



PATIENT

Big Kitty Davis

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DLH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

10 Years

WEIGHT

6 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

P presented for US for weight loss, not eating, wound on lower jaw.

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 a large amount of echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with exfoliated cells, crystals, mucous and/or small blood clots likely combined with incidental suspended lipid. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can present with echogenic debris. No masses or definitive cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Kidneys are bilaterally irregular and diffusely echogenic with decreased corticomedullary distinction and poor visualization of internal architecture. There is no pyelectasia noted. Left kidney is small at 3.2 cm. Multiple non-obstructive nephroliths are noted in the left kidney. The right kidney is compensatorily large at 4.9 cm.

Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.37 cm at cranial pole and 0.40 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.35 cm at cranial pole and 0.33 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Spleen

Spleen is subjectively large in size (1.2 cm thick at the hilus) with subtly scalloped or undulating capsular contour. Parenchyma is normal in echogenicity with a mildly coarse/heterogenous echotexture. 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 hypochoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture, except for in the mid to caudal liver where there is an approximately 4.0 cm in diameter homogeneous, iso- to potentially slightly hypochoic emerging mass lesion. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

The gallbladder is non-distended in size. The wall of the gallbladder appears as a thin hyperechoic/calcified rim casting a distinct distal acoustic shadow. 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 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.



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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 is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta/chyme. There is 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

Pancreas is prominent (enlarged) in size, hypoechoic to surrounding tissue and has a mildly irregular undulating contour. Parenchyma is coarse with mixed echogenic remodeling noted. The common bile duct is mildly dilated and tortuous at the level of the duodenal papilla.

Free Abdomen

There is no visible free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Bilateral chronic kidney disease changes, most visibly significant in the left kidney, where there are also non-obstructive nephroliths.
- Scalloped spleen – can be associated with benign or malignant infiltrative disease. Common causes include a reactive spleen secondary to immune stimulus or early infiltrative round cell neoplasia such as lymphoma or mast cell tumor.
- The liver mass could represent benign or infiltrative neoplastic differentials that can't be differentiated without tissue sampling.
- Porcelain gallbladder – Porcelain (calcified) gallbladder is an uncommon finding in companion animals and has been observed as both an incidental finding and associated with biliary neoplasia. In humans, porcelain gallbladder can be a manifestation of chronic gallbladder disease, chronic cholecystitis, intramural hemorrhage with subsequent calcification, imbalances in calcium metabolism, and even giardiasis. This finding should be interpreted in combination with any clinical signs and/or laboratory changes suggestive of biliary disease and/or calcium dysregulation, etc.
- Concurrent chronic low-grade smoldering pancreatitis can't be ruled out and should be suspected in the face of appropriate clinical signs.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given patient's history, the decreased appetite could be secondary to the reported mandible lesion with unknown involvement from potential kidney disease and/or infiltrative disease affecting the liver and spleen +/- concurrent pancreatitis. Additional diagnostic recommendations include:



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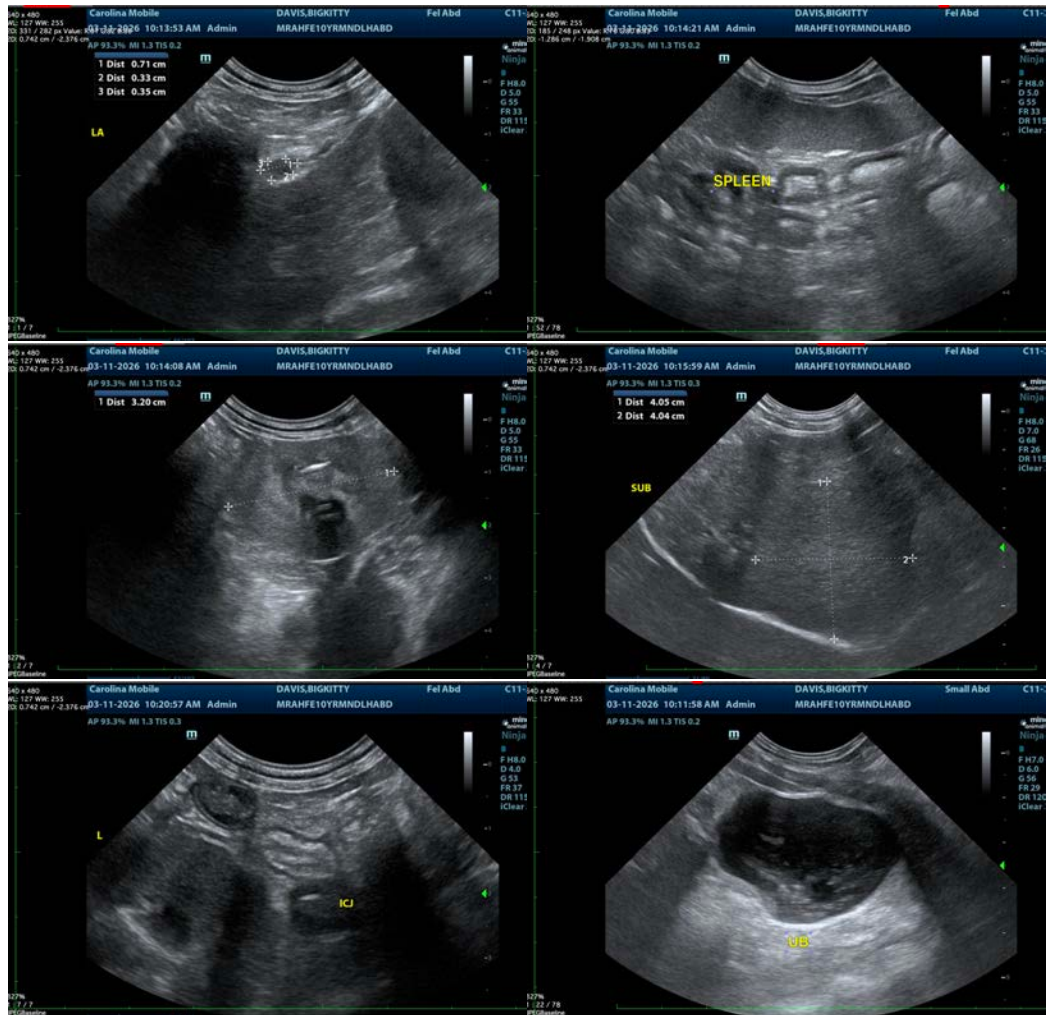
If not recently evaluated, a general metabolic health screen (CBC, chemistry panel with electrolytes and urinalysis) is recommended.

A gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory is recommended for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function.

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.

Advanced imaging and/or sampling of the mandible lesion may be the next appropriate sampling step, although concurrent sampling of the liver mass +/- spleen if patient's coagulation status is appropriate may be warranted for staging.

Other than supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs, further treatment recommendations are largely dependent on results of the above.





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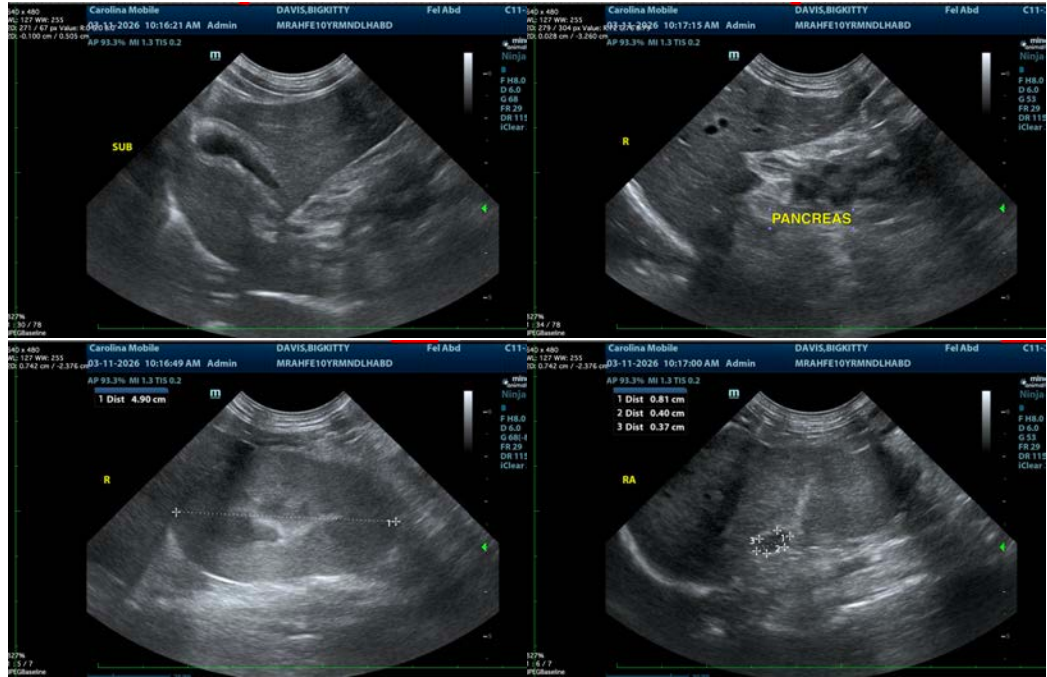
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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