

**PATIENT**

Bear Lamanna

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Maltese x

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

12 Years

**WEIGHT**

9 kg

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

On Focal Zone abdominal US showing Liver/ gall bladder mass, swelling lesion needs more investigations. FNA of liver performed.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Prev report attached.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The 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.

Prostate is normal in size, echotexture and echogenicity for a neutered male.

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 5.17 cm. Right kidney measures 4.81 cm. Cortical cysts are present bilaterally.

**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.7 cm at cranial pole and 0.83 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.57 cm at cranial pole and 0.66 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

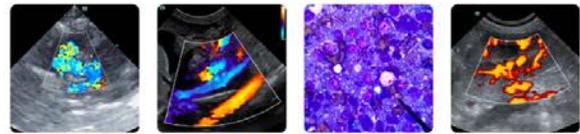
**Spleen**

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**

Liver is subjectively enlarged with mildly irregular margins. Parenchyma is diffusely moderately heterogenous characterized by multiple poorly defined hypoechoic nodules within otherwise hyperechoic liver parenchyma. More focally in what appears to originate from the right caudal liver, extending throughout the right cranial abdomen medial to the right kidney, is an approximately 4.2 cm x 6.0 cm heterogeneous, partially cystic, largely hypoechoic mass. 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. Specifically there is an approximately 1.4 cm x 1.6 cm non-shadowing, non-visibly obstructive echogenic density within the gallbladder. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. There is no evidence of cystic or CBD dilation. There is no evidence of effusion or inflammation.



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**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 (< 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**

- The previously reported mass appears to more definitively originate from the right caudal liver in these images, with differentials include infiltrative neoplasia such as a hepatocellular carcinoma versus sarcoma versus round cell neoplasia versus other, as well as a benign hepatoma/adenoma, inflammatory process versus other, which can't be definitively ruled out without tissue sampling.
- Moderate 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. *\*While the appearance of the echogenic density is consistent with debris/sludge, a tissue nodule or mass can't be definitively ruled out. The size of the density is stable, unchanged from previous exam.*

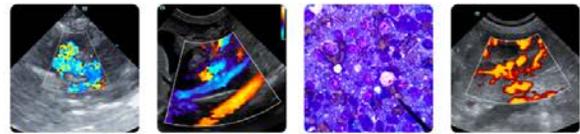
**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Stable age related kidney changes with bilateral cortical cysts.

**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.

As is reportedly already pending, fine needle aspirates of the right cranial/suspect liver mass are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.



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

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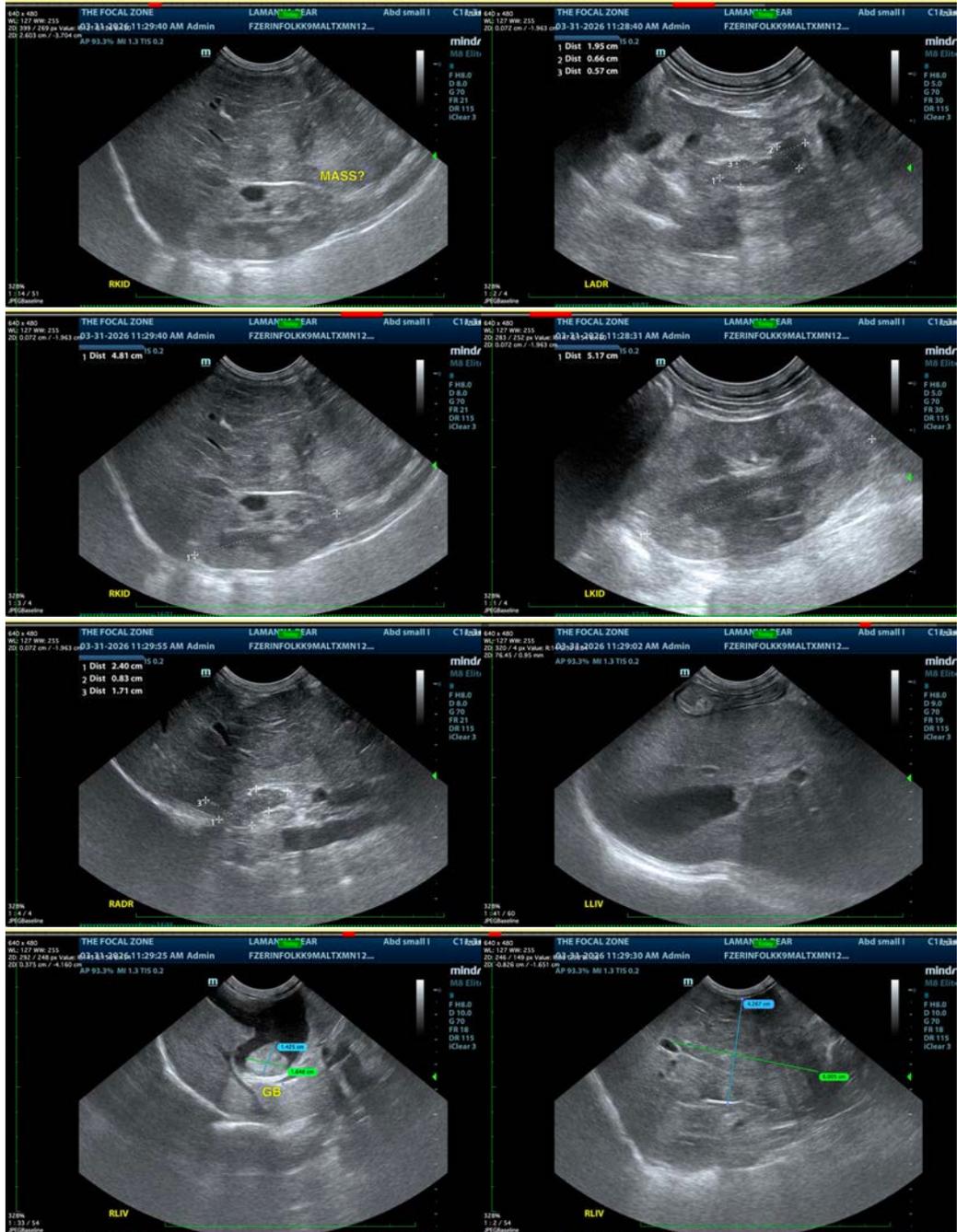
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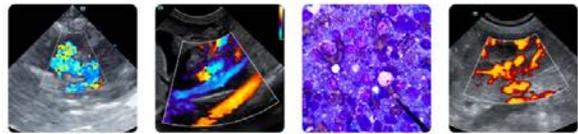
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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