



PATIENT

Balto Maitland

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Siberian Husky

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

9 Years

WEIGHT

56 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Lost 20lb in 1 year, recent episode of collapse, decreased appetite. Chronic OA with hind limb muscle loss. BP in hospital 170-180 but anxious

Current meds: Trazodone TID, Gabapentin BID, Rimadyl BID

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Alb 2.5, Glob 4.7, ALP 405 USG 1.038

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is mildly to moderately distended with anechoic urine. The apical wall of the urinary bladder appears somewhat thickened, measuring 0.77 cm. The region of the trigone, ureteral papillae and proximal urethra appear free of any mass lesions or calculi.

The prostate is normal in size (1.17 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.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.7 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (6.63 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.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.88 cm at the cranial pole and 0.63 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 1.22 cm at the cranial pole and 0.58 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 normal in size but irregular in shape. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. Towards the tail of the spleen there is a mixed echogenicity hyper- and hypoechoic poorly defined mass effect visualized measuring >1.98 cm x 2.96 cm. Additionally, there is a smaller hypoechoic nodule measuring 1.04 cm.

Liver

The liver is large in size 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 is



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a large, solid, rounded mass effect visualized caudoventral to the stomach, most consistent with a hepatic mass lesion measuring >9.13 cm x 4.36 cm.

The gall bladder lumen is significantly distended. Some areas of the wall appear mildly thickened with adherent debris. There is a large amount of primarily non-organized echogenic debris. There is no evidence of bile duct dilation.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains mild fluid and gas. 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 to mild 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 0.33 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.24 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 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, 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.

PRIMARY FINDINGS

- Mixed echogenicity splenic mass – Findings could be consistent with benign or neoplastic lesion (hemangiosarcoma, hemangioma, round cell neoplasia, hematoma, atypical myelolipoma, etc.).
- Large, solid cranial abdominal mass lesion – Findings are most consistent with a primary hepatic mass lesion (adenoma, carcinoma, other).
- Large gallbladder debris – A large amount of debris is evident in the gall bladder with no evidence of a mucocele or associated inflammation at this time. This could represent an early mucocele or cholestasis, with minimal evidence of associated inflammation at this time. Continued monitoring of labwork and ultrasound are warranted for progression of this lesion. Ursodiol therapy could be considered.

SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Mildly thickened apical wall of the urinary bladder – The bladder mucosal changes could be consistent with cystitis or artifactual due to lack of adequate luminal distension. Bladder neoplasia cannot be ruled out but is considered unlikely in this patient.



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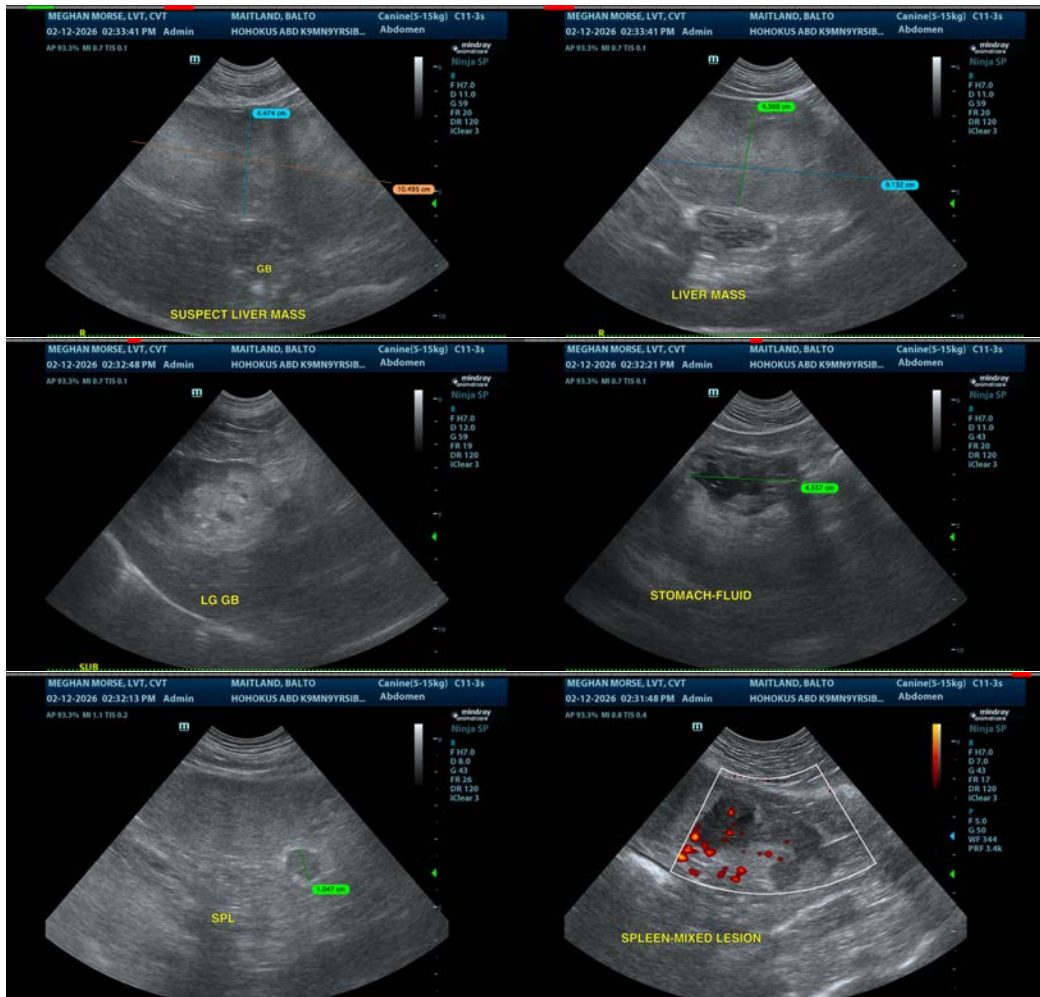
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a large mass effect visualized cranioventral to the stomach. It appears to be most consistent with a primary hepatic mass lesion. Consider a fine needle aspirate. If surgical intervention would be considered, then recommend contrast CT scan to further evaluate.

Additionally, there is a poorly defined, mixed echogenicity mass effect at the caudal aspect of the spleen. Options moving forward would include a fine needle aspirate and/or splenectomy with samples for histopathology.

Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement (disregard if this has already been done).





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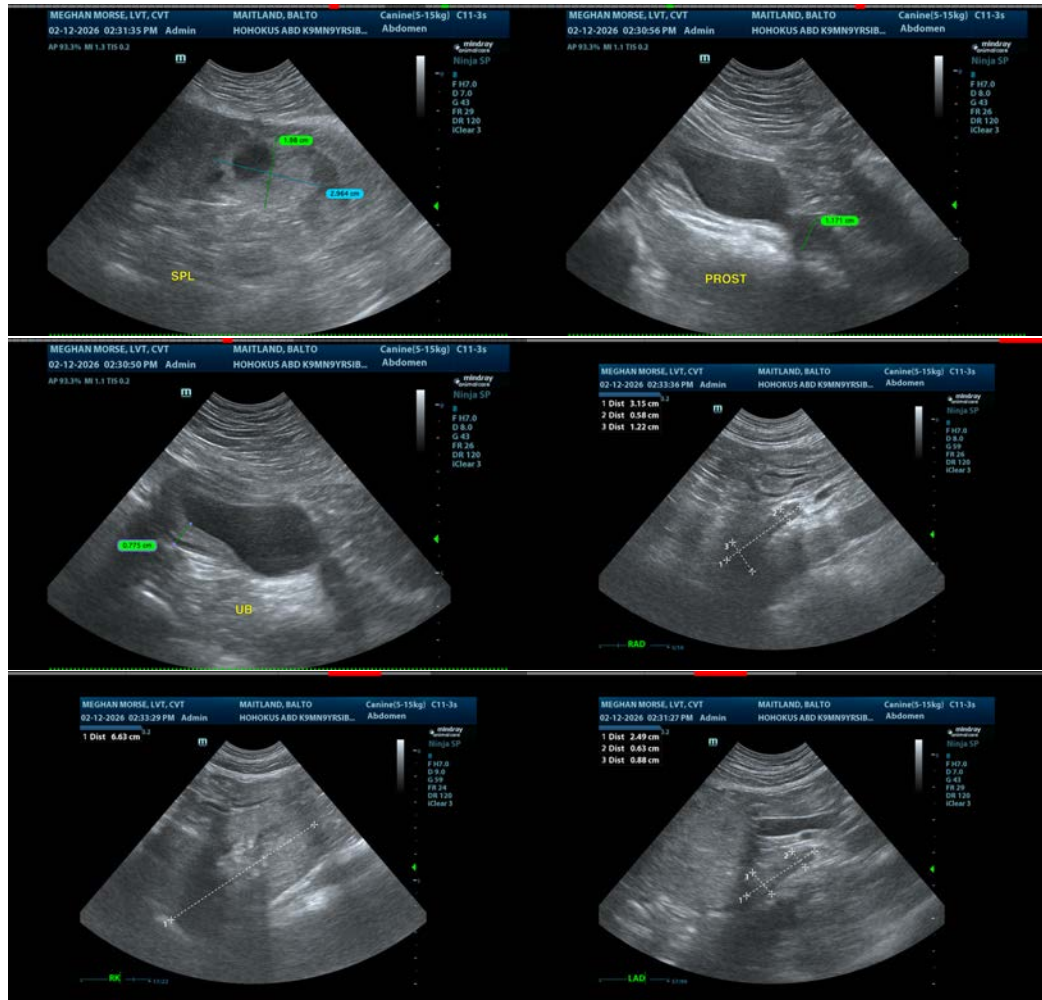
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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