



## PATIENT

StellaRose Shirley

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Yorkie

## SEX

Spayed Female

## AGE

11 Years

## WEIGHT

6.9 lbs

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

P presented for met check due to oral mass suspicious for amelanocytic melanoma (waiting on special stains). P is diabetic on insulin 2 U BID, P vomited on sunday. Did have v/d this morning

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder is moderately/mildly 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. \*Full evaluation of the bladder is somewhat impaired by lack of urine distention.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.5 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.39 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor 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.

### *Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.64 cm at the cranial pole and 0.59 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.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.81 cm at the cranial pole and 0.47 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.

### *Spleen*

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (1.17 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.

### *Liver*

The liver is subjectively normal in size but irregular in shape. The parenchyma is heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There is a mixed echogenicity hypoechoic mass effect visualized associated with the mid left caudal region of the liver measuring 3.12 cm x 3.57 cm.

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 minimal luminal contents. 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 uniform diameter with minimal to moderate fluid/gas distension. Wall appears subjectively, mildly increased. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering. Duodenum wall measures 0.34 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.22 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There is diffuse mild to moderate fluid and gas distention of the small intestine. Some sections of small intestine appear more thickened with mild mucosal speckling. One such area measures at 0.45 cm in 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 area of 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. No significant lymphadenopathy noted. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Age related changes visualized associated with both kidneys.
- Heterogeneous liver with a hypoechoic mass effect – The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, nodular hyperplasia, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, fibrosis, extramedullary hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (e.g., copper), infiltrative neoplasia (less likely) or other hepatopathy. The hypoechoic lesion could represent a primary hepatic mass lesion (adenoma, carcinoma, other). A metastatic lesion is possible.
- Diffusely fluid/gas distended stomach – Findings are most suggestive of diffuse enteritis. Partial obstruction cannot be ruled out.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

There is a hypoechoic mass effect visualized associated with the liver. This could represent a concurrent primary hepatic mass lesion or a metastatic lesion. If further evaluation is desired, a fine needle aspirate of the hepatic mass lesion could be considered.

The small intestine appears somewhat diffusely mildly to moderately fluid and gas distended. Correlate with feeding history. This could be consistent with diffuse enteritis. There is mild mucosal speckling visualized, so a primary enteropathy is also possible. If symptoms are persistent despite treatment for gastroenteritis, consider repeat imaging, looking for the development of a partially obstructive lesion or similar.



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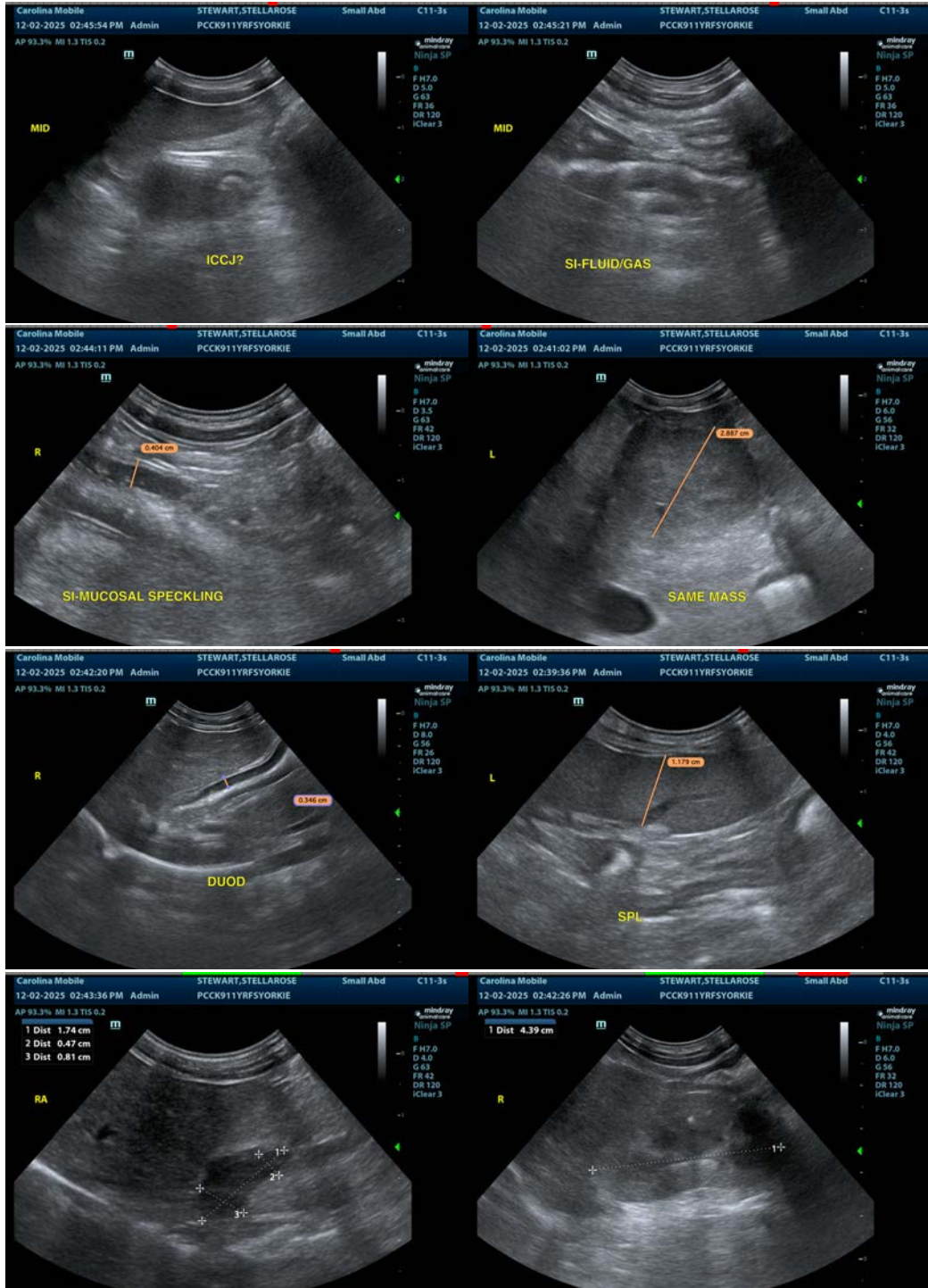
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Based on the metastatic pattern noted on chest radiographs, consider consultation with a veterinary oncologist regarding the best current treatment strategies.





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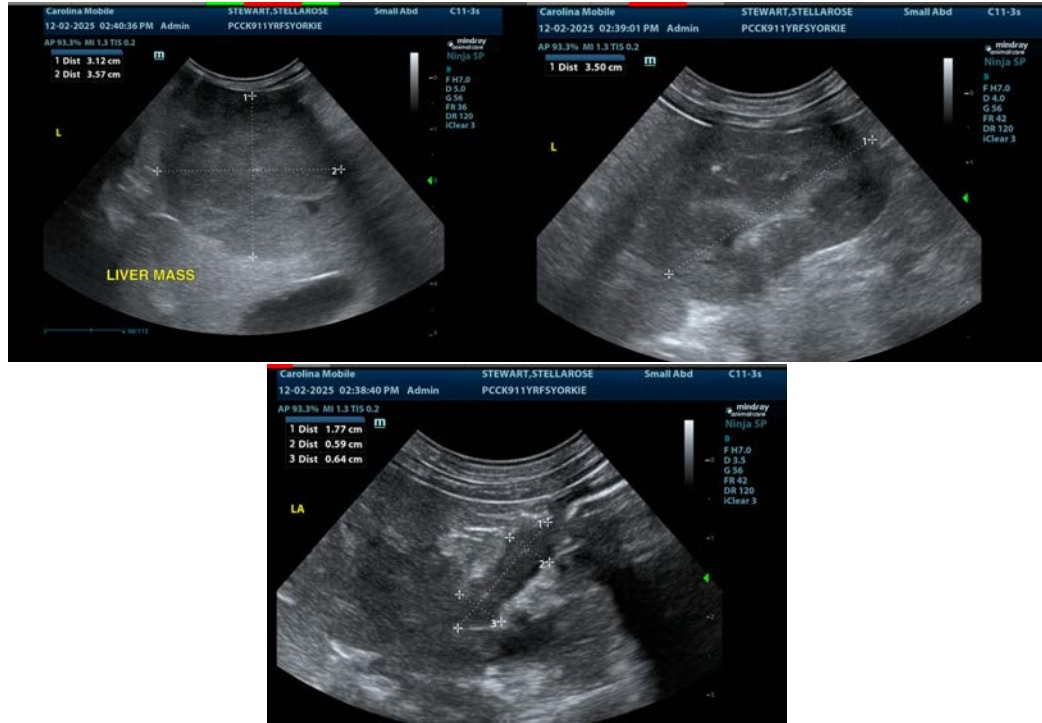
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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