



## PATIENT

Pinto Patton

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Pekingese x

## SEX

Neutered Male

## AGE

9 Years 2 Months

## WEIGHT

25 lbs

## INTERPRETED BY

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4/8/26

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Sedated with butorphanol. Patient is here for a 6 month monitoring US post surgical removal of a liver mass. Previously diagnosed with a well-differentiated hepatocellular carcinoma in the right lateral liver lobe, confirmed via biopsy following a liver lobectomy on 3/18/25. The excision was marginal, but all grossly visible tumor was removed. Recheck abdominal ultrasound were recommended q 6 months to monitor for recurrence or development of new liver masses. Patient is clinically doing well. Last US performed 10/1/25 and NSF. Last bloodwork performed 4/29/25 and was WNL /normal liver enzymes. \* Full bloodwork drawn today and pending.

## 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 measured 4.16 cm. Right kidney measured 4.5 cm.

### Adrenal Glands

Adrenal glands are small (flattened contour). Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal. Left measures 0.30 cm at the cranial pole and 0.25 cm at the caudal pole. Right measures 0.33 cm at the cranial pole and 0.24 cm at the caudal pole.

### 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 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.



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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

- Subjectively mildly flat adrenal glands – This can be a normal patient variant and/or a sign of exogenous cortisol administration. If exogenous steroids are not being administered, hypoadrenocorticism (either relative or absolute) should be considered.

## SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Mild age related kidney changes.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

A baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.

Otherwise, this is a largely unremarkable/normal structural abdomen without any ultrasonographically visible evidence of intraabdominal metastatic disease noted in these images at this time. Microscopic disease, of course, cannot be ruled out.





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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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