

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/20/23

Was fine earlier today - owner was grooming her at home Patient jump away and then she started breathing heavy - owner watched her for 2 hours and trouble breathing continued Was not open mouth breathing at home No health conditions.

**PATIENT**

Murkie Canavan

Current Medications: Buprenorphine, Clavamox, Furosemide, Mirtazapine, Cerenia.  
Lab Results: See attached.

**SPECIES**

Feline

Radiographs: FAST SCAN- moderate pleural effusion  
Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.  
Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.  
Stat Report: Not requested.

**BREED**

DLH

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****SEX**

Spayed Female

**Urinary System**

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.

**AGE**

6/6/09

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.43 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**

10.6 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.54 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 region of left adrenal (Cranial to left renal artery) is unremarkable but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect is visualized.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Animal Emergency  
Hospital

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 is visualized.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Nacke-Horney

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.75 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.

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 bile duct is slightly prominent and tortuous but not significantly dilated.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach is significantly distended with air secondary to aerophagia. 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 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. The duodenum measured as normal (between 0.13-0.38cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (between 0.15-0.36cm.) 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 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***

The right auricle and pericardium were visualized and were unremarkable. No obvious pathology is visualized. If cardiac function evaluation is desired a full echocardiogram is warranted.

There is a small amount of pleural effusion visualized cranial to the diaphragm.

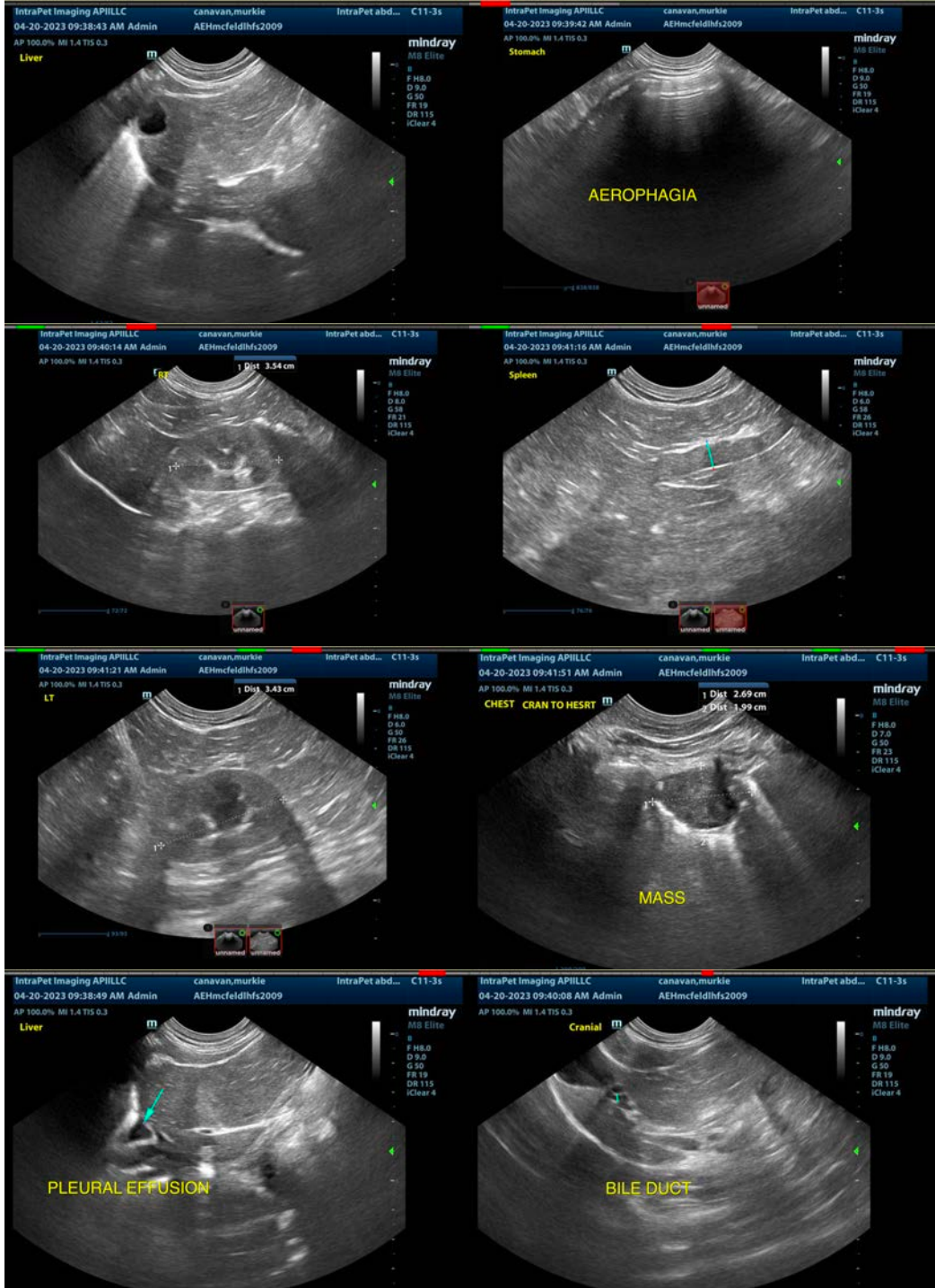
There is a small hypoechoic mass effect visualized cranial to the heart measuring 2.69 cm x 1.49 cm.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Pleural effusion
- Mass effect cranial to the heart – Findings are most consistent with a lymph node or mediastinal mass lesion (lymphoma, thymoma, etc.). Consider a fine needle aspirate.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The abdomen appears fairly normal for a 14-year-old cat. On evaluation of the thorax, pleural effusion is evident with a small mass effect cranial to the heart, most consistent with a mediastinal mass/enlarged sternal lymph node. If a window can be obtained, recommend a fine needle aspirate of this lesion.



**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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