



PATIENT

Maggie Meek

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Spaniel X

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

8 Years

WEIGHT

11.8 kg

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Mason Dixon Animal
Emergency Hospital

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

2-3 weeks ago p went to groomer. The next day or two started with decreased app., lethargic and wheezing. P is drinking water. No Vomiting or diarrhea. Cough started few days later. Took to RDVM gave meds for kennel cough (p had all three meds this am). No improvement. Went back to to RDVM today and rads were taken. O transferred here. O said that p was jumping from couch to couch a few weeks ago and missed. RDVM was asking if any recent trauma. Had CCL on right stifle in lancaster in aug/Sept 1. Bivacavitary effusion 2. Tachypnea, cough - improved after thoracocentesis (removed ~500mL from thorax)

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is moderately 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 right kidney is normal in size (4.9 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.

The left kidney is normal in size (4.41 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 the right adrenal gland is examined without evident right adrenal gland pathology.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.45 cm at the cranial pole and 0.46 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Spleen

The 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

The 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.

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.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The lumen of the stomach is empty with 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 (canine duodenum < 0.5 cm and feline duodenum < 0.4 cm; other < 0.3 cm). 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 (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

Pancreas

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The pancreatic parenchyma is appropriately isoechoic to surrounding tissue. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

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Free Abdomen

There is a moderate amount of free fluid noted within the abdomen, as well as pleural effusion. Diffusely, the abdominal mesenteric fat is enhanced/hyperechoic in appearance.

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There is no apparent lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Bi-cavitary effusion and diffusely enhanced hyperechoic mesentery of unknown etiology – Differentials could include decreased venous return or increased arterial pressure secondary to cardiac disease or other lymph or vascular obstruction, decreased oncotic pressure secondary to hypoalbuminemia, diffuse vascular wall integrity from vasculitis versus other, paraneoplastic effusion, hollow viscus organ leakage unlikely based on these images but possible, etc.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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If not recently evaluated, an overall general metabolic health screen is recommended with a CBC chem panel and electrolytes.

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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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Given the reported pleural effusion, if not already evaluated, 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.

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Additionally, an echocardiogram could be considered, and fluid sampling for analysis +/- culture and sensitivity, etc. based on cytology results are the recommended next steps.

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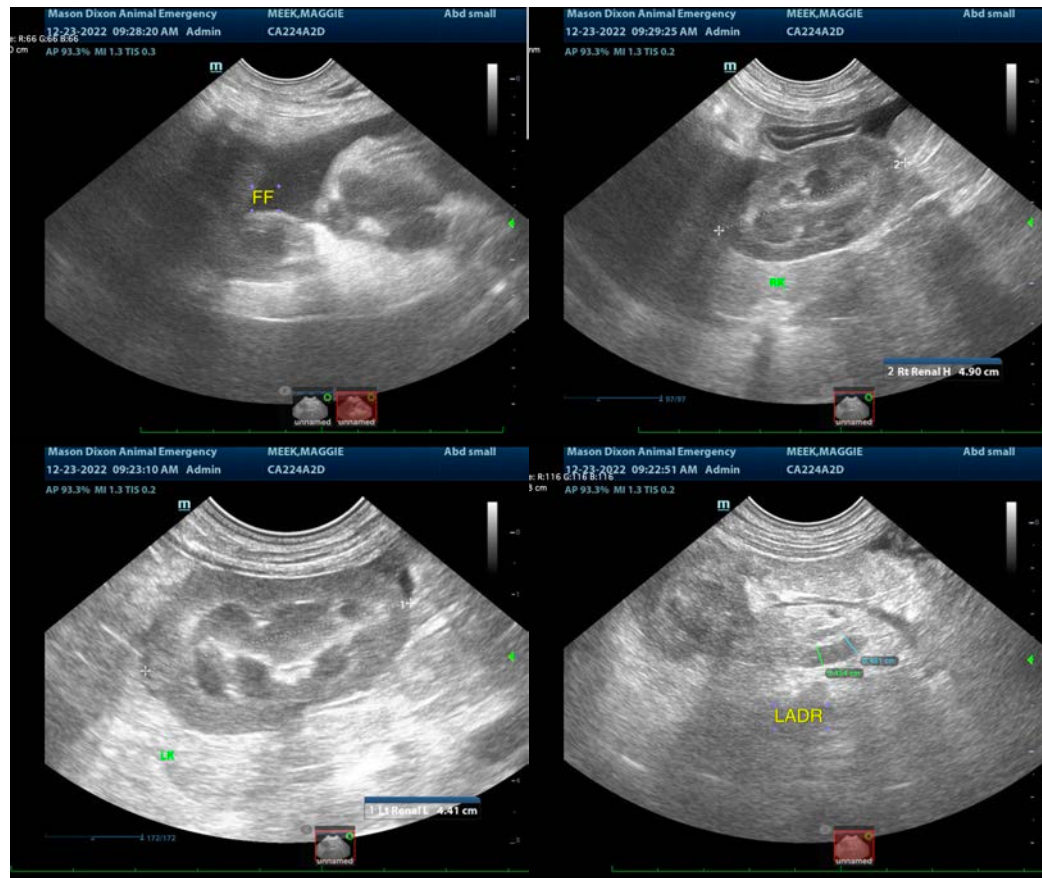
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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