



PATIENT

Todd Lewis

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

P presented for US due to persistent hematuria.

SPECIES

Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

BREED

Mixed

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. Much of the bladder wall appears normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface. In the apical region there is a large, hyperechoic, rounded mass lesion visualized measuring 1.93 cm x 2.28 cm. The region of the trigone, ureteral papillae and proximal urethra appear free of any mass lesions or calculi.

SEX

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (0.62 cm) and shape for this neutered male dog. The parenchyma is homogenous and the external margins are smooth. The prostatic urethra appears normal with no evidence of irregularity, invasion, mass effect or calculi.

AGE

9 Years

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.82 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

66 lbs

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (6.33 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.67 cm at the cranial pole and 0.73 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

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The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.74 cm at the cranial pole and 0.49 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

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Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (2.38 cm), echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is homogenous echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

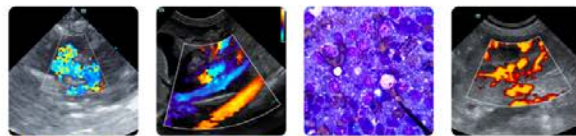
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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.



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Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains moderate fluid. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum wall measures 0.40 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.28 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

Pancreas

The pancreas is normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

Other

There is slightly irregular tissue visualized ventral to the stomach, caudal to the liver, most consistent with prominent fat. Continued monitoring is warranted.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Large, hyperechoic, rounded mass effect in the apical region of the urinary bladder – Findings are suggestive of a transitional cell carcinoma. Other differentials are possible.
- Large, fluid distended stomach – Correlate with feeding history. If the patient was adequately fasted, consider such differentials as delayed gastric emptying. No evidence of an outflow tract obstruction is visualized.
- Prominent fatty tissue visualized ventral to the stomach – This likely represents prominent falciform fat. A mass effect cannot be definitively ruled out. If there is concern, a fine needle aspirate could be considered.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a large, rounded, hyperechoic mass effect in the apical region of the urinary bladder. This has the appearance most consistent with a transitional cell carcinoma. Consider cytology on a free catch urine sample if it is adequately cellular. Additionally, you could consider a urine BRAF test. A positive urine BRAF test would increase the likelihood of underlying transitional cell carcinoma. If these results are not definitive, cystoscopy or traumatic catheterization could be considered.

Recommend consultation with a veterinary oncologist regarding the best treatment options and prognosis. The apical region of this lesion could make surgical options viable.



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