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**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

11/30/22 Weight loss and pickier appetite. PE- lost 6lbs since Sept 2022. Palpable mid-abdominal mass on 11/29/22.

**PATIENT** Current Medications: None.

Lobel Dimmick Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.  
Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.  
Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

Feline

**Urinary System**

**BREED**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.99 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.

**AGE**

1/1/10

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.18 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**

8 Pounds

**Adrenal Glands**

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The region of left adrenal (Cranial to left renal artery) is unremarkable but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

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The region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

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**Spleen**

Rachel Brilhart RDMS

The spleen is subjectively normal in size, 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.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

**Liver**

Harborside Mobile VC

The liver is large and irregular. The parenchyma is heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There are numerous hyperechoic to mixed echogenic mass effects/nodules throughout the liver. Examples of these measure 2.41 cm x 2.15 cm, 0.65 cm, and 1.12 cm in diameter. These appear to deform the hepatic margins.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Hawkins

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and primarily anechoic. The proximal bile duct appears somewhat tortuous and dilated, measuring at 0.38 cm. Additionally, there are occasional small pinpoint, non-obstructive mineralizations within the bile duct.

**INVOICE**

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### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.36cm 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 uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is significantly increased. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering, but some areas display a prominent muscularis layer which does not display the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum wall measures 0.46 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.33 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. 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 prominent and mottled compared to the surrounding isoechoic mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

### ***Free Abdomen***

There is a small amount of free abdominal fluid. There is a caudal to mid abdominal mass that is hypoechoic and irregular, measuring approximately 6.02 cm x 3.68 cm at the level of the root of the mesentery. This is most consistent with a severely enlarged lymph node or mesenteric root mass. Additionally, there is a large lymph node visualized measuring 2.75 cm x 2.69 cm. The omentum is hyperechoic around the mass lesion.

## **PRIMAR FINDINGS**

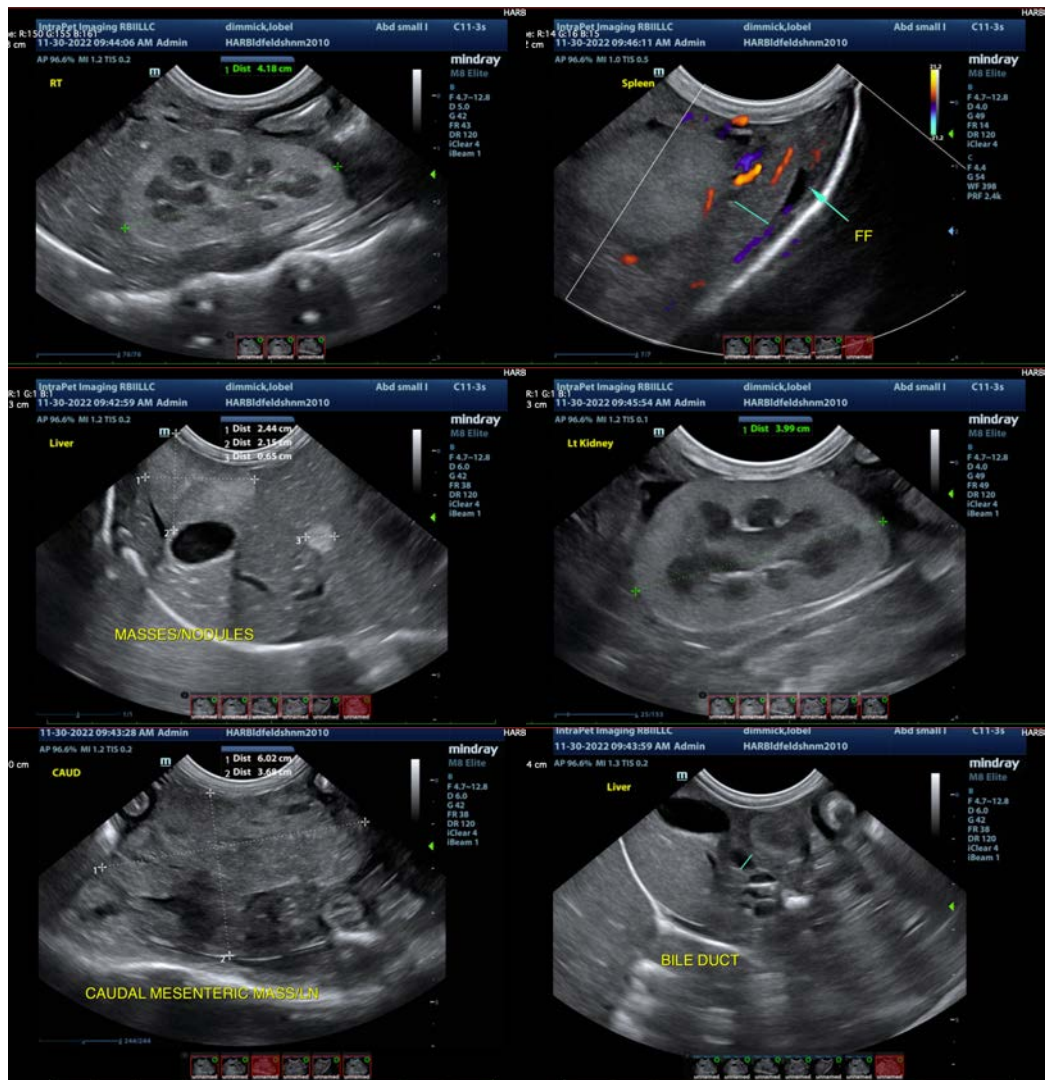
- Large, irregular, heterogeneous liver with numerous expansile hyperechoic mass lesions – These mass lesions are concerning for a metastatic process, although benign etiologies are possible.
- Mildly dilated/tortuous bile duct with pinpoint mineralizations – Dilatation of the common bile duct could be consistent with a functional obstruction (i.e. primary hepatic disease resulting in hepatocellular swelling) or with an extrahepatic bile duct obstruction (ie. choledocholith, bile duct tumor, pancreatic disease, other).
- Severely thickened small intestine and a prominent muscularis layer – The small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease) with a low possibility of emerging lymphoma.
- Mass effect at the root of the mesentery – Findings are concerning for a neoplastic process. Recommend a fine needle aspirate.
- Small volume free abdominal fluid

## **SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Prominent, mottled pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The appearance of the mesenteric root mass and the nodules in the liver are concerning for a possible metastatic process, although other differentials are possible. Recommend a fine needle aspirate of the lesion at the mesenteric root and a hepatic nodule. Additionally, recommend 3-view thoracic radiographs. If a cytologic diagnosis proves elusive, then consider surgical biopsies.





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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