



PATIENT

Patsy Classens

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Goldendoodle

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

6 Years

WEIGHT

59 Pounds

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Referral US from Animal Medical Center.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Hematocrit- 42.8 Reticulocytes- 160 BUN- 6 Calcium- 7.8 Potassium- 3.7 Na/K Ratio- 40 Alb- 2 Alb:Glob ratio- 0.6 ALT- 166 AST- 98 ALP- 193 Bilirubin Total- 8.4 Bilirubin Unconjugated- 4.0 Bilirubin Conjugated- 4.4 Cholesterol- 74 T4- 0.7

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Left kidney is normal is size (5.14 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.

Right kidney is normal is size (6.04 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 area of both adrenal glands is examined without evident pathology.

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). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

Liver is normal to subjectively small in size. Very little hepatic parenchyma is visualized in these images. What is present, has an undulating or scalloped capsular contour or margins. Patchy ill-defined areas of increased echogenicity are present with reduced visualization of vessels. No overt nodules or masses are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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.

Gastrointestinal

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.



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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

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 a large amount of anechoic free fluid. No appreciable lymphadenopathy is noted.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- Hepatic Fibrosis Pattern with a large amount of anechoic free fluid – Differentials for which include the reportedly low albumin versus potentially portal hypertension or both. This appearance is most consistent with chronic hepatitis with fibrosis and/or early cirrhosis. These changes can occasionally be seen with resolved past inflammatory episodes and should therefore be interpreted in combination with clinical signs and/or associated laboratory changes (including bile acids).

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Secondary Findings

- 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.
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture are 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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A coagulation panel is recommended to assess patients coagulation status given the suspicion for end stage liver disease/liver failure and if appropriate, a liver biopsy is recommended, including copper level assessment to help better guide medical therapy.

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In the meantime, supportive/symptomatic medical management of end stage liver disease/failure and suspected portal hypertension is recommended.

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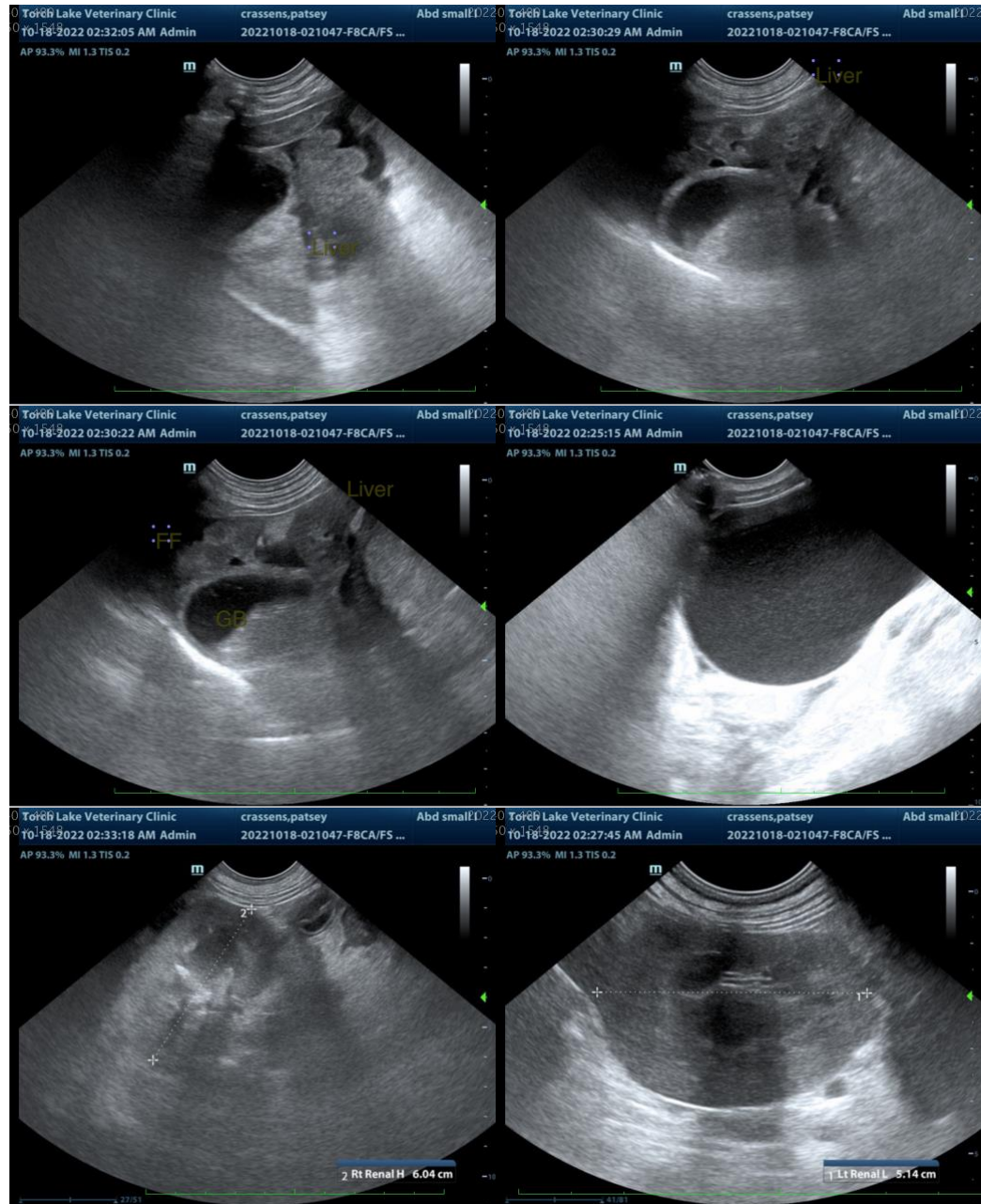
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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