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Mac Carr

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Weight loss and elevated liver enzymes. Doing well per owner
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Glob: 6.3 Bil T: 1.0 Alkp: 1420 Alt: 359 AST: 226 CBC: wnl

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Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

BREED

Yorkie mix

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are 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. The region of the trigone is normal.

SEX

Male, neutered

The prostate is not definitively visualized due to its pelvic location.

AGE

12 Yrs.

The left kidney is normal size (3.44 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. A few non-obstructive foci of mineralization are visualized. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of infarcts or hydroureter.

WEIGHT

6.3 lbs.

The right kidney is normal size (3.95 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. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

Adrenal Glands

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The region of the left adrenal gland is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed.

The right adrenal gland is upper limits of normal size (0.69 cm at cranial pole) (0.56 cm at caudal pole) (1.54 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

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The spleen is normal in size (0.99 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

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The liver is subjectively prominent to enlarged with irregular peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic to isoechoic relative to the spleen. Throughout the organ, numerous varying sized coalescing heterogeneous nodules/masses are observed. A 1.70 cm cystic structure is observed on the right side. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gall bladder lumen is mildly distended. The wall is thickened (up to 0.31 cm) and hyperechoic. 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.

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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 pyloric outflow tract is patent. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall

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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

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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 mesentery in the cranial abdomen is hyperechoic. There is no obvious evidence of free fluid. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings:

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- The hepatic parenchymal changes are most concerning for infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., round cell tumor, carcinoma, other). However, a multifocal inflammatory process cannot be completely excluded.
- The gallbladder wall changes could be consistent with cholecystitis and/or age-related hyperplasia.
- Cranial peritonitis, likely secondary to hepatic pathology.

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Secondary Findings:

- Bilateral, age-related renal changes with dystrophic mineralization.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for pulmonary metastases.
- Consider hepatic tissue sampling (i.e., fine needle aspirate or surgical biopsy), if clotting status is appropriate. Surgical biopsies are more likely to provide a definitive diagnosis. However, cytology can be useful in evaluating for round cell neoplasia.

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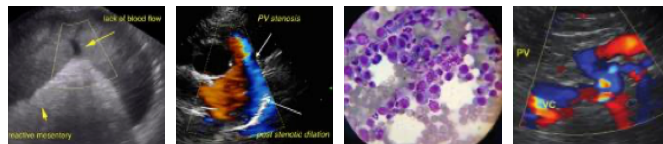
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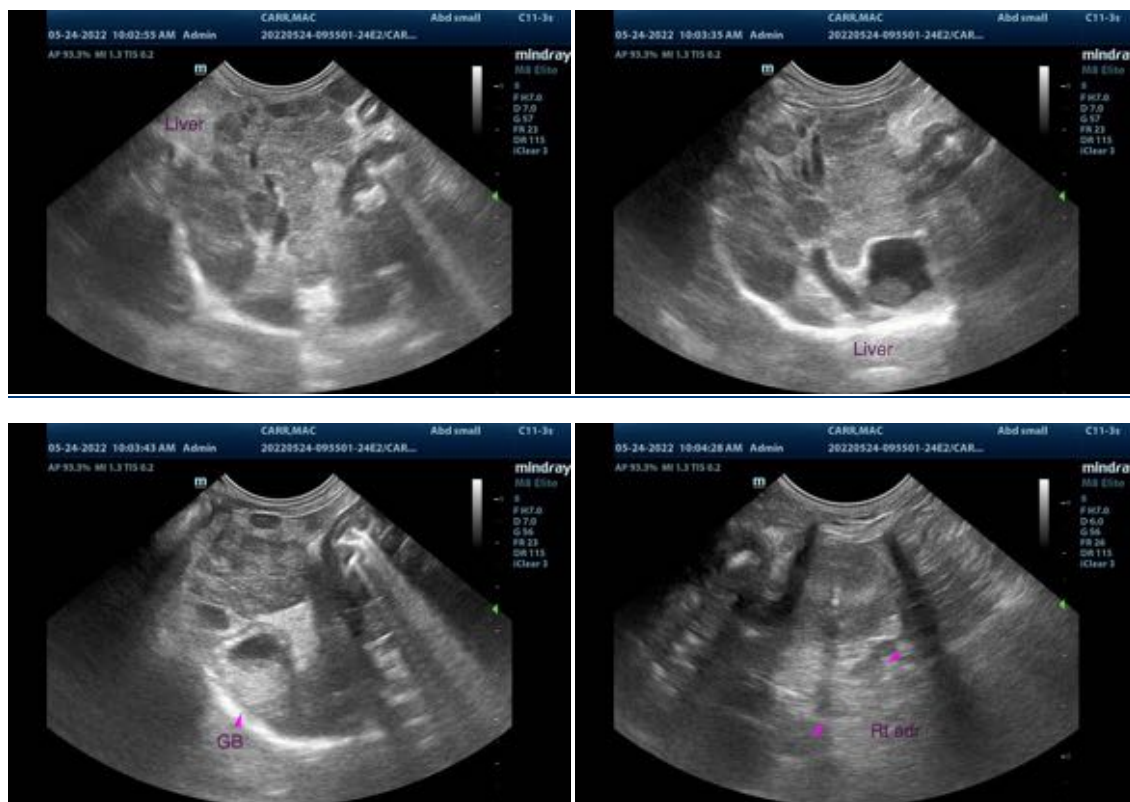
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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