



**PATIENT**

Paulie Elmen

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Basset Hound

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

12 Years 8 Months

**WEIGHT**

75 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Splenectomy 12-29-20. Histopath came back suspect round cell neoplasm. CD18 neg ruling out histiocytic sarcoma. Was rec to monitor with US for mets or new tumors, lymphadenopathy, . Also in Dec 2020 had cystotomy, thickened bladder and polyps removed.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: none

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately/mildly distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall is subjectively very mildly irregular and possibly thickened at 0.49 cm. This could be artifact due to lack of filling. In general, the 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 left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.88 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 (5.6 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. Non-obstructive nephroliths noted. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.48 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 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.

**Spleen**

Splenectomy performed on 12/29/20. Splenic fossa appears normal.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal 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 hypoechoic nodule visualized near the periphery at 0.87 cm. It is not deformed the hepatic margins.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

**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.



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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 0.3-0.5cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (between 0.2-0.47cm.)

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Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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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**

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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**

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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 generally of normal echogenicity, but appears slightly hyperechoic in the region caudal to the stomach.

**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

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- Questionable urinary bladder irregularity – 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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- Heterogeneous liver with small hypoechoic nodule – 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.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- No spleen – splenectomy performed 12/29/20 (possible round cell neoplasia)
- There is questionable hyperechoic mesentery caudal to the stomach and in the area of the pancreas. A cause for this was not identified.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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No large discreet masses or enlarged lymph nodes were visualized on today's scan, making concern for advanced metastasis low. If liver values are normal, the hepatic changes could be consistent with age related remodeling. Consider urinalysis and culture to evaluate the urinary bladder. There is questionable hyperechoic mesentery caudal to the stomach. This could be normal for this patient (post-surgical area?) or could be consistent with mild pancreatic inflammation, etc. There is no evidence of an inflamed pancreas on today's scan.

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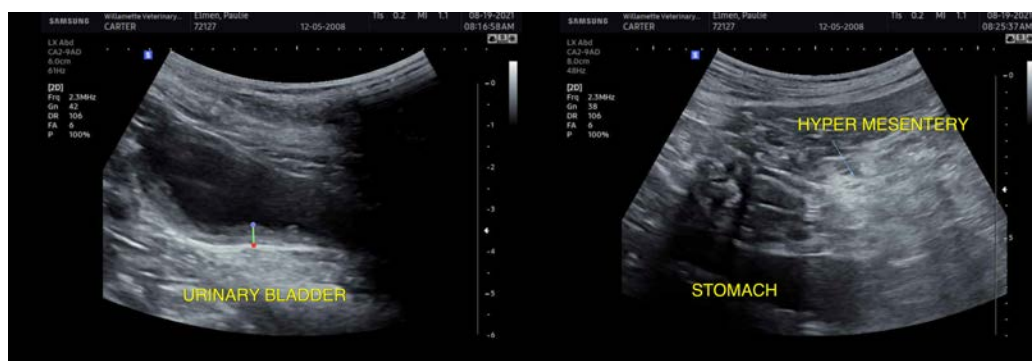
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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