



**PATIENT**

Abby Foltz

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Wheaton Terrier

**SEX**

Female, spayed

**AGE**

3/1/2015

**WEIGHT**

29.9 lbs.

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

An inguinal mass was removed a few days ago. Histopathology most consistent with lymphoma. This is a staging workup. CBC chem, T4 unremarkable. USG 1.019, no proteinuria, inactive sediment. Thoracic radiographs revealed no evidence of pulmonary metastatic disease.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is mildly distended with mostly anechoic urine. The wall in the region of the apex is moderately thickened (up to 0.45 cm) with a slightly irregular mucosal surface. The wall tapers to a normal thickness as it extends toward the cystourethral junction. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (4.68 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (5.12 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.42 cm at cranial pole) (0.60 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and 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 in size (1.00 cm at cranial pole) (0.63 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and 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**

The spleen is normal in size (1.42 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

**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. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1:1.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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The gastric lumen is segmentally dilated with gas and chyme. 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 ileocecolic junction and colonic wall are normal. The colonic lumen contains granular appearing fecal material. There is no obvious evidence of an obstructive pattern.

**Pancreas**

The pancreas is normal in size with normal peripheral contours. The pancreatic duct is normal. The base and limbs of the pancreas are isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. No focal lesions are observed. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

**Lymph nodes**

A 2.04 x 0.46 cm medial iliac lymph node is visualized.

**Free Abdomen**

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

**Other**

A brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion or obvious right atrial/auricular mass.

The region of the previous surgery site reveals some subcutaneous fluid and hyperechoic tissue.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary Findings:**

- The splenic parenchymal changes could be consistent with emerging round cell neoplasia or a benign process (i.e., lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis, antigenic stimulation, other).
- The prominent medial iliac lymph node is likely reactive with a low possibility of emerging neoplasia.

**Secondary Findings:**

- The urinary bladder wall thickening in the region of the apex is likely artifactual due to lack of full repletion, however cystitis cannot be completely excluded. Correlation with the patient's clinical history is recommended.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Fine needle aspiration of the spleen could be considered to further evaluate for round cell neoplasia. A 25-gauge needle should be used.
2. Consider consultation with a board-certified oncologist for further diagnostic and treatment recommendations.



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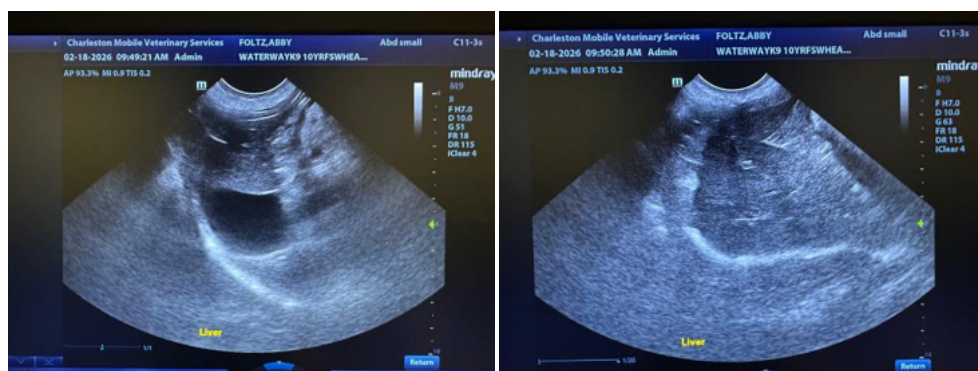
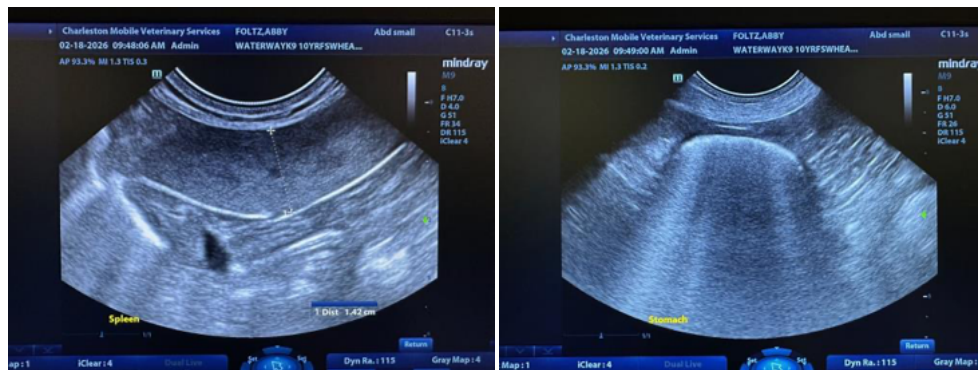
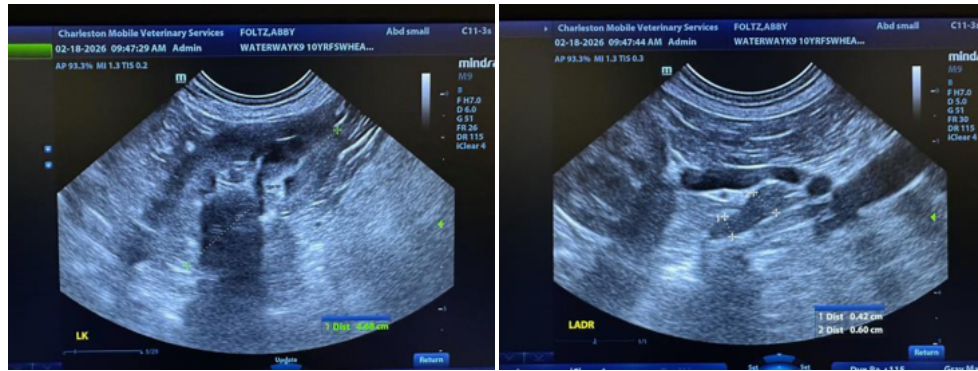
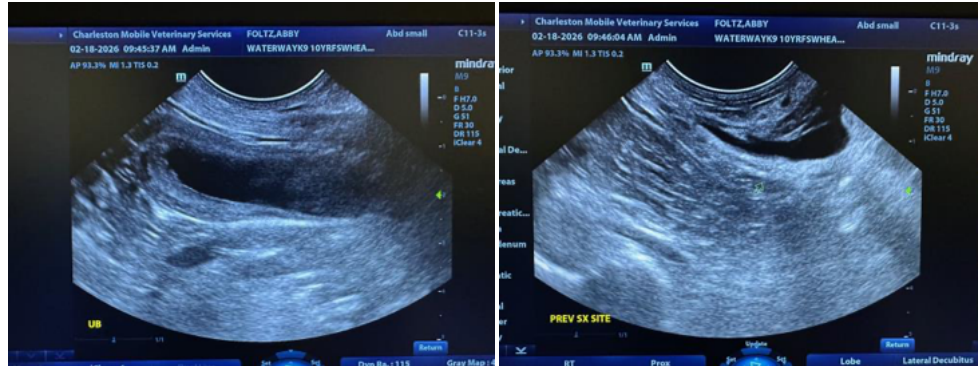
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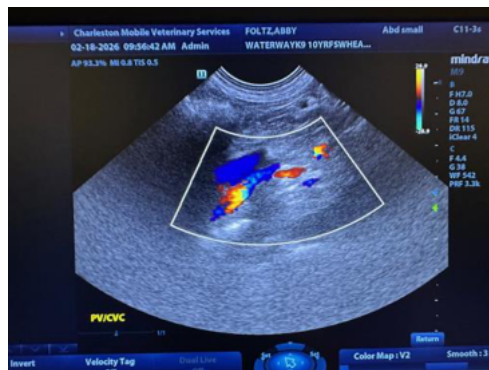
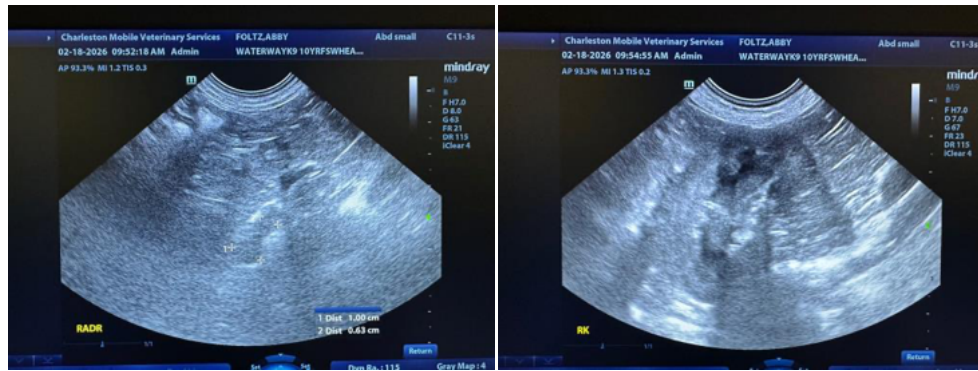
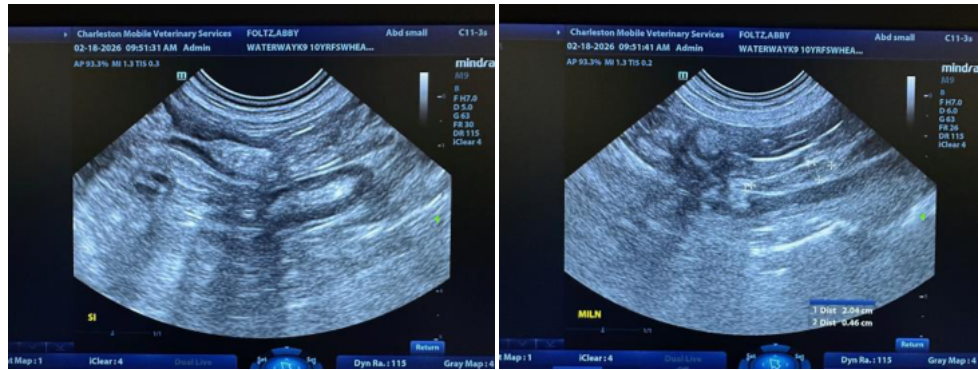
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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