



PATIENT

Reagan Muino

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Bearded Collie

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

14 years

WEIGHT

44.5 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

On/off diarrhea since 7/2025 At that time diagnosed hypothyroidism and started on Levothyroxine - since starting medications began having diarrhea intermittently; resolves when off but then comes back when on Hasn't been on for 3 days currently Historical cervical mass - no FNA performed Eating ravenously Dribbling urine - historical UTIs No c/s/v.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC/Chem: BUN 25 (7-27), Crea 1.6 (0.5-1.8) but otherwise WNL CXR: Broncho interstitial, cervical soft tissue opacity more left sided just caudal to larynx/over thyroid region Historical azotemia - today's improved Elevated Cystatin and SDMA historically Historical borderline proteinuria UPC 0.3 (0.2-0.4) - borderline

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

Urinary bladder is adequately distended with primarily anechoic contents and occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris. Apical urinary bladder wall is diffusely thick (0.3 cm). Mucosa is hyperechoic and irregular. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal 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. Left kidney measures 5.0 cm, and the right kidney measures 5.7 cm.

Adrenal Glands

Adrenal glands are plump/swollen in size. Normal shape and contour are maintained without evidence of capsular invasion. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal. The left adrenal measures 1.0 cm at the cranial pole and 0.87 cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measures 1.1 cm at the cranial pole and 0.58 cm at the caudal pole.

Spleen

Spleen is subjectively large in size with normal smooth margins. Parenchyma is normal in echogenicity with a diffusely coarse/heterogenous echotexture. No discrete sizable focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

Liver is subjectively enlarged with mildly irregular margins. Parenchyma is mildly heterogenous characterized by multiple poorly defined hypoechoic nodules within otherwise hyperechoic liver parenchyma. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion. Additionally, multifocal anechoic, cystic areas are noted throughout the parenchyma. The largest measuring approximately 1.5 cm x 2.0 cm in size. Additionally, several discrete, homogenous, hyperechoic nodules are also noted.

The 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.

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The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The stomach is moderately distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. If patient was appropriately fasted, delayed gastric emptying could be considered. Non-shadowing foreign material is considered less likely but cannot be definitively ruled out.

If clinical signs are consistent (vomiting, etc.), recommendations include supportive medical care, 24 hours fasting and re-image.

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.

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

PRIMARY FINDINGS

- Mildly heterogenous liver with suspect incidental hepatic cysts – These changes are most consistent with benign processes such as nodular hyperplasia, steroid (vacuolar) hepatopathy, extramedullary hematopoiesis or possibly chronic inflammatory disease and less commonly infiltrative round cell or metastatic neoplasia.
- Coarse splenomegaly – can be associated with congestion caused by sedation (if sedated) but can also be associated with diffuse infiltrative disease. Both benign conditions such as extramedullary hematopoiesis, lymphoid hyperplasia as well as infiltrative neoplastic diseases such as round cell neoplasia should be considered.
- Bilateral adrenomegaly – In a patient diagnosed with hyperadrenocorticism, this finding is most consistent with adrenal hyperplasia secondary to pituitary dependent hyperadrenocorticism. This finding can also be seen with stress and/or normal patient variant. Interpret in combination with clinical signs of hyperadrenocorticism and/or other adrenal disease.

SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Chronic Cystitis - Urinary bladder wall changes are most consistent with chronic cystitis. Infiltrative neoplasia cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely give the location and diffuse nature of the changes.



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- Age related kidney changes.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given patient's history, if not recently evaluated, 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.

A blood pressure is also recommended if not recently evaluated.

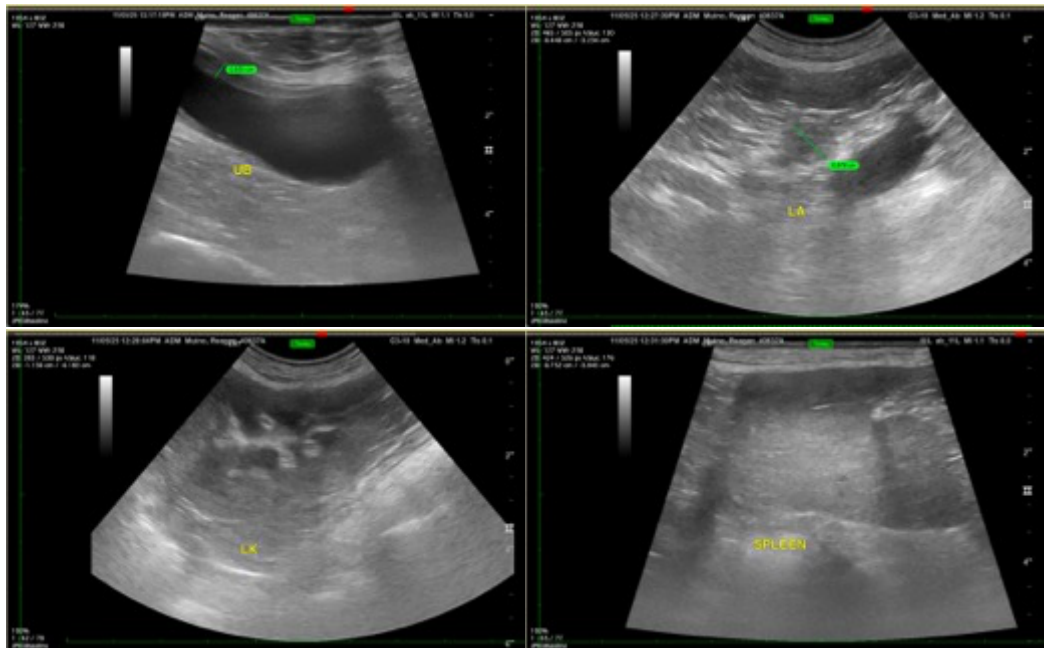
Thyroid evaluation is recommended if not recently evaluated.

Advanced imaging of the reported cervical mass via CT scan +/- sampling via fine needle aspirate could also be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

Additionally, while there are no definitively visible abnormalities associated with the GI tract in these images, given the reported diarrhea combined with ravenous appetite, etc., further gastrointestinal workup could also be considered in the form of a gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function +/- a fecal enteropathogen PCR panel to Texas A&M GI Laboratory for further evaluation of possible infectious disease. Contact lab for recommendations on how long to discontinue antibiotics (if indicated) prior to obtaining a stool sample for submission.

Finally, fine needle aspirates of the spleen could be considered 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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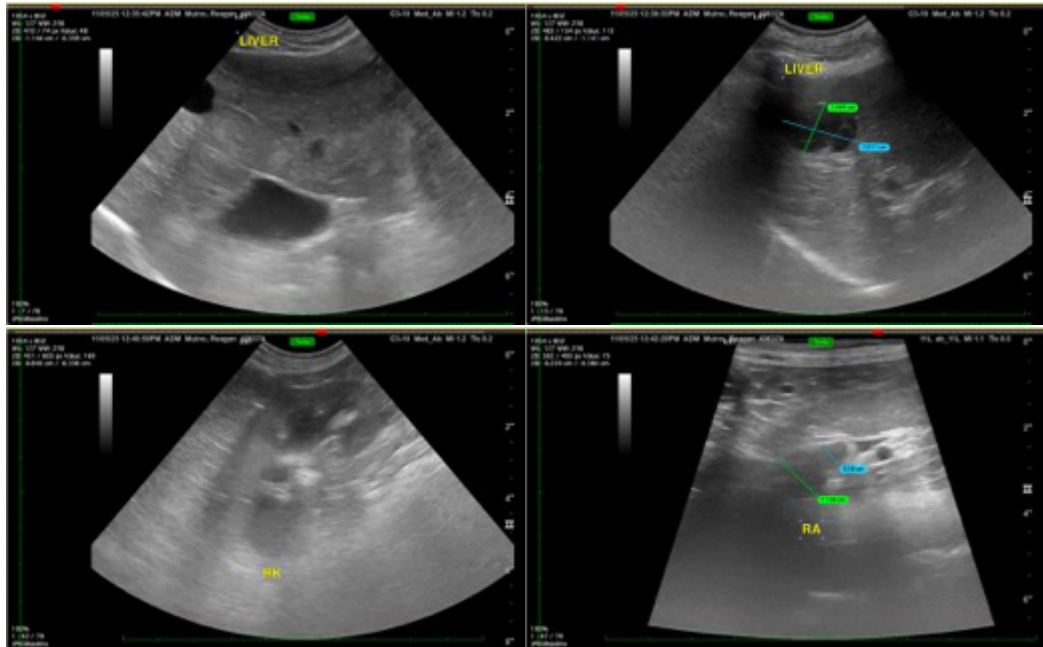
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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