

**DATE**

6.30.2023

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Recovered from aspiration pneumonia a couple weeks ago, IVD Dz at ER over weekend with possible seizure/syncopal episode, with mass on spleen.

**PATIENT**

Lucky Cangelosi

Current Medications: Baytril, Composure Pro, Dasuquin Advanced

Lab Results: ALT 191, BUN 32, K 3.5, 18,000 WBC

Radiographs: Enlarged liver/spleen, aspiration pneumonia

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Labrador

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

5/1/2008

**WEIGHT**

64 lbs

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**REFERRING VET**

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**INVOICE**

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****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.

The prostate is normal in size (2.69 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 (7.08 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of 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 (6.84 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of 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 (1.00 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 (1.06 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 large in size, echotexture is homogenous, with an irregular splenic capsule. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There are numerous mixed-echogenicity, partially cystic, bulging mass effects arising from the spleen (one such lesion measures 3.99 x 3.16 cm / another measures 3.59 x 4.03 cm / another measures 5.10 x 5.98 cm). Additionally, there are hypoechoic nodules visualized (measuring 0.98 and 1.24 cm in diameter).

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively (normal, large, small, normal/large, normal/small) in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. 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 small cystic lesion visualized (1.54 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 primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains moderate fluid and ingesta. 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. The duodenum measured as normal (0.43 cm) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.38 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 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.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **Primary Findings**

- Large, irregular mottled spleen with numerous, bulging, mixed-echogenicity mass lesions - Several mixed echogenic masses are visualized associate within the spleen. These masses distort the splenic capsule. Differentials include: benign lesions (lymphoid hyperplasia, hemangioma etc..) or cancerous lesions (hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, histiocytic sarcoma etc.).
- Heterogenous liver with small, cystic lesion - 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.
- Moderate fluid and ingesta visualized within the gastric lumen – If the patient was adequately fasted, consider such differentials as delayed gastric emptying or a partial outflow tract obstruction (none observed).

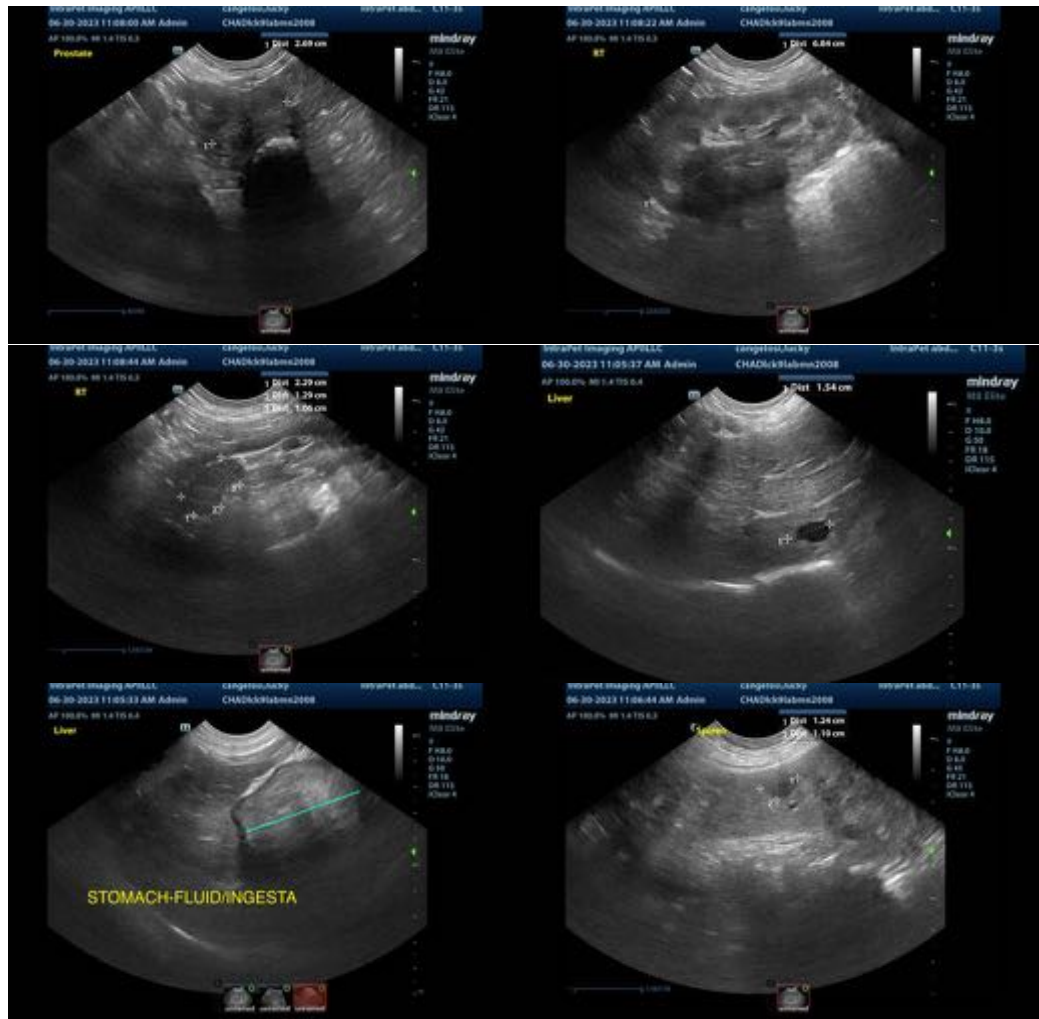
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

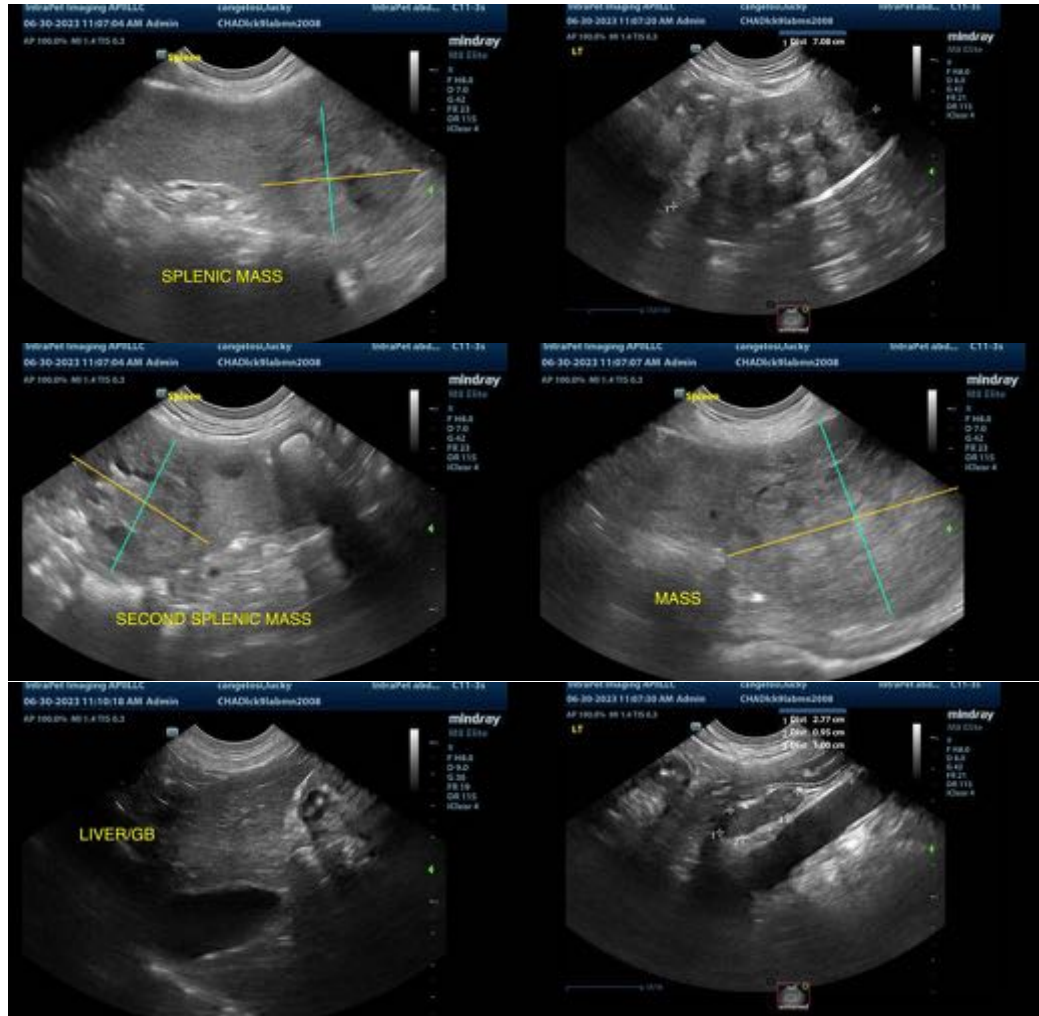
The spleen is large and mottled, with numerous, mixed-echogenicity, partially-cystic mass lesions. The appearance of the spleen is highly concerning for a neoplastic process, although other differentials are

possible. Recommended a fine-needle aspirate of the spleen and/or a splenectomy for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.

The liver is heterogenous. No definitive lesions consistent with metastasis are visualized, but this cannot be ruled out.

Recommend three-view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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