



PATIENT

Cookie Calder

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Golden

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

11 Years

WEIGHT

31.9 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Presented Jan 12 to MOVEH for sudden onset of pollakiuria, stranguria and hematuria; treated for UTI
- Vomited once
- POCUS showed suspicious hyperechoic area in liver region
- Current Medications - Amoxicillin 500mg BID, was on Metacam for two days after visit but should be done now

Primary Question to Be Answered in This Exam - Is there something going on with the liver? See attached Bw.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is adequately distended with anechoic contents. No masses, inflammatory changes, echogenic sediment or cystoliths are observed. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

The right kidney is normal is size (7.05 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

The left kidney is normal is size (6.6 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.2 cm at cranial pole and 0.59 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.57 cm at cranial pole and 0.75 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size with a normal smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is appropriately finely textured and homogenous with normal echogenicity relative to surrounding tissue (hyperechoic to liver). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.



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A normal gallbladder is unable to be visualized in these images. However, in the place of the gallbladder and what I believe is the gallbladder, is an approximately 1.8 cm x 2.3 cm, bright echogenic, suspect partially mineralized density that I believe is a largely empty gallbladder with some mineral/sand debris and a hyperechoic/calcified rim casting some distal acoustic shadow.

Gastrointestinal

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with echogenic hard shadowing contents, but no visible evidence of obstruction noted in these images at this time.

The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering. Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen of the small intestine is mildly distended with very echogenic reverberation artifact from intraluminal gas. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material, or infiltrative disease; however, visualization is partially inhibited by gas.

The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

Pancreas

The pancreas that is observed appears appropriately isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. Visible pancreatic parenchyma is homogenous and unremarkable. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

Free Abdomen

There is no visible free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Suspect porcelain gallbladder – Porcelain (calcified) gallbladder is an uncommon finding in companion animals and has been observed as both an incidental finding and associated with biliary neoplasia. In humans, porcelain gallbladder can be a manifestation of chronic gallbladder disease, chronic cholecystitis, intramural hemorrhage with subsequent calcification, imbalances in calcium metabolism, and even giardiasis. This finding should be interpreted in combination with any clinical signs and/or laboratory changes suggestive of biliary disease and/or calcium dysregulation, etc.
- The gastric contents could represent normal ingesta/gas and should be interpreted in combination with when patient last ate, clinical signs, etc., as given the shadowing pattern, foreign material can't be definitively ruled out. Reassessment following an additional 12-24 hours of fasting could be considered.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given patient's lack of reported liver enzyme changes and/or clinical signs suggestive of hepatobiliary disease, I suspect what I believe is the gallbladder (as described above) is an incidental finding that may not warrant further intervention unless clinical signs and/or lab work, etc. change. Having said that, empirical Ursodiol could potentially be considered.



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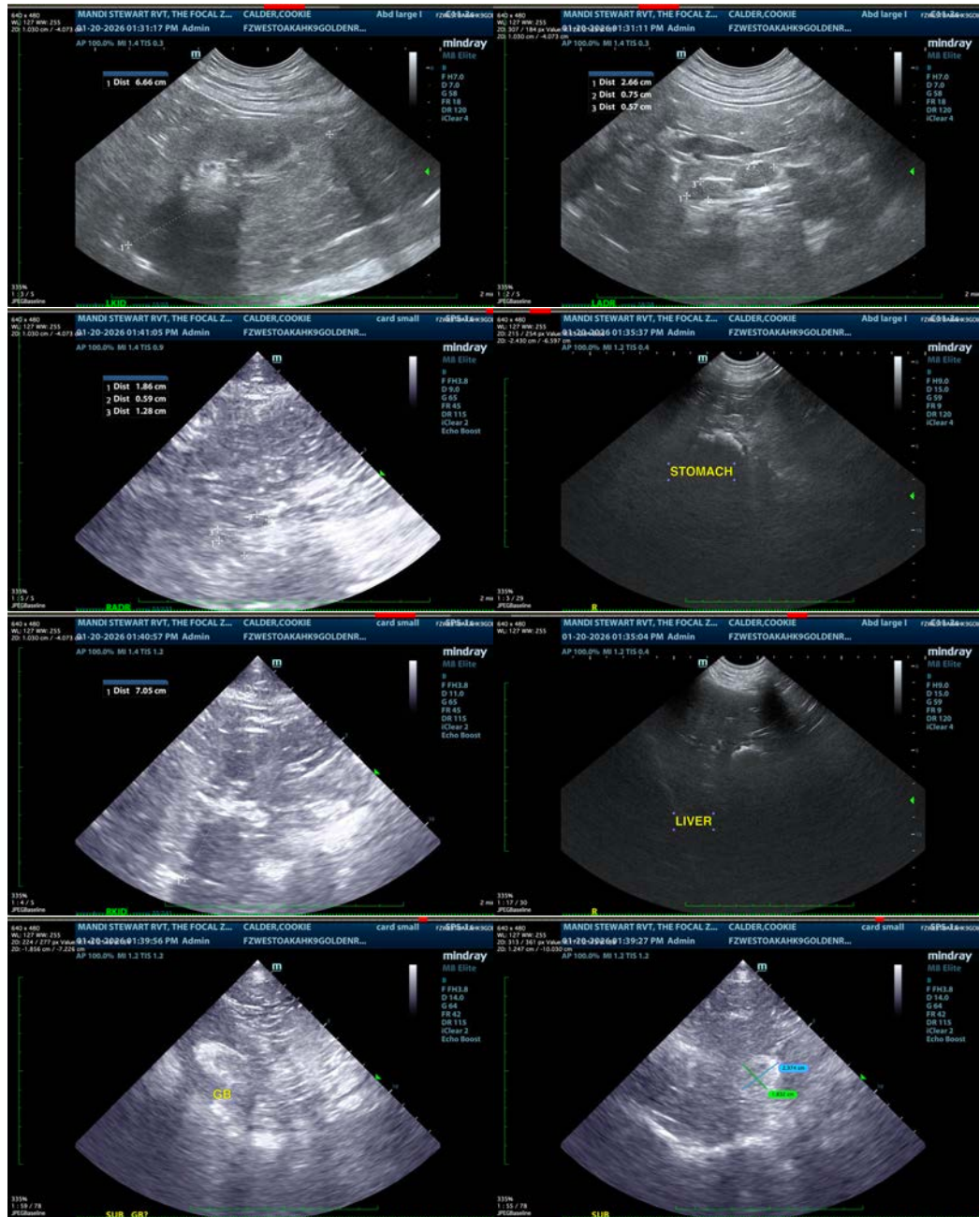
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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