



**PATIENT**

Sasha Hoyt

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

Domestic Shorthair

**SEX**

Spayed female

**AGE**

13 years

**WEIGHT**

8 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: weight loss, anorexia, hiding, prev diagnosed hyperthyroidism well controlled  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC/Chem WNL, T4 WNL chest rads- soft tissue opacity in caudal ventral lung field

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some age-related loss of curvilinear patterns regarding the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Pinpoint, non-obstructive mineralization was noted. The kidneys both measured 3.0 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

Both **adrenal glands** were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The left adrenal gland measured 0.3 cm.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes was noted.

**Liver**

The **liver** in this patient was swollen with mildly irregular passive congestion hepatic vein dilation. The gallbladder presented acceptably thin walls with primarily anechoic content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy was evident. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was evident. Pleural effusion was noted through the diaphragm as well as a caudal thoracic consolidation. This appeared to be continuous with the liver, which would suggest hepatic diaphragmatic hernia. However, this cannot be distinguished from consolidated lung pathology.



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**Gastrointestinal**

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Examination of the **gastrointestinal tract** revealed a stomach and intestine free of stasis, of normal wall thickness, acceptable curvilinear mural detail, and peristaltic activity. Small and large intestine demonstrated normal luminal chyme and stool consistency respectively. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease was noted. No associated abnormal lymphatic activity was noted.

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**Pancreas**

The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Pleural effusion was noted through the diaphragm as well as a caudal thoracic consolidation. Appeared continuous with the liver, suggestive of a hepatic diaphragmatic hernia.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Ultrasound-guided FNA of the thoracic consolidation is recommended to assess if this is hepatic or lung origin. CT evaluation is warranted. If this is a hernia this may be a long term congenital issue with possible, sliding hernia causing pleural effusion. Otherwise, thoracic neoplasia is a strong potential. Sampling and CT are essential.

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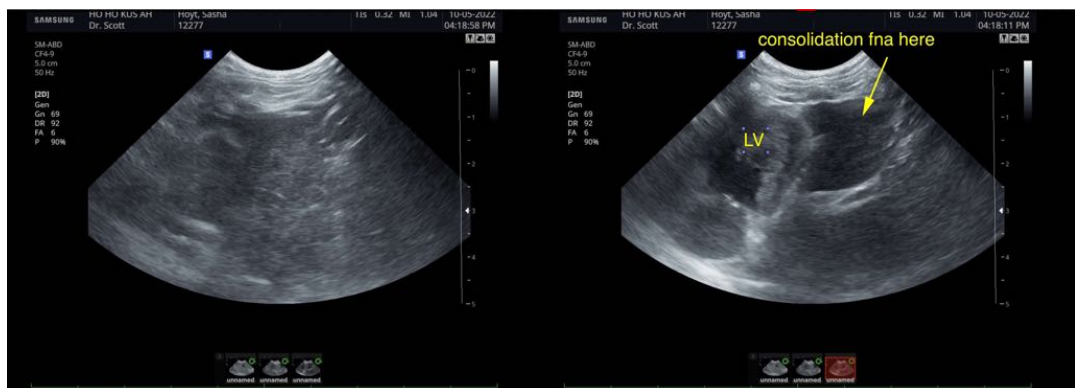
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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