

**DATE**

11/21/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Chronic Hepatic Panel: ALKP- 1690 (23-212), otherwise WNL.

PATIENT

Azula Alpin

Current Medications: Proin 25mg 1 tab every 12 hours, Gabapentin 100mg 1 tab every 8-12 hours as needed

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Torbugesic IV.

Stat Report: Not requested.

SPECIES

Canine

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

BREED

Husky

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**Urinary System**

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 proximal urethra is subjectively mildly distended consistent with this patients history of urinary incontinence and active urine leaking reported during exam.

SEX

Spayed Female

Left kidney is normal is size (6.52 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

9/18/11

Right kidney is normal is size (6.93 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination.

WEIGHT

38 Pounds

There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

INTERPRETED BY

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Adrenal Glands

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (2.86 cm long x 0.45 cm at cranial pole and 0.51 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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Right adrenal gland is normal in size (2.76 cm long x 0.89 cm at cranial pole and 0.54 cm at caudal pole), 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). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Esdaile

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. A 5.8 cm x 6.1 cm heterogenous mid liver mass is noted. 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.

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.

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

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.

Free Abdomen

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

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

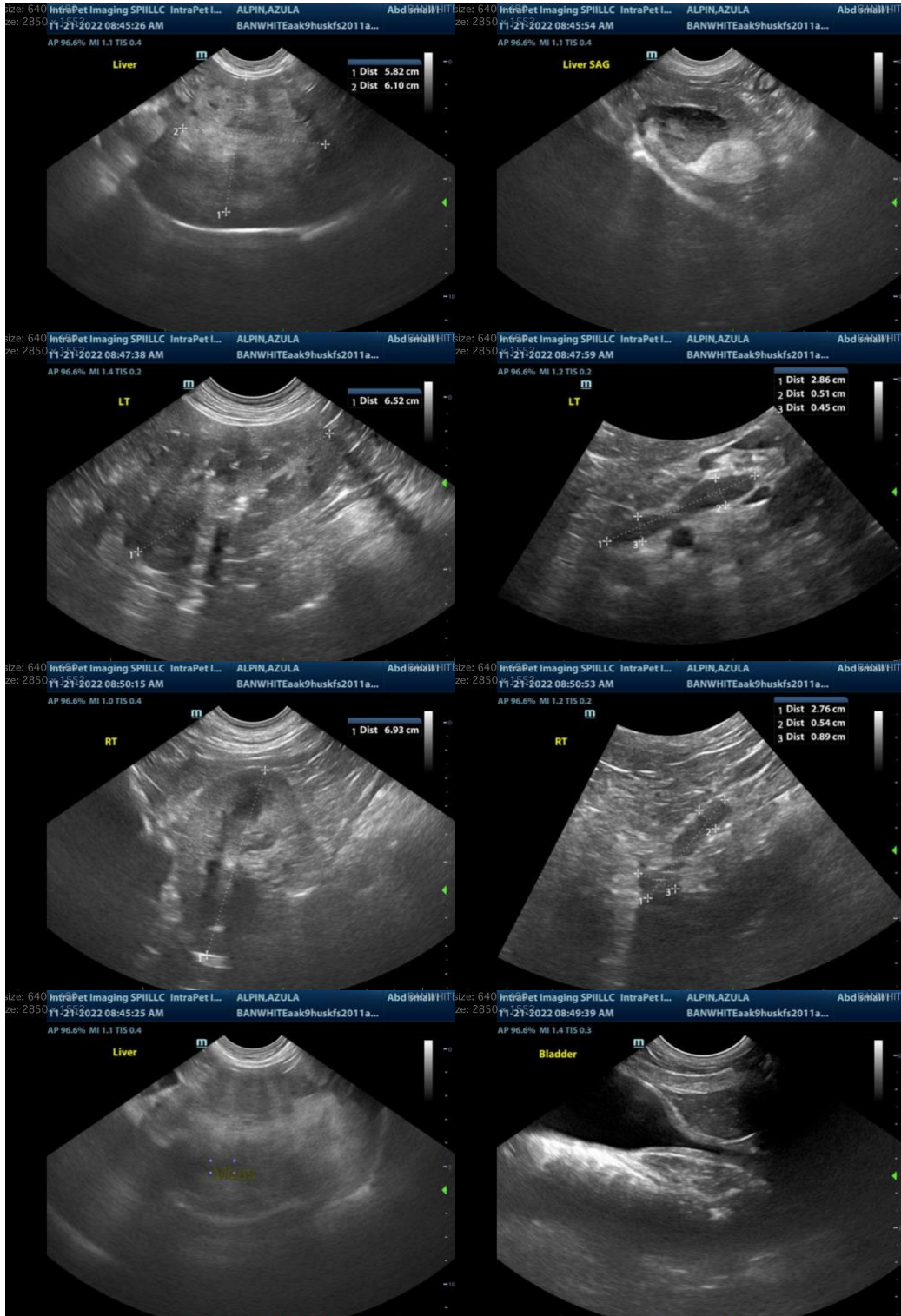
- Deep mid liver mass, top differentials for which include infiltrative neoplasia such as a primary hepatocellular carcinoma versus round cell neoplasia versus sarcoma, however, benign liver neoplasia such as adenoma/hepatoma or even marked nodular hyperplasia, etc. cannot be definitively ruled out without tissue sampling
- 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.

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.

A fine needle aspirate of the liver mass is recommended if patients coagulation status is appropriate.

Alternatively, an exploratory laparotomy for planned excisional biopsy/mass removal could be considered. The focal nature of the mass, fevers, full resectability, however, the location could present a surgical challenge, therefore, if surgery is elected, a presurgical planning abdominal CT scan may be helpful. If surgery is elected, close evaluation of the gallbladder for patency and potential cholecystectomy is recommended as well.



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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