

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

PATIENT

History: Seborrhic dermatitis. ALT 215, ALP 727

Rosie Fahey

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

SPECIES

Urinary System

Canine

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.

BREED

Mixed

Left kidney is normal in size (6.76 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.

SEX

Spayed Female

Right kidney is normal in size (6.64 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.

AGE

12 Years

Adrenal Glands

WEIGHT

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.57 cm at cranial pole and 0.61 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

68.8 Pounds

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.8 cm at cranial pole and 0.7 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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Spleen

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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.

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Liver

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Focally, in the mid to caudal liver, just caudal to the gallbladder/adjacent to the gallbladder, is an approximately 5.0 cm x 7.9 cm subtly more discrete area of liver parenchyma that has an almost homogenous iso- to hypoechoic emerging mass like appearance. The remaining liver is subjectively enlarged with mildly irregular margins. Parenchyma is markedly heterogenous characterized by multiple poorly defined hypoechoic nodules within otherwise hyperechoic liver parenchyma. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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Gallbladder is moderately distended with anechoic bile as well as suspended and gravity dependent echogenic debris. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. There is no evidence of cystic or CBD dilation. There is no evidence of effusion or inflammation.

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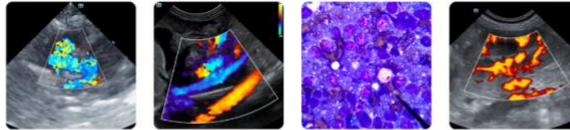
Gastrointestinal

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The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with very echogenic reverberation artifact from intraluminal gas. There is no evidence of

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obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease; however, complete visualization of far wall is partially inhibited by gas. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

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 empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

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.

The medial iliac lymph nodes are prominent in size with swollen capsular contour. Normal elongated shape (length to width ratio) is maintained. There is no loss of parenchymal detail.

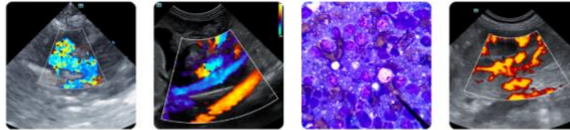
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- The diffuse liver changes could represent a benign process, such as nodular hyperplasia, steroid or vacuolar hepatopathy, extramedullary hematopoiesis, or chronic inflammatory disease, although infiltrative neoplasia, such as round cell neoplasia versus other, can't be ruled out without tissue sampling. Similarly, the suspected emerging mass like area could represent the same benign process as mentioned above, +/- a hepatoma/adenoma, although infiltrative neoplasia, such as a well differentiated hepatocellular carcinoma versus round cell neoplasia versus other, can't be ruled out without tissue sampling.
- Mild gallbladder debris- Cholecystic debris is of unknown clinical significance. It can be seen with biliary stasis from fasting or illness. Cholecystic debris is not necessarily related to hepatobiliary disease. Echogenic bile is most commonly an incidental finding in dogs and should be interpreted in combination with clinical signs such as nausea, inappetence, cranial abdominal discomfort and/or laboratory changes such as increased ALP and/or increased Tbili.
- Mildly reactive medial iliac lymphadenopathy- infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Three view thoracic radiographs are recommended for further assessment of cardio-pulmonary status as well as to further evaluate for any evidence of metastatic disease, if not recently evaluated.

Fine needle aspirates of the liver, including both the focal emerging mass like lesion described above, as well as the diffuse changes, are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.



Other than supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs, further treatment recommendations are largely dependent on results of the above.

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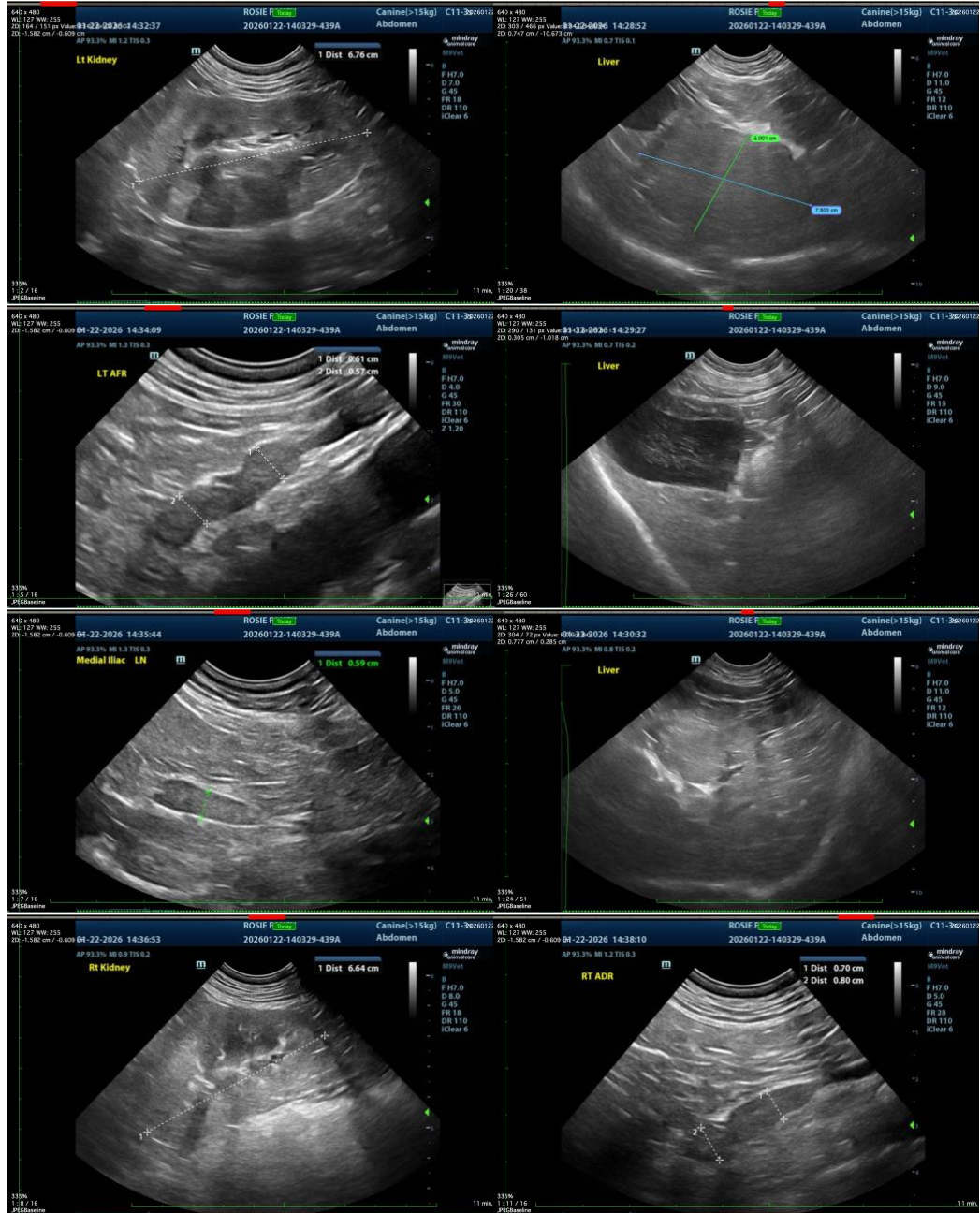
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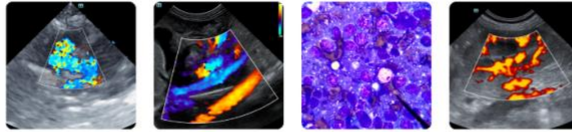
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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