

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/20/23 Pet doing well, performing these scans prophylactically.

**PATIENT**

Smalls Pseftis

Current Medications: Thyro-tabs 0.4mg BID.  
 Lab Results: See attached.  
 Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.  
 Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.  
 Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****BREED**

Pit Bull X

**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.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

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

**AGE**

8/24/10

The right kidney is normal in size (7.4 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.

**WEIGHT**

81 Pounds

The left kidney is normal in size (7.67 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.

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DACVIM**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (2.75 cm long x 0.84 cm at the cranial pole and 0.74 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Bay Country VH

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (3.53 cm long x 0.81 cm at the cranial pole and 1.02 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Bauer

**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.

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**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. In the mid caudal liver, there is a mildly heterogeneous, slightly hypoechoic 3.2 cm x 6.8 cm nodule/mass. In the right caudal liver, there is a homogeneous, isoechoic, 5.5 cm in diameter mass noted. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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

### ***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.

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.

The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

### ***Pancreas***

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.

### ***Free Abdomen***

There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

A cystic 1.7 cm thick renal lymph node is noted on the left.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- **Several discrete liver nodules/masses** – Likely represent benign change such as nodular hyperplasia or benign neoplasia such as adenoma or hepatoma. Infiltrative malignant neoplasia such as hepatocellular carcinoma versus round cell neoplasia versus other can't be definitively ruled out without tissue sampling.
- **Mild 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.
- **Prominent, cystic renal lymph node** – Most likely reactive and potentially suggestive of chronic infections. Infiltrative neoplasia is possible but considered much less likely.

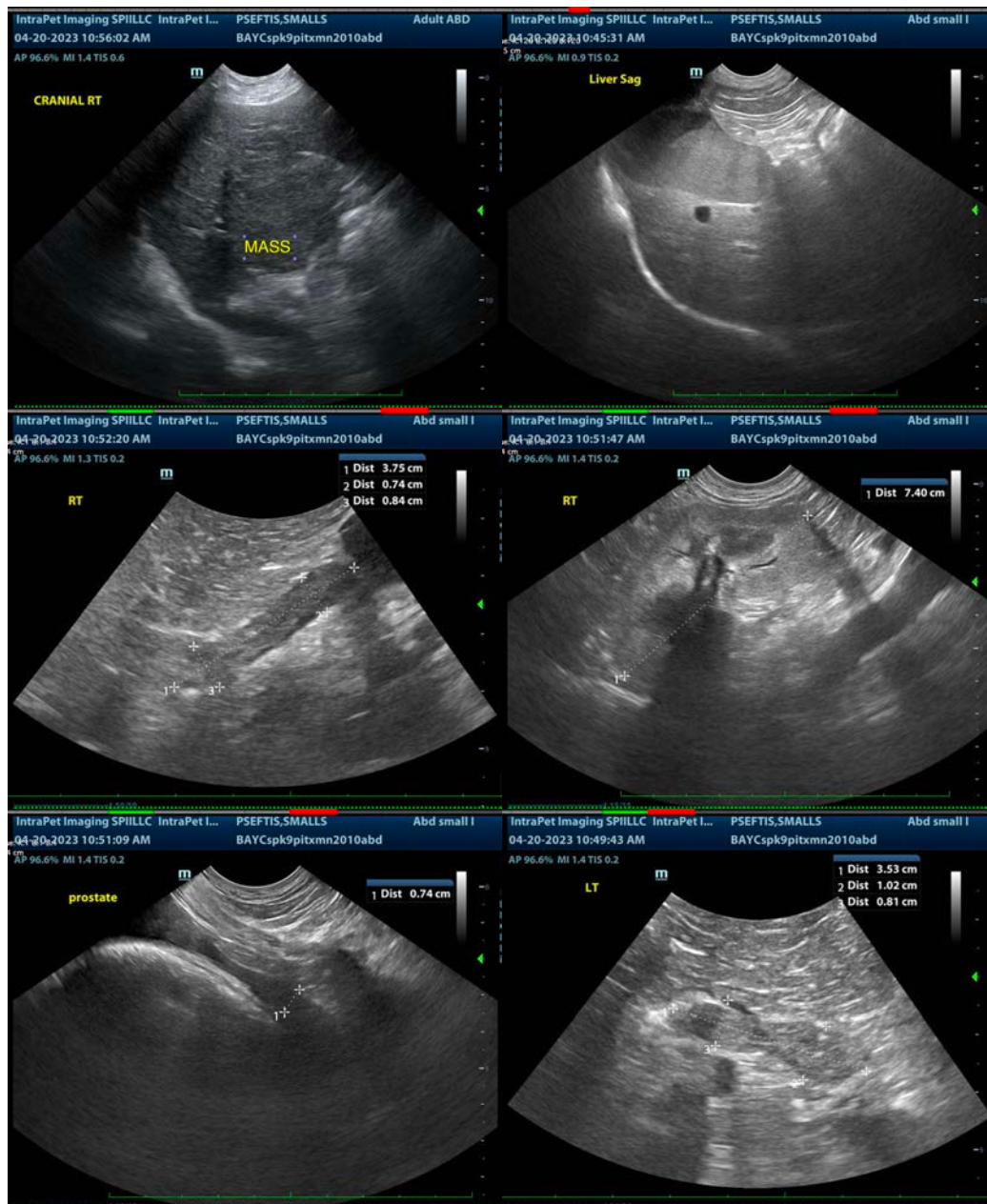
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

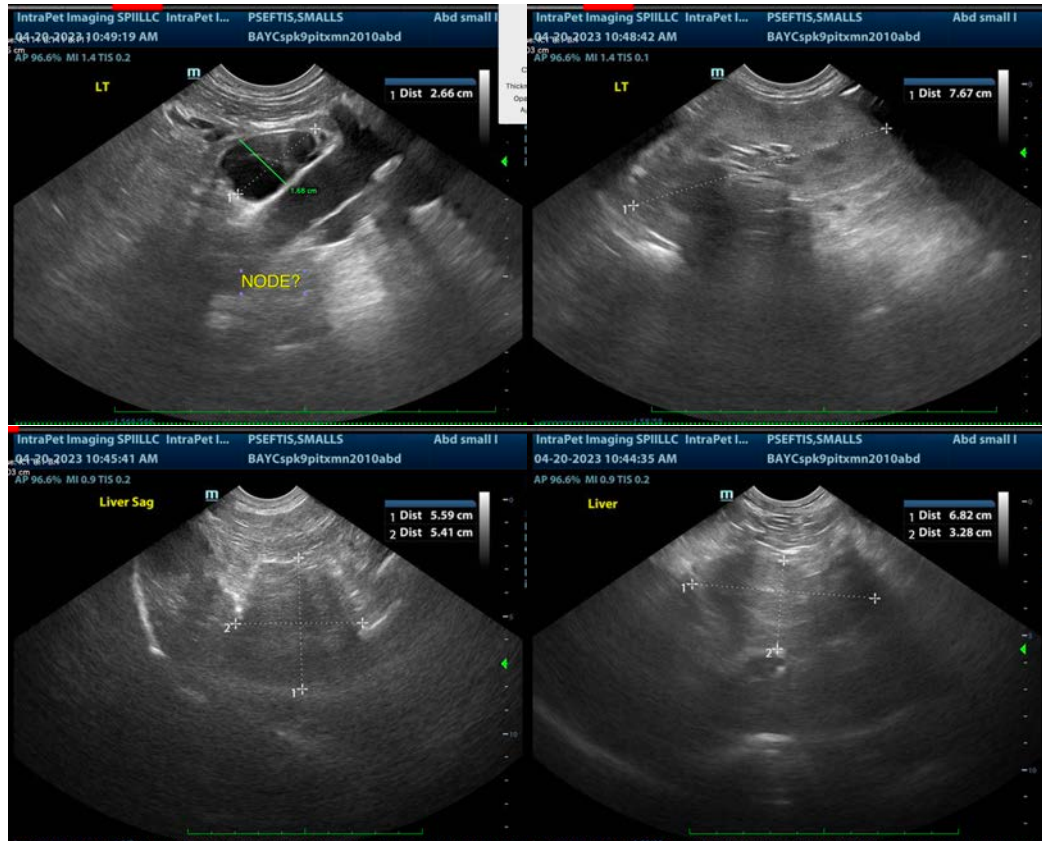
If not recently evaluated, given the renal lymphadenopathy, a urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture are recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ration is recommended.

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.

Fine needle aspirates of the liver nodules/masses described above are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

While ultrasound cannot guarantee resectability, both nodules/masses appear fully resectable. Therefore, if a diagnosis cannot be obtained cytologically, an exploratory laparotomy for liver nodules/mass biopsies could be considered.





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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