

PATIENT

Yogi Beltz

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Feline

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DLH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

12 Years 5 Months

WEIGHT

12.3

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Increased ALT noted 10/21 and 11/21. Did Preanesthetic bloodwork for a dental and now all liver values are elevated. Current Meds: Denamarin

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 397, AST 142, AlkP 83

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

Urinary bladder is subjectively mildly overdistended with anechoic contents, as well as a large amount of both dependent and suspended, echogenic, some mineral/sand consistency debris. No masses or specific cystoliths are observed. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Kidneys are overall normal in size and shape with smooth peripheral margination. A normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio is maintained. The medulla and cortices are uniform in texture with some mild increased cortical echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary distinction, expected in this age patient. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed. The left kidney measures 3.8 cm. The right kidney measures 4.24 cm.

Adrenal Glands

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.89 cm long x 0.31 cm thick), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.33 cm long x 0.24 cm thick), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Spleen

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). Multifocal well-demarcated hyperechoic homogenous nodules are noted. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

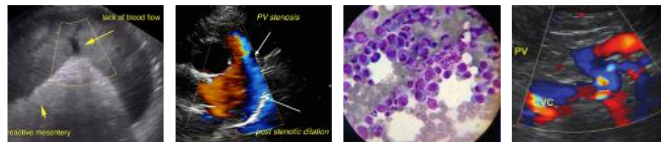
Liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal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

Gallbladder is non-distended in size. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.

Gastrointestinal

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. 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.



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The visible colon is normal in wall thickness and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

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Pancreas

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The observed pancreas 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.

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Free Abdomen

There is no evidence of peritoneal effusion. There is no apparent lymphadenopathy.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- A large amount of urinary bladder debris, more significant than is typically seen with incidental lipid n in a cat.
- Age-related kidney changes

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- Hyperechoic splenic nodules – most consistent with benign myelolipomas. Other differentials such as fibrosis or calcification caused by old hematomas or infarcts, chronic inflammation, granulomatous disease or metastatic disease cannot be ruled out, but are considered less likely.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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If not recently evaluated, a T4 and free T4 level are recommended to rule out hyperthyroidism as a potential cause for this patient's increased liver enzymes.

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Additionally, given the appearance of the urinary bladder, urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture is recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ration is recommended.

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Pending results, next diagnostic recommendations may include liver sampling, beginning with a fine needle aspirate of the liver, if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

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In the meantime, empirical hepatic nutraceuticals +/- broad spectrum antibiotics could be tried empirically with monitoring of liver enzymes for improvement vs progression.

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Also, it's recommended to ensure appropriate caloric intake for this patient, to rule out subtle or hidden anorexia as a cause for potential hepatic lipidosis and increased liver enzymes secondary to that.

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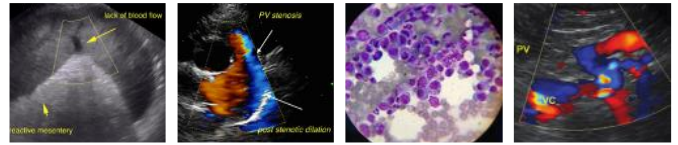
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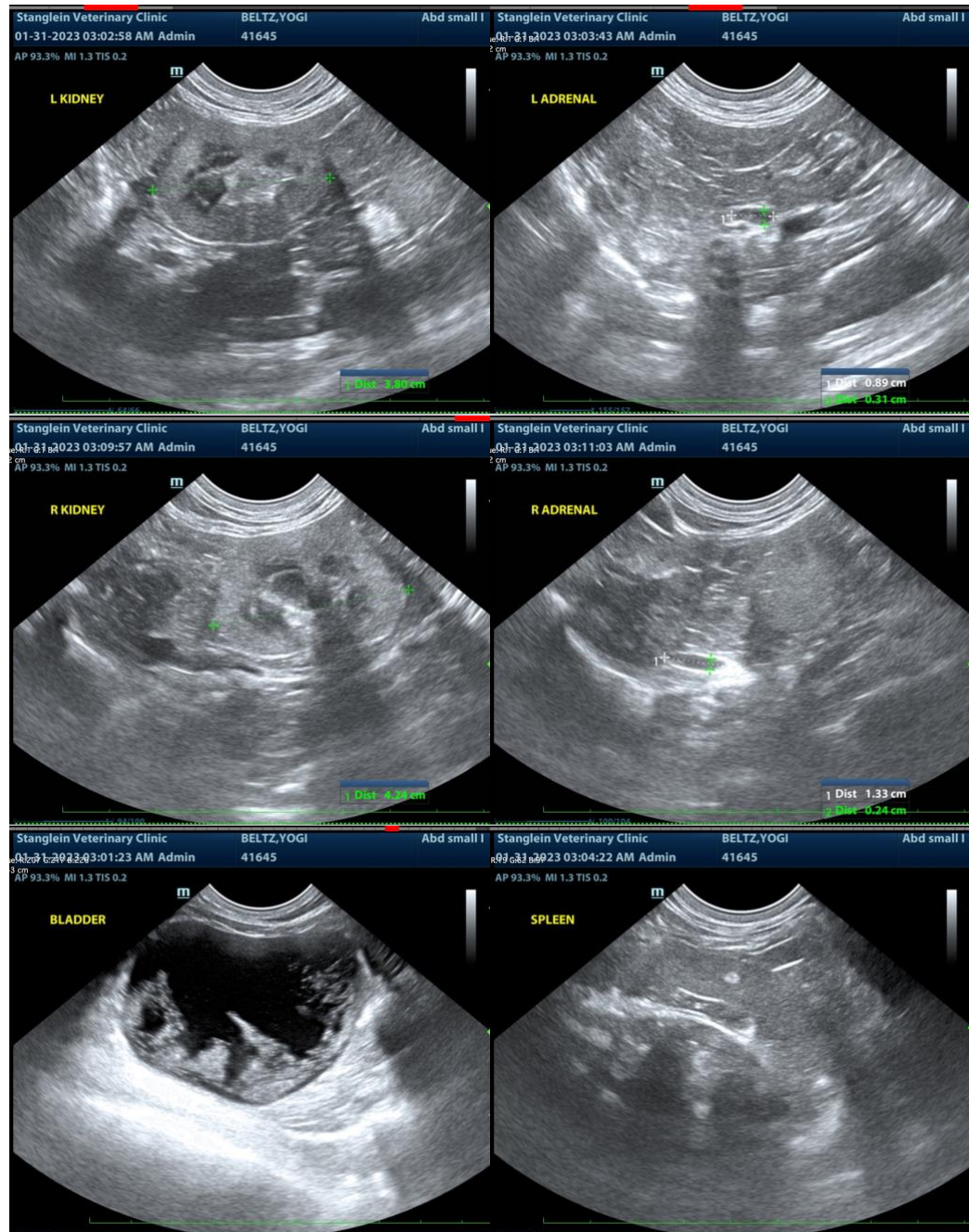
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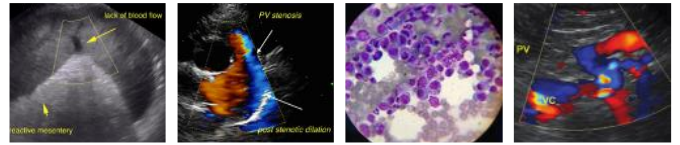
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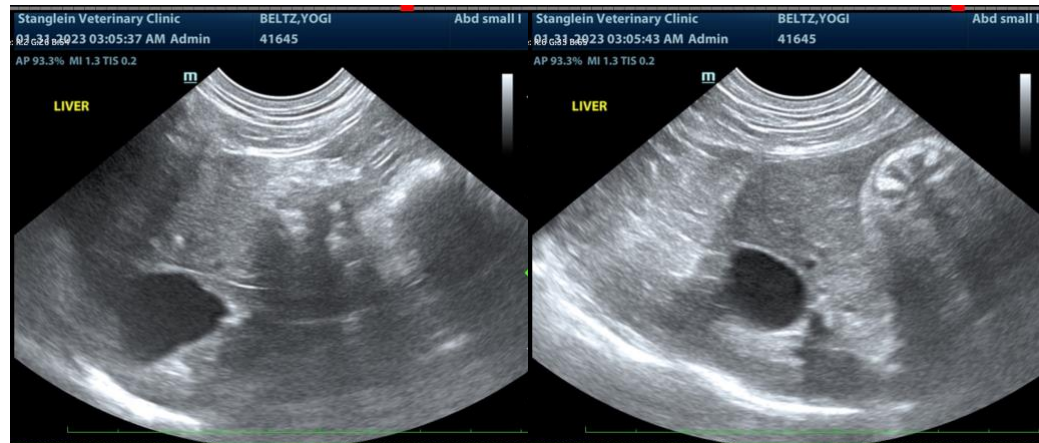
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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