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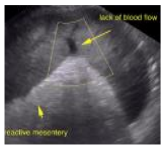
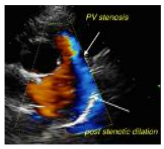
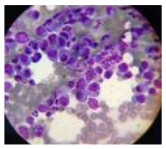
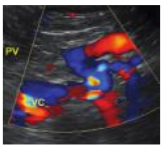

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Increased frequency of urination, straining to urinate, suspicious for bladder mass.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALP 586 from 8/22 Yesterday's UA- RBC 50, nonsquamous epith 3-5/hpf, USG 1.021

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

Urinary bladder is only mildly distended (empty). Visible contents are primarily anechoic with some suspended echogenic debris noted. There appears to be a solitary heterogenous mass, measuring approximately 1.5 cm x 1.2 cm in size, extending from the mid ventral wall. However, given the nondistended/empty state of the urinary bladder wall, the entire wall looks thick and irregular and is unable to be fully accurately assessed for pathology without further distention. No distinct cystoliths are observed.

Prostate is mildly enlarged. Parenchyma is diffusely homogenous and relatively hyperechoic. Normal distinct margins and symmetrical bilobed shape are maintained. This finding is likely normal patient variant, especially if patient was neutered as an adult; however, if patient was neutered as a puppy, prostatitis or, less likely, infiltrative neoplasia cannot be ruled out. This finding should be interpreted in combination with clinical signs, urinalysis results, etc. and either further investigated or monitored, as indicated.

Left kidney is normal in size (5.1 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.

Right kidney is normal in size (4.92 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 adrenal glands are unable to be well visualized in these images.

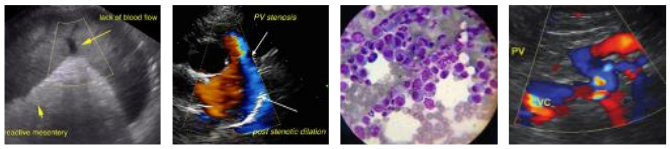
Spleen

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). Multifocal well-demarcated hyperechoic homogenous nodules are noted. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

Liver is subjectively enlarged with mildly irregular margins. Parenchyma is heterogenous characterized by multiple poorly defined hypoechoic nodules within otherwise hyperechoic liver parenchyma. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion. In addition to the hypoechoic nodules within an otherwise hyperechoic parenchyma, a 0.5 cm x 0.7 cm cyst is also present.

Gallbladder is moderately distended with anechoic bile as well as moderate 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.



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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 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

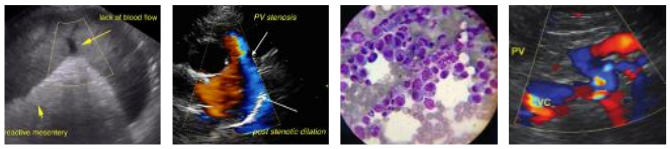
Primary Findings

- Urinary bladder mass is concerning for infiltrative neoplasia, such as transitional cell carcinoma vs other. However, full evaluation/interpretation is difficult given the nondistended/empty urinary bladder. A benign inflammatory disease/cystitis/polypoid cystitis could mimic a mass in this scenario and cannot be ruled out without additional information.
- Mild prostatomegaly as described above
- Heterogenous Liver – 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.
- 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.

Secondary Findings

- Hyperechoic splenic nodules – most consistent with benign myelolipomas. Other differentials such as fibrosis or calcification caused by old hematomas or infarcts, chronic inflammation, granulomatous disease or metastatic disease cannot be ruled out, but are considered less likely.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS



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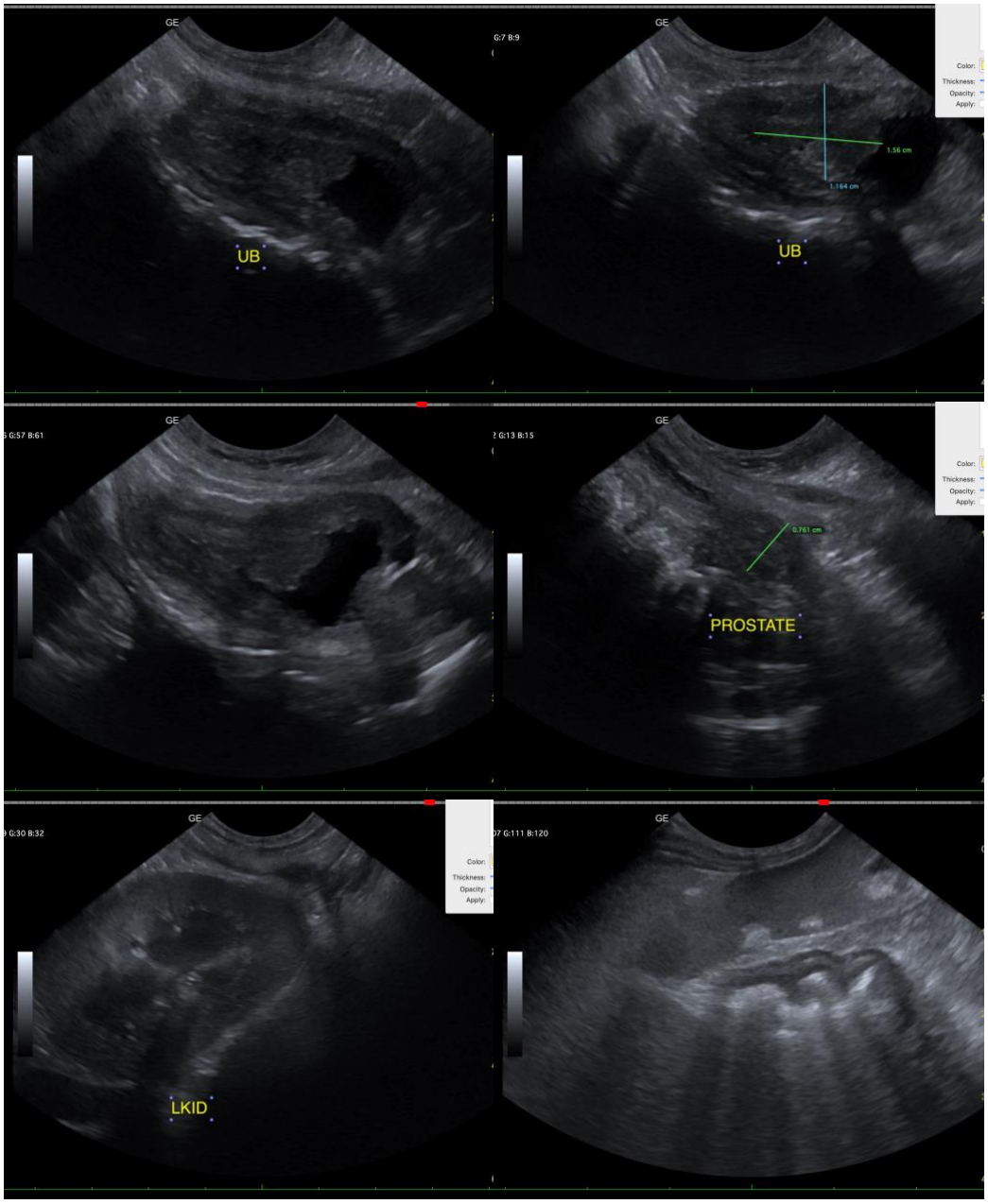
Urinalysis and urine culture, if indicated based on urinalysis results, are recommended. Submission of urine to look for BRAF gene mutation, which is associated with urinary bladder/prostate cancer, could be considered. Other diagnostic options include traumatic catheterization, fine needle aspirate (with small risk of tumor seeding/trailing) or cystoscopy for further sampling. In the meantime, empirical therapy with a broad-spectrum antibiotic (or ideally an antibiotic based on culture and sensitivity results) as well as an anti-inflammatory (unless otherwise contraindicated based on patient co-morbidities) may begin to help alleviate clinical signs.

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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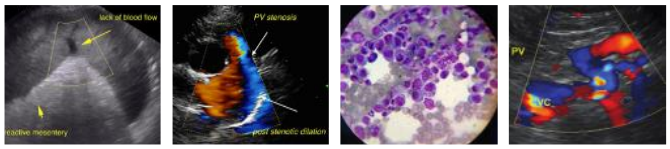

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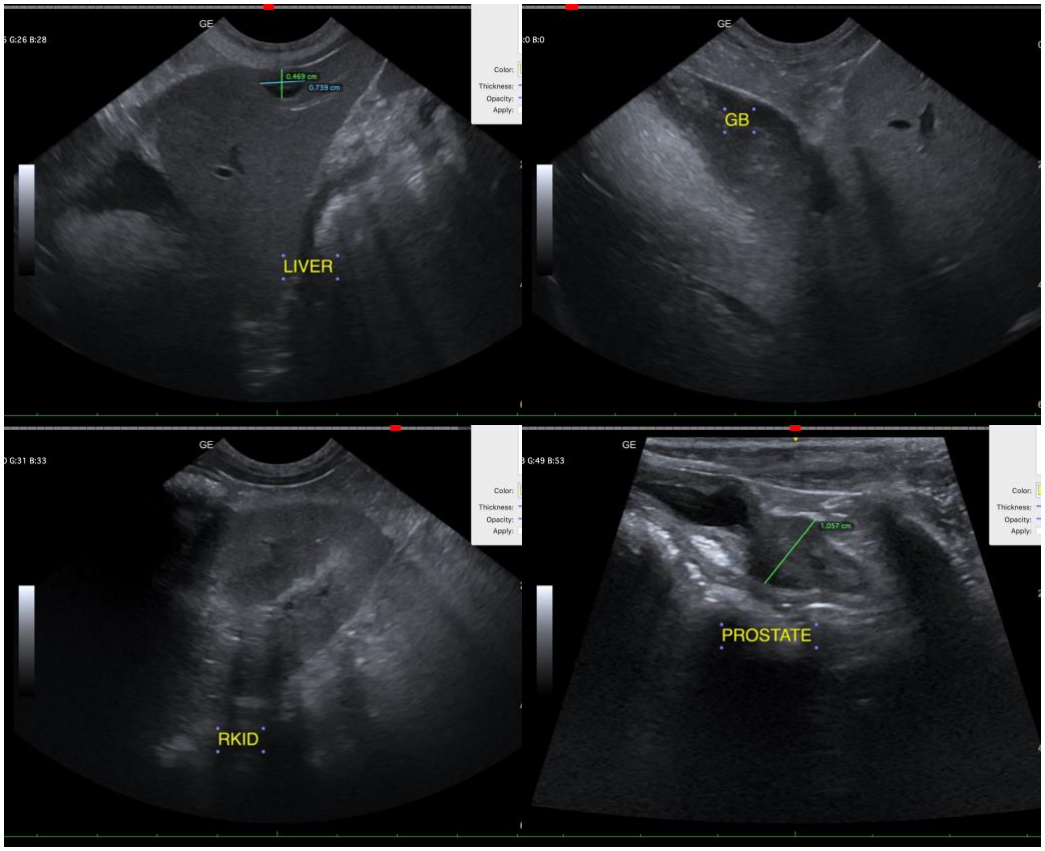

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Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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