



**PATIENT**

Boo Denlinger

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

7 Years

**WEIGHT**

11 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Decreased appetite for 1 month duration, vomiting more recently. Indoor/outdoor, owner unaware of bathroom habits. Slight improvement with supportive care (SQ fluids, Cerenia, Mirataz)  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Elevated lipase 5230 (100-1400) Hyponatremia 166 (150-165).

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with incidental suspended lipid in a cat, possibly combined with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Kidneys are normal in size with increased cortical echogenicity. Normal smooth peripheral margination and shape are maintained. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed. Infiltrative disease (infectious, neoplastic, etc.) or nephritis cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely. The left kidney measures 3.8 cm. The right kidney measures 4.6 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

Adrenal glands are largely normal in size, shape and contour. Some parenchymal heterogeneity is present without concerning capsular distortion. These changes are more noticeable in the right adrenal gland likely normal for this age but should be monitored if there is any suspicion of adrenal disease. The left adrenal gland measures 0.45 cm thick. The right adrenal gland measured 0.84 cm thick.

**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 enlarged with irregular margins created by the presence of multifocal hyperechoic nodules with hypoechoic rim (target lesions creating a "motheaten" appearance). Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion. The nodules/masses range from 1.0 cm in size to a deep mixed mass in the right liver that measures approximately 3.0 cm in diameter.

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 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



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per min). The lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

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

**Pancreas**

In the area of the pancreas just caudal to the stomach, there is a prominent, hypoechoic, mass-like structure with an irregular contour and coarse parenchyma, surrounded by slightly enhanced hyperechoic fat and mesentery, consistent with acute pancreatitis. However, an extension of the liver nodules/masses cannot be definitively ruled out.

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There is a scant amount of anechoic free fluid in the cranial abdomen.

No appreciable lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

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**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- **Nodular Liver** - This finding is concerning for infiltrative disease such as round cell neoplasia or metastatic neoplasia. Benign disease, such as infectious disease, granulomas, abscesses, etc. cannot be ruled out without tissue sampling.
- Acute pancreatitis is suspected

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Urinary bladder debris
- Age related adrenal changes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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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.

A fine needle aspirate of the liver nodules is recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

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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.

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In the meantime, supportive/symptomatic medical management, as is already resulting in some reported improvement for possible pancreatitis is recommended.

Given this patient's indoor/outdoor status, comprehensive viral and other infectious disease testing is also warranted pending the result of the liver aspirate.

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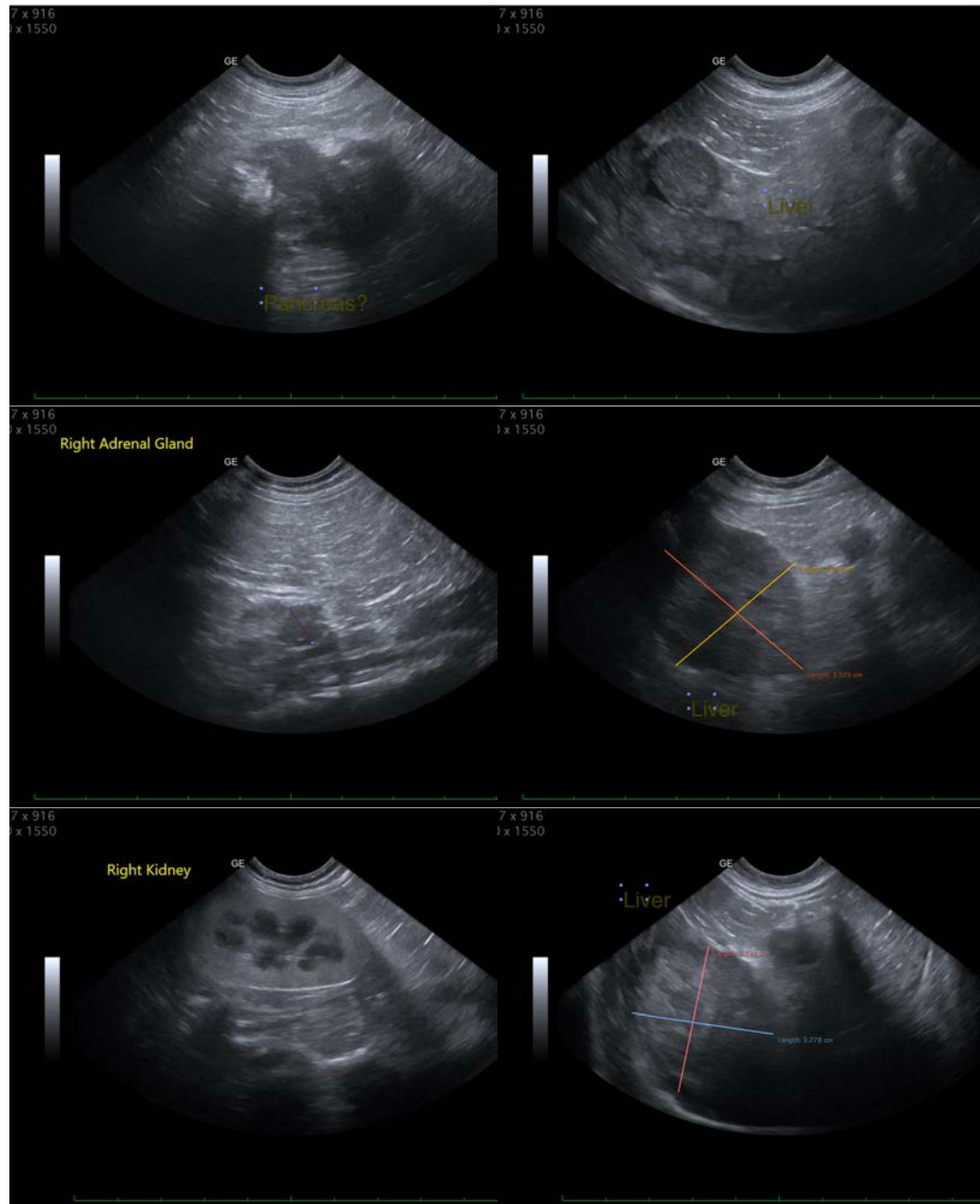
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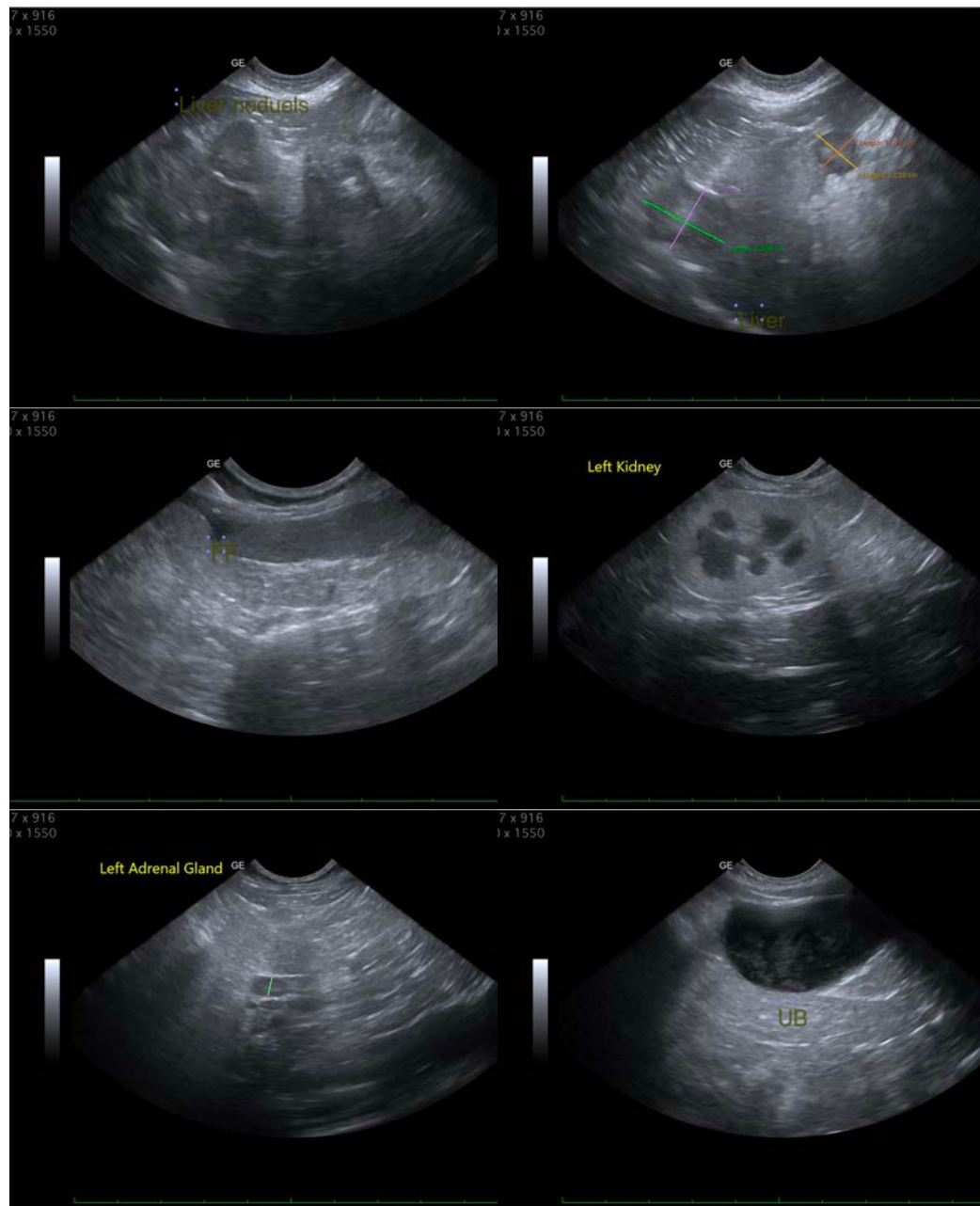
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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