

PATIENT

Charlie Warchola

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Canine

BREED

Lab X

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

13 Years

WEIGHT

35.6 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Rdvm rec AUS due to increased liver values and weight loss. In April pet had severe DH+++ , lost a lot of weight during that time, went to rdvm, did blood work and noted the elevated liver values from a previous visit continued to increase. Meds: methocarbamol - last dose last night. Trazadone 50mg this morning before coming. Prev health concerns: none. Pet was fasted, no food since last night.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Rdvm bloodwork 5/13 : Glob 3.7; ALT 444; ALKP 2703; GGT 31; Chol 345; AMY 1102 Fecal negative.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

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.

Left kidney is normal in size (6.77 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 (7.19 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

Adrenal glands are plump/swollen in size. Normal shape and contour are maintained without evidence of capsular invasion. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal. The left adrenal gland measures 0.9 cm at the cranial pole and 1.0 cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measures 0.89 cm at the cranial pole and 0.86 cm at the caudal pole.

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). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

The liver contains a large, expansive, approximately 8.5 cm x 11.5 cm - 12.0 cm, mildly heterogeneous, iso- to slightly hypo-echoic mass, originating from the mid to right caudal liver that extends into the mid abdomen. The cranial liver has a more normal appearance.

Gallbladder is moderately distended with anechoic bile as well as 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 (< 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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- The large liver mass could represent a benign process, such as marked nodular hyperplasia, a hepatoma/adenoma, chronic inflammatory disease, other, although infiltrative neoplasia such as round cell neoplasia, primary hepatocellular neoplasia, other, can't be 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.
- Bilateral adrenomegaly- In a patient diagnosed with hyperadrenocorticism, this finding is most consistent with adrenal hyperplasia secondary to pituitary dependent hyperadrenocorticism. This finding can also be seen with stress and/or normal patient variant. Interpret in combination with clinical signs of hyperadrenocorticism and/or other adrenal disease.

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.



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Fine needle aspirates of the liver mass are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

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A blood pressure is recommended if not recently evaluated.

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Having said that, the liver mass is of unknown, if any, relation or contribution to patients reported gastrointestinal history, diarrhea, weight loss, etc., therefore, additionally, a routine fecal/Giardia exam could be considered if not recently evaluated.

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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.

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A fecal enteropathogen PCR panel to Texas A&M GI Laboratory could be considered for further evaluation of possible infectious disease. Contact lab for recommendations on how long to discontinue antibiotics (if indicated) prior to obtaining a stool sample for submission.

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The adrenomegaly should be interpreted in combination with patient's clinical history, as well as the results of the workup recommended above.

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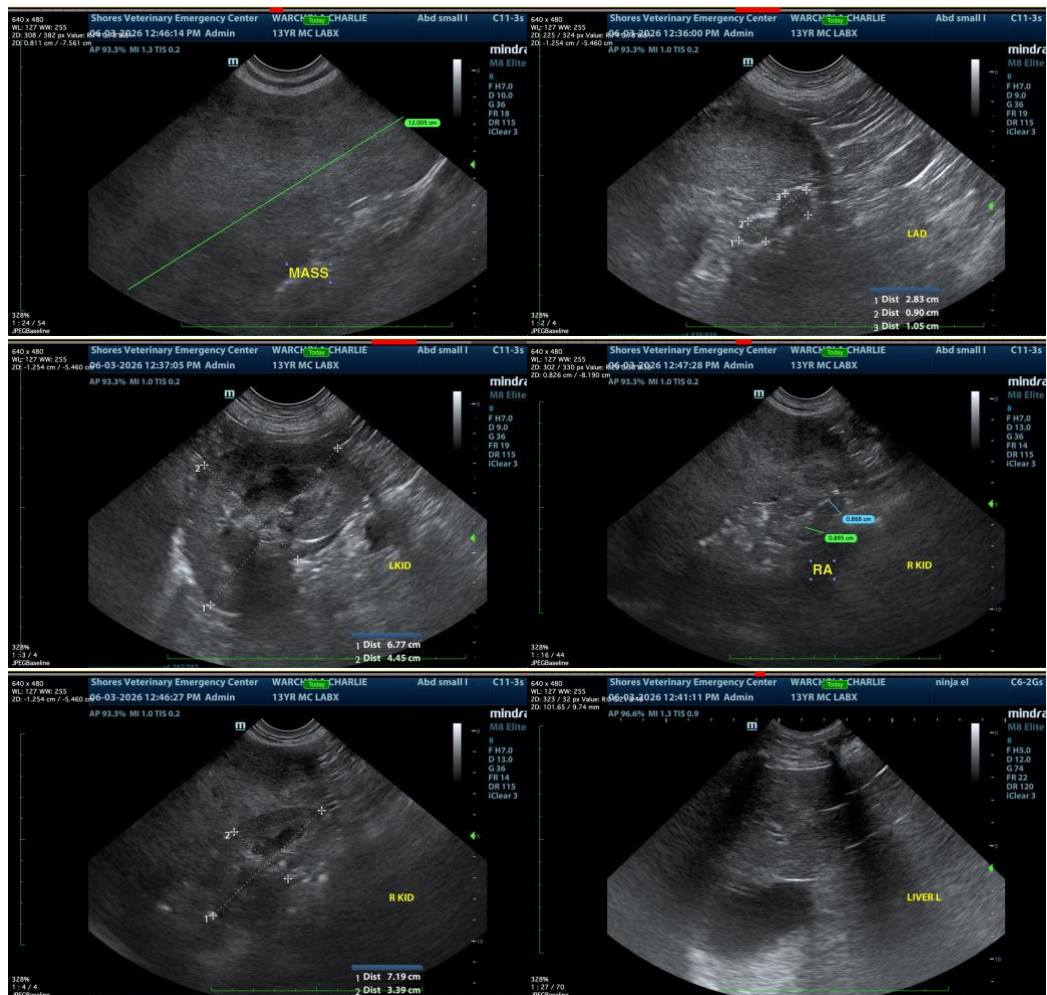
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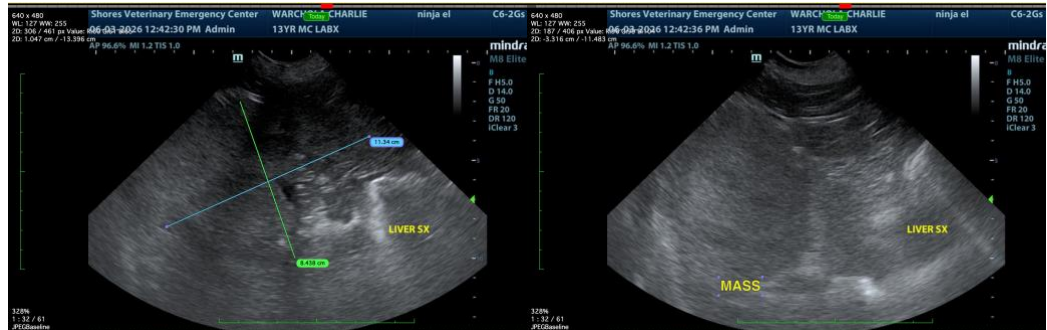
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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