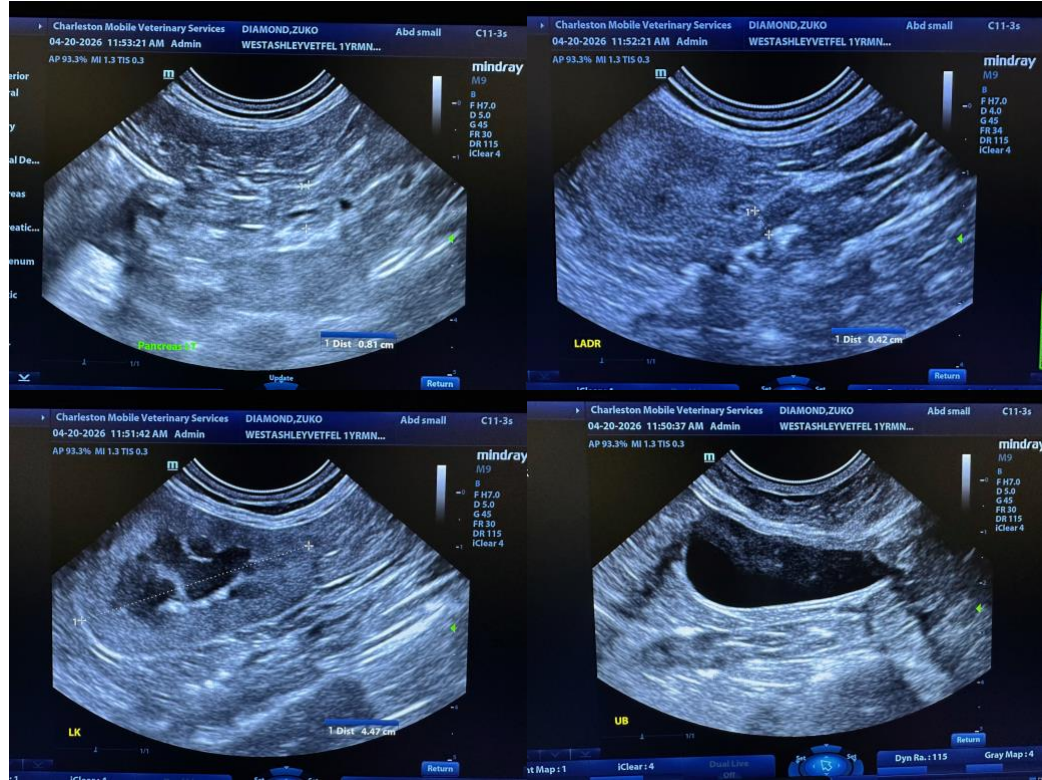
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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