CASE REPORT « TWO TUMORS, ONE DOG » SFAPV – 2015

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HISTORY - CLINICAL EXAMINATION

- POUPETTE, 12 years old
- Neutered female Wirehaired Dachsund
- Presented to the ECU of ENVA
- Weakness, dysorexia, polypnea, abdominal dilation

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

RADIOGRAPHY

- Thorax : no abnormality
- Abdomen : marked hepatomegaly

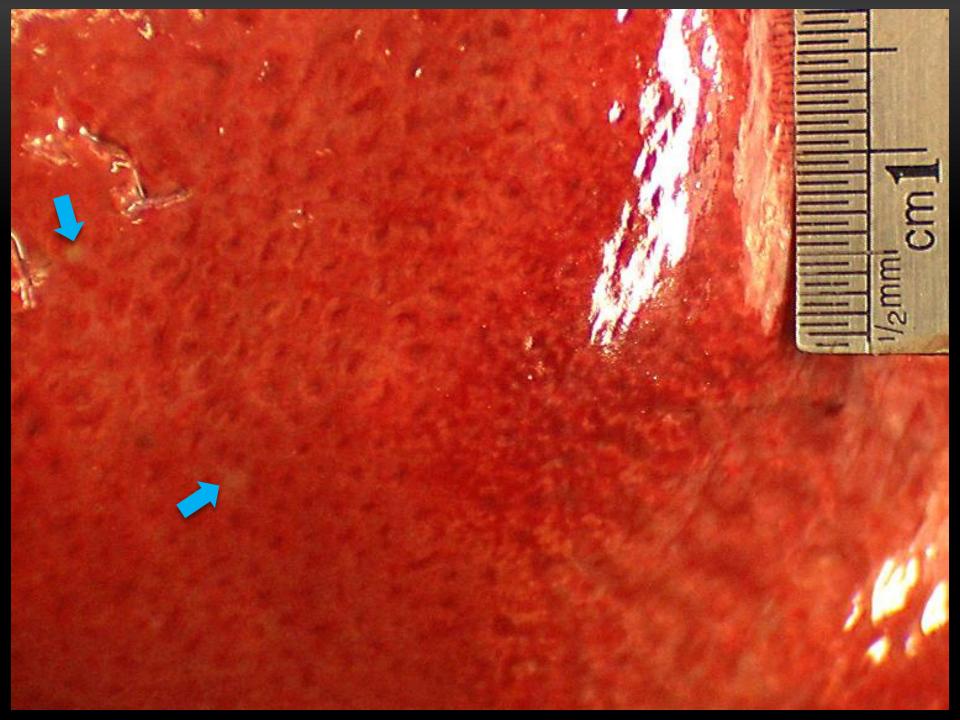
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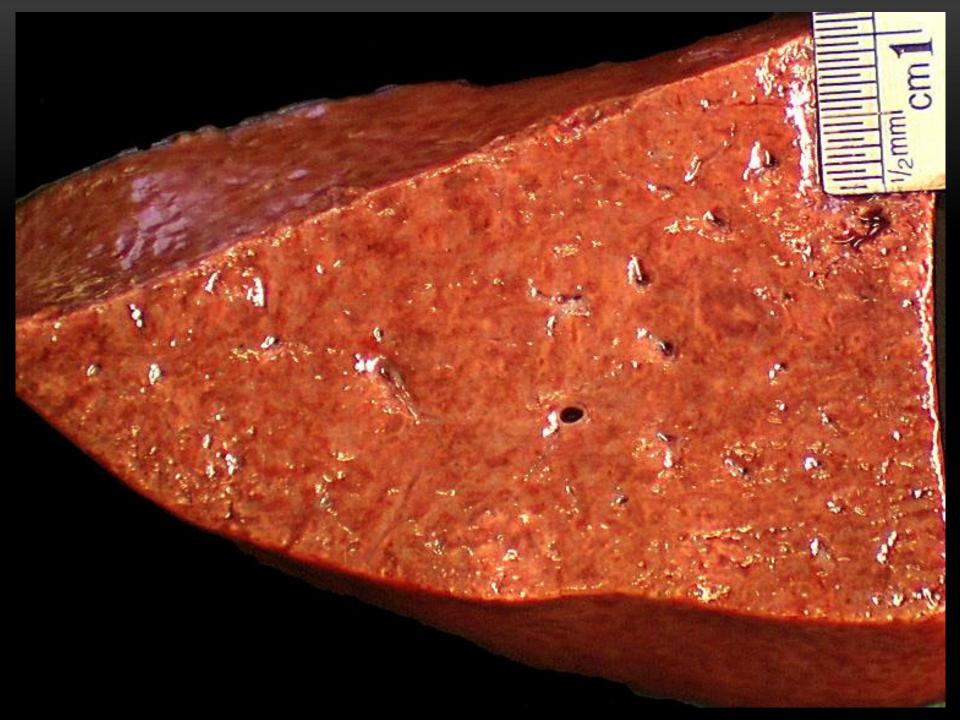
- Liver : marked hepatomegaly
- Spleen: marked splenomegaly with one large mass
- Adrenal glands: right ≈ 2 cm with caudal vena cava invasion, left one slightly increased

CLINICAL CONCLUSION

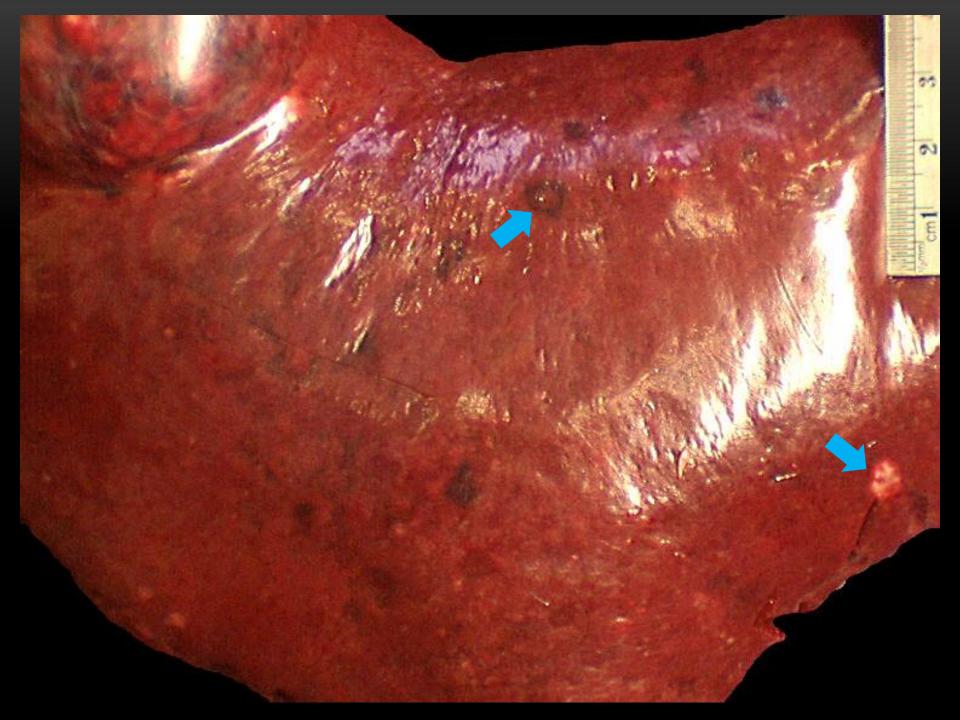
- Hepatic, splenic and adrenal enlargment
- Strongly suggestive of malignancies
- No other complementary tests
- Euthanasia decided by owners

NECROPSY

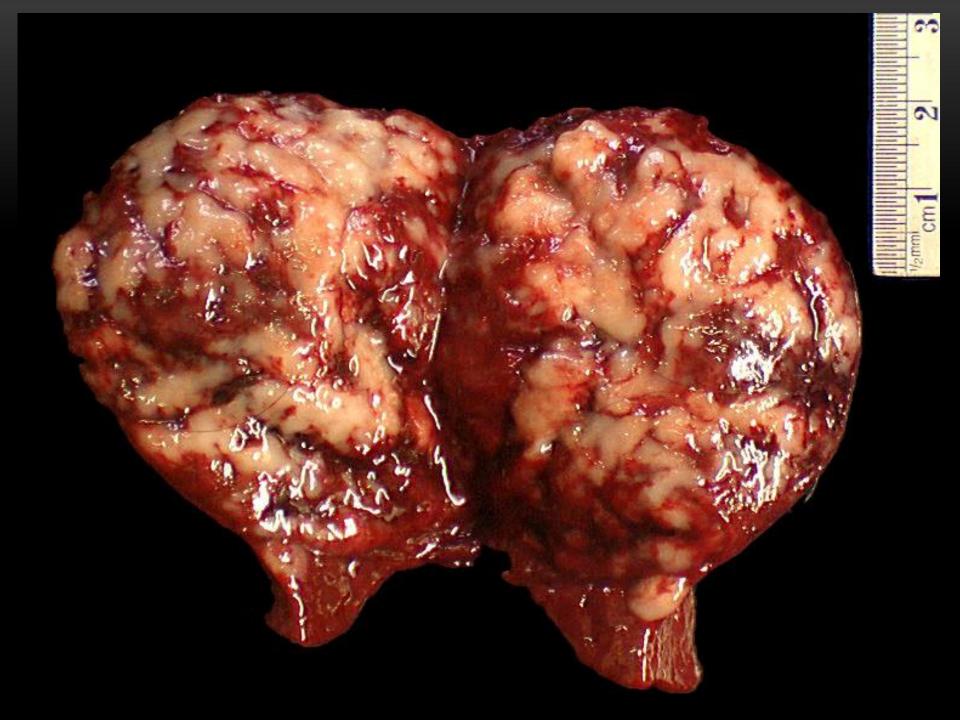


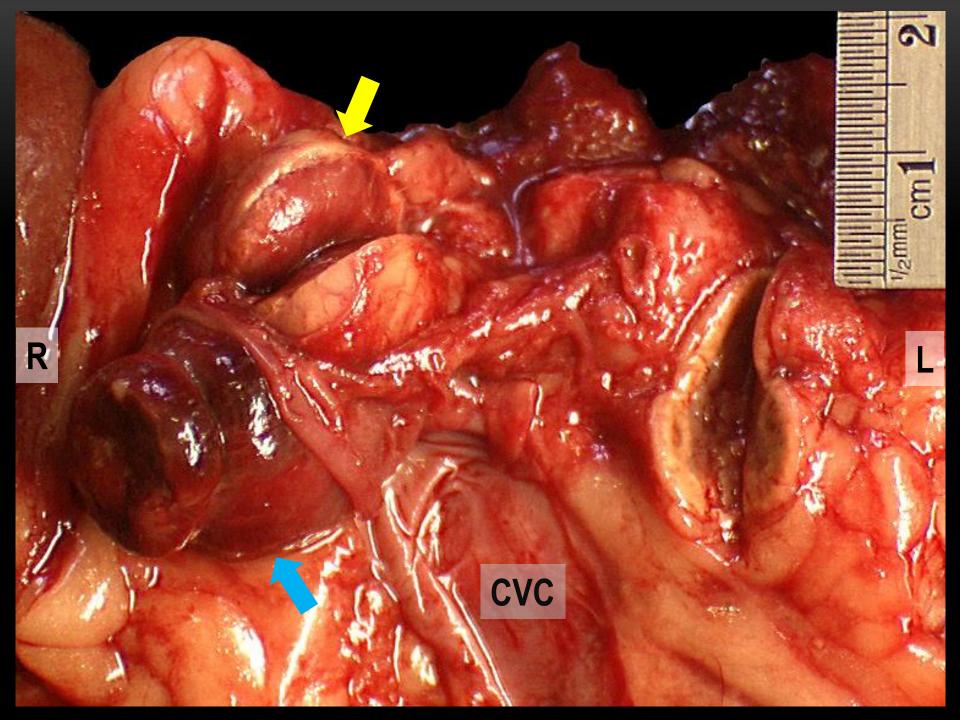












NECROPSY CONCLUSION

- LIVER: hepatomegaly, diffuse, marked with increased lobular pattern, with white foci and diffuse pale color
- SPLEEN: splenomegaly, diffuse, marked with white foci and diffuse pale color + 4 cm nodule, soft, red to white
- → First hypothesis : lymphoma (and splenoma)
- RIGHT ADRENAL GLAND: 2 cm tan mass apparently from center of the gland with invasion of the caudal vena cava
- → First hypothesis : pheochromocytoma

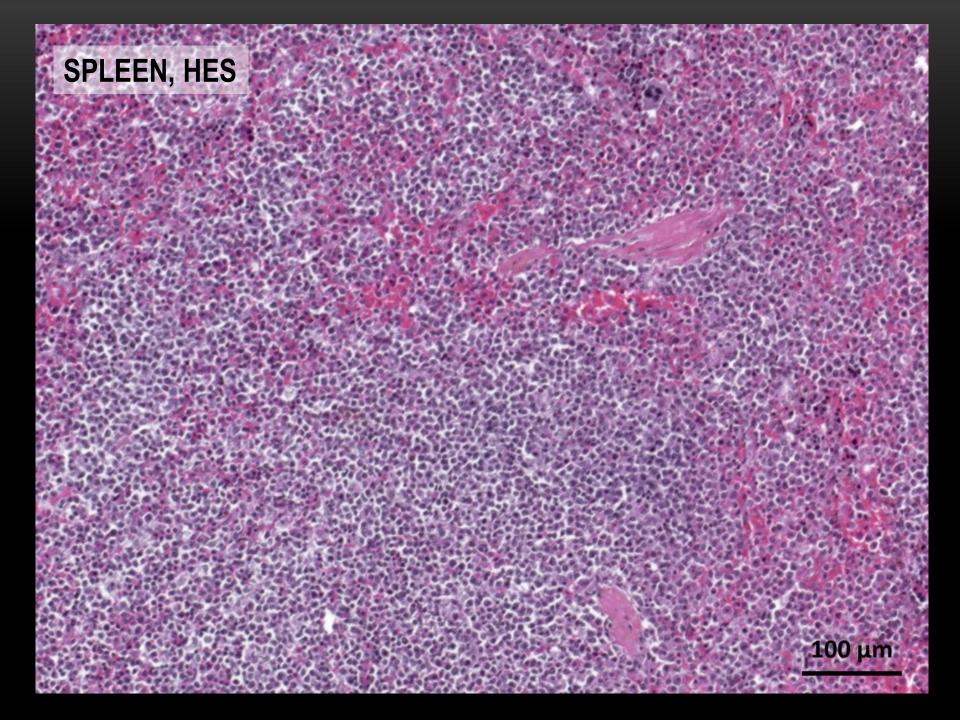
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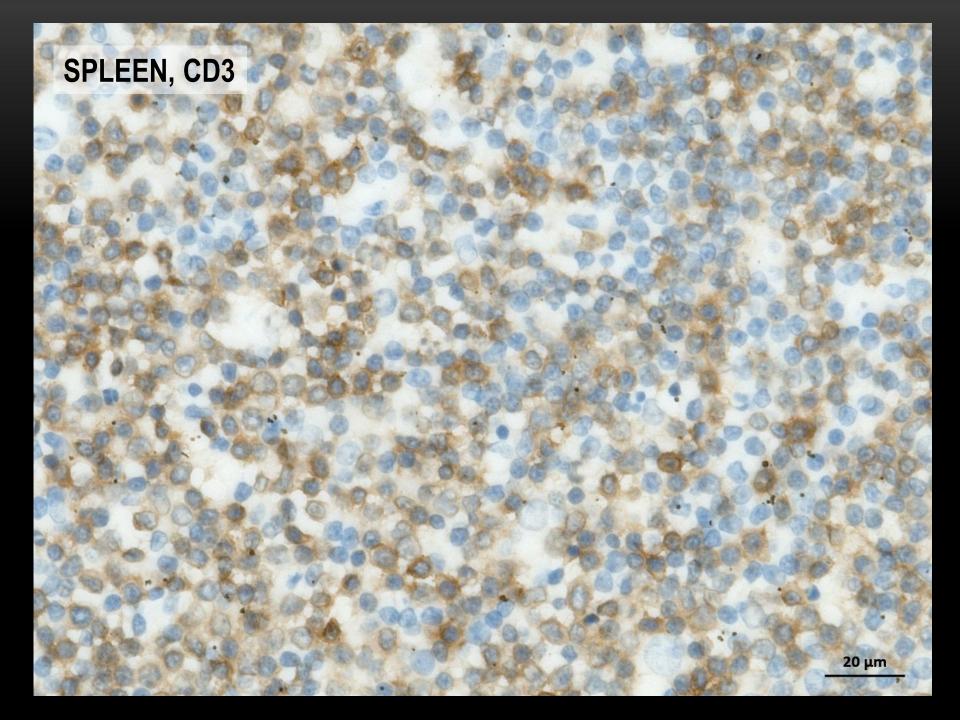
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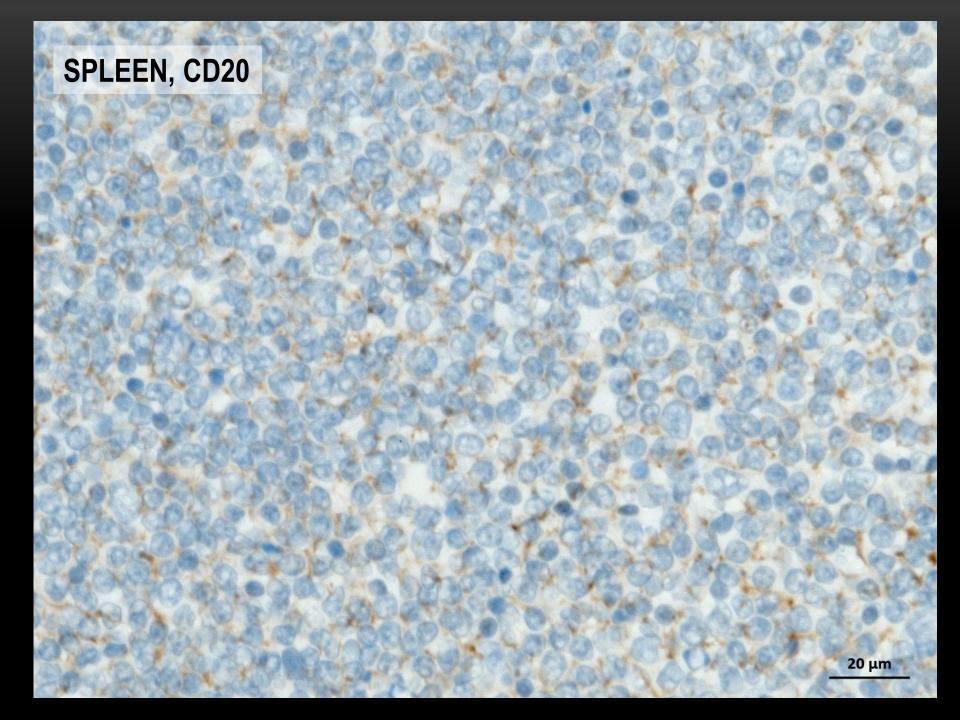
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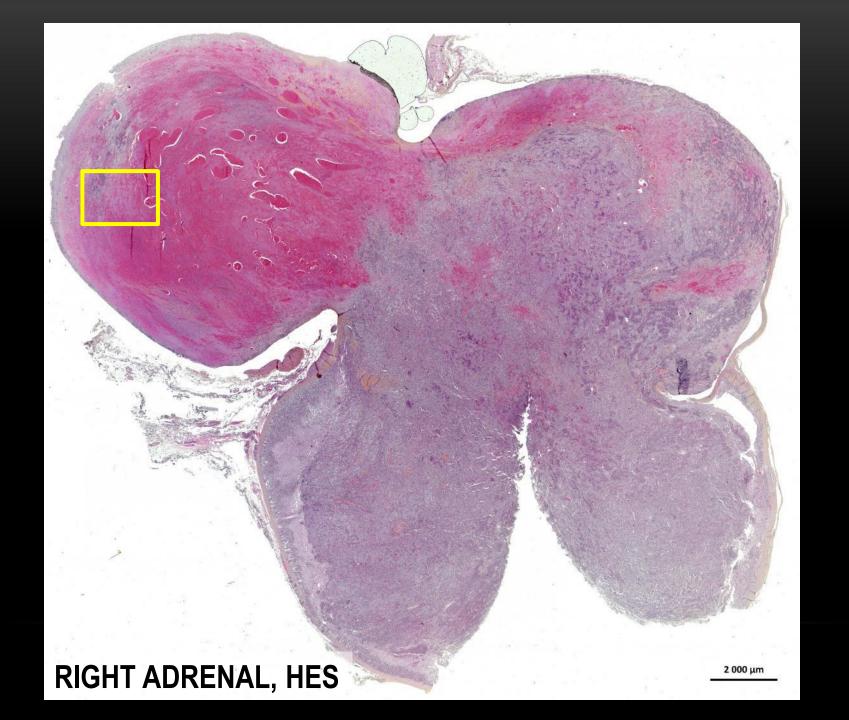
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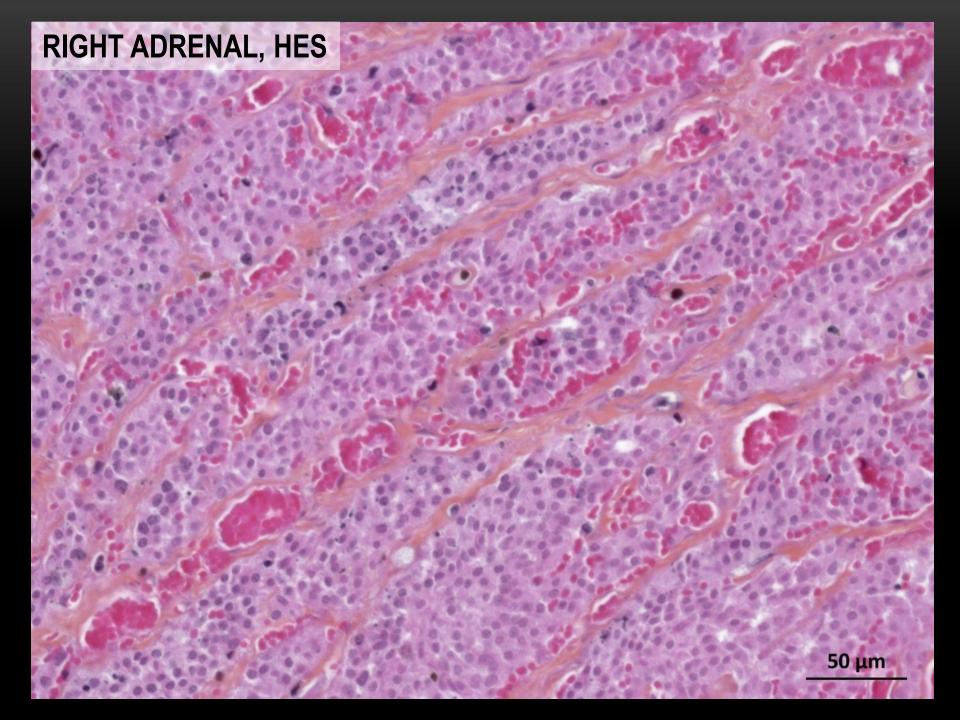
LIVER, HES





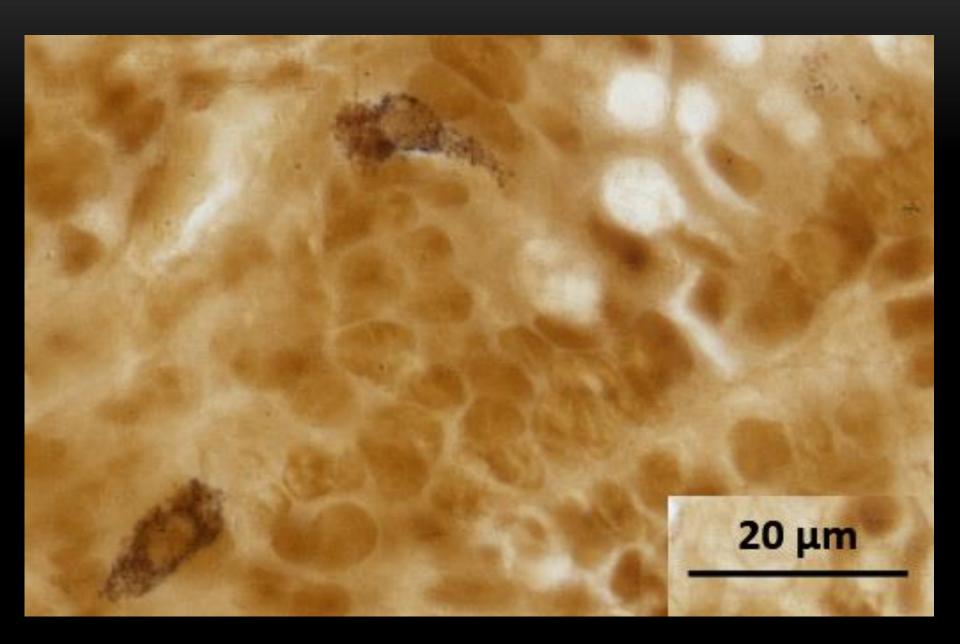


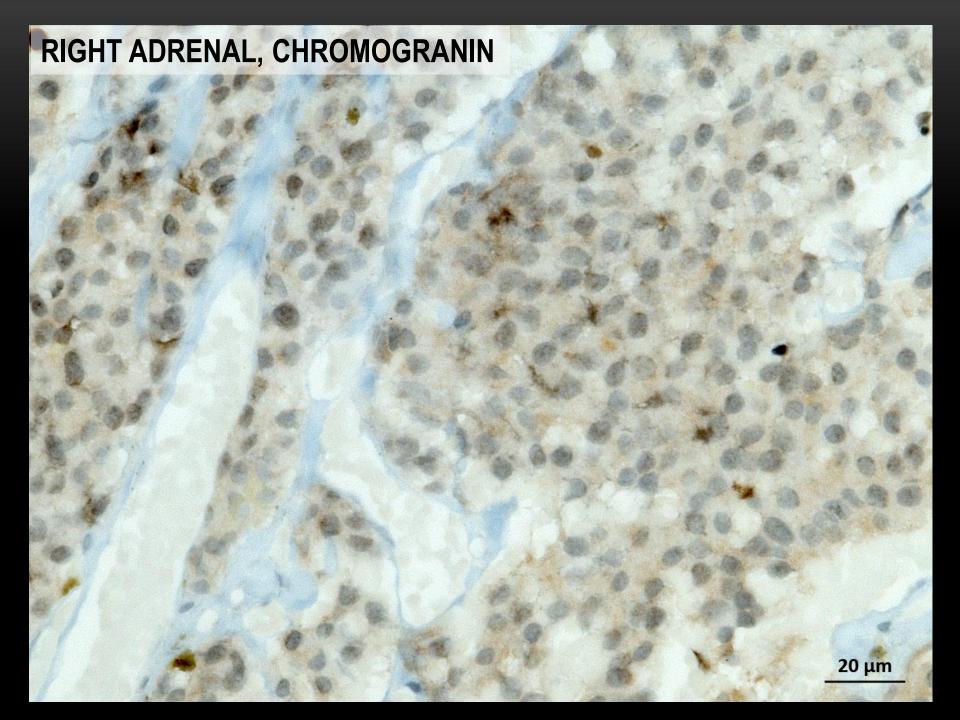


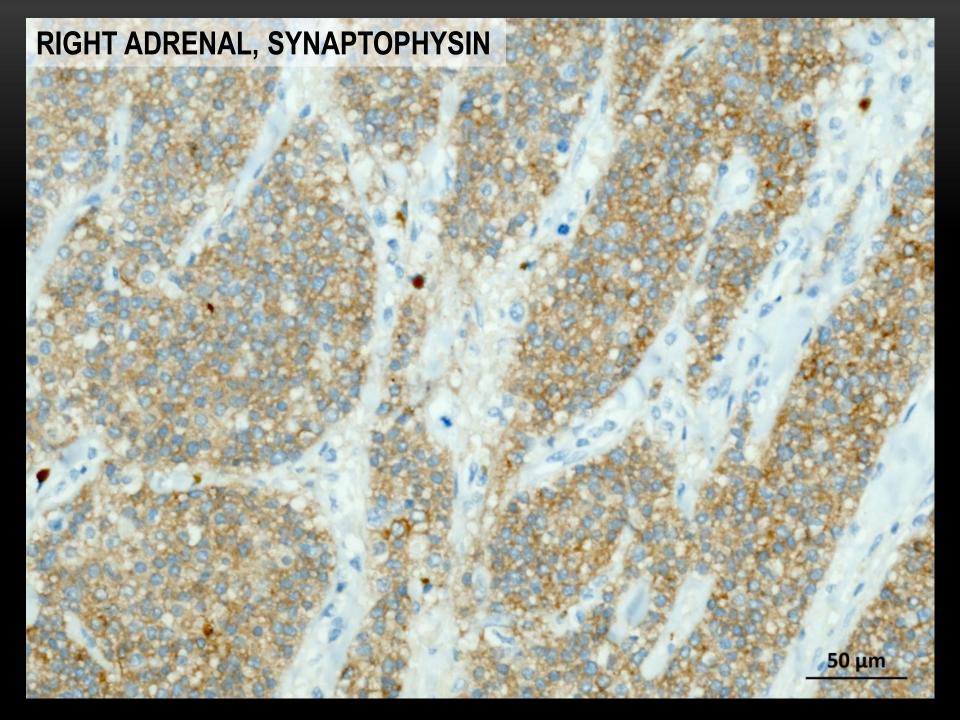




GUT, POSITIVE CONTROL, GRIMELIUS







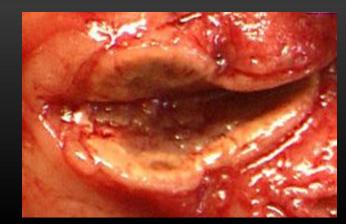
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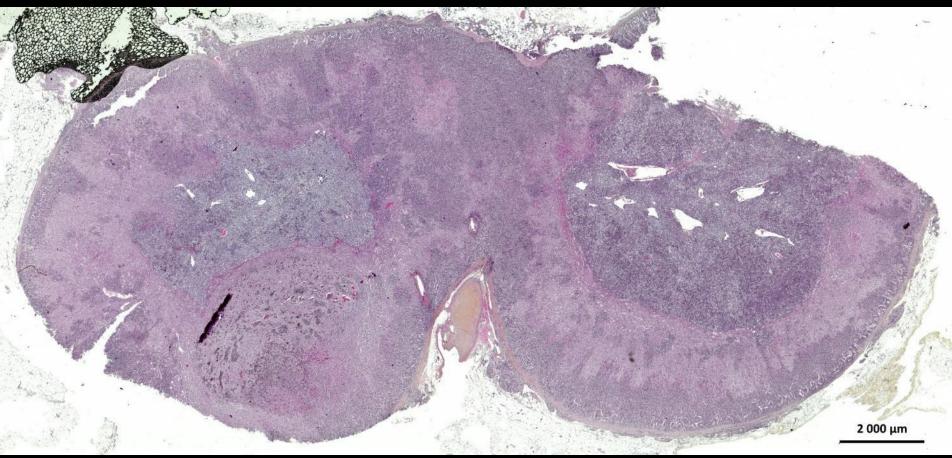
- Confirmation of necropsy hypothesis
- LIVER and SPLEEN: T-cell lymphoma
 - No lymph node involvement
 - Hepato-splenic T-cell lymphoma ?
 - No frozen section to test γδ TCR by IHC
- RIGHT ADRENAL GLAND: pheochromocytoma
 - No signs of systemic effects

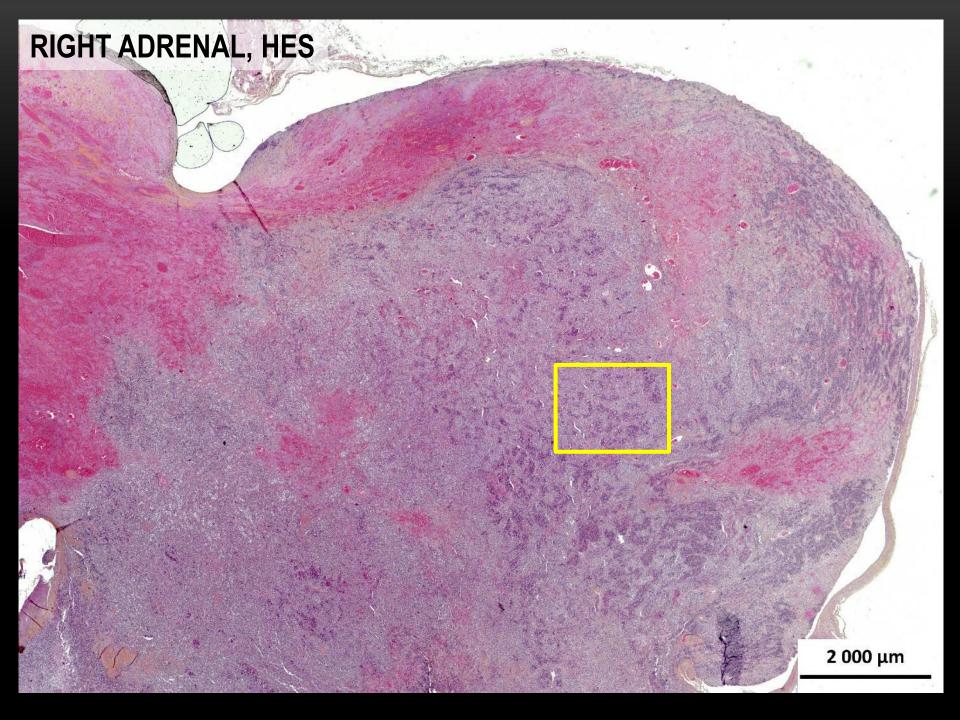
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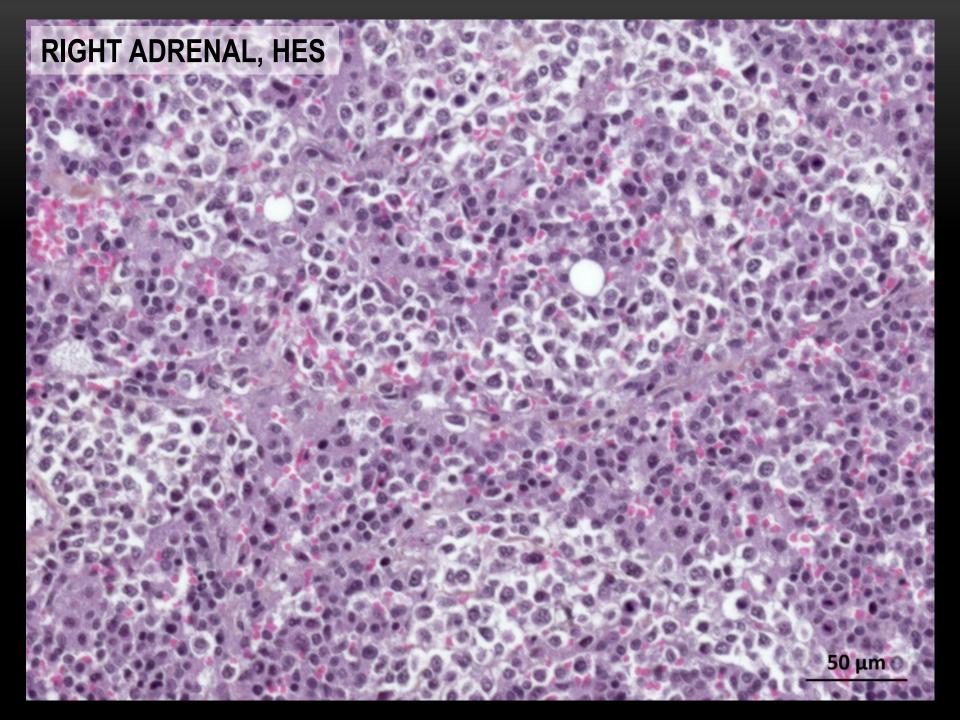
LEFT ADRENAL, HES

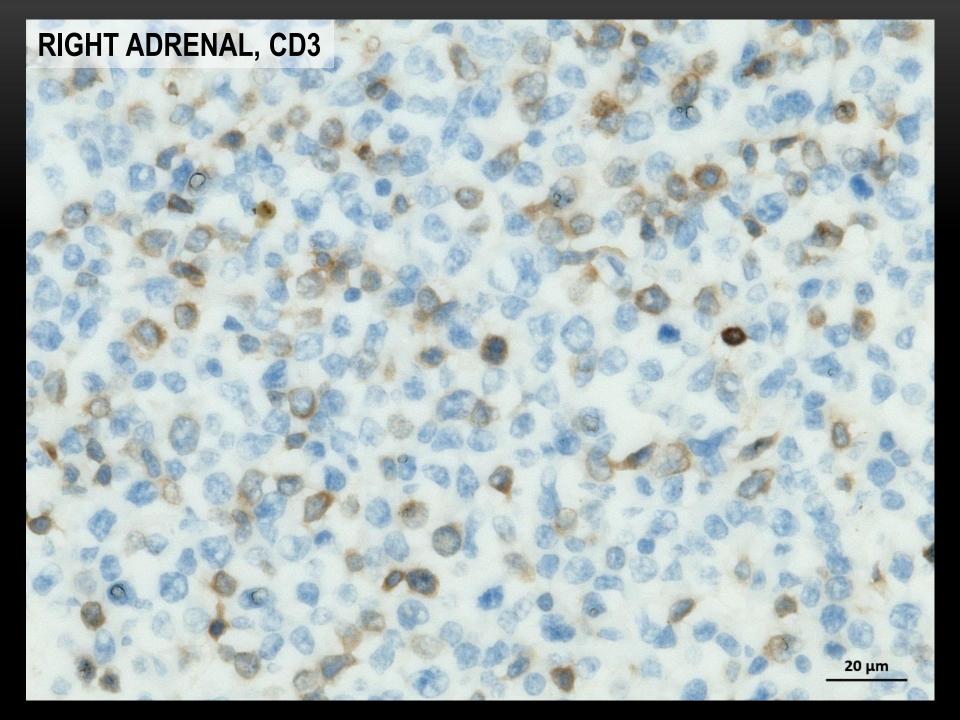
Remember ultrasound report : « Left adrenal gland is slightly increased »











CONCLUSION

- T-CELL LYMPHOMA
 - Liver
 - Spleen
 - Both adrenal glands
- PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA
 - Right adrenal gland
- LYMPHOMA INSIDE PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA!

DISCUSSION

« Tumors in tumors »

MULTIPLE DISTINCT MALIGNANCIES IN DOGS

- Rebhun & Thamm, 2010 (CSU-VMC)
- 53 (3%) of 1722 dogs presented to oncology service
 - Thyroid carcinoma (2.2% total but 32% MDM)
 - Mast cell tumor (3.4% / 25%)
 - Malignant melanoma (2.1% / 25%)
 - *Lymphoma* (15.6 % total but 4.5% MDM, p > 0.05)
- No breed or sex predisposition
- Human: 7-10% patients with melanoma or thyroid carcinoma

« METASTASIS OF A TUMOR IN ANOTHER TUMOR »

- Very rare event in human (Duprez et al., 2009)
- First described in 1829
- Sometime helpful for diagnosis!
- Definition by Campbell et al., 1968, Cancer
 - At least two distinct neoplasias (at least one malignant)
 - Neoplastic nature of the recipient tumor must be proved
 - Metastasis of the donor tumor must develop inside

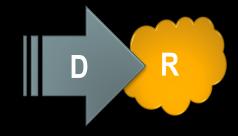
« METASTASIS OF A TUMOR IN ANOTHER TUMOR »

- Several situations are excluded from this definition
 - Complex and mixed tumors
 - Collision
 - Embolisation
 - Lymphoma infiltration
 - Leukemia

MOST « FREQUENT » SITUATIONS

Malignant

- Pulmonary carcinoma ++
- Mammary carcinoma
- Prostatic adenocarcinoma
- Malignant melanoma



Benign

- Meningioma ++
- Thyroid adenoma
- Pituitary adenoma
- Adrenal cortex adenoma

Malignant

- Clear cell renal carcinoma ++
- Gastric carcinoma
- Pancreatic carcinoma
- High grade astrocytoma
- Prostatic adenocarcinoma

Not very well studied in veterinary medicine, even the multiple malignancies

MECHANISMS?

- Not well understood but several hypothesis
- Specific homing of tumor cells (integrins, selectins, other receptors)
- Vascular abnormalities ++
 - For the donor and the recipient tumor
 - VEGF (clear cell renal carcinoma) / veinous network (meningioma)
 - Enhanced permeability and retention effect
- Hormonal factors ?
 - Mammary carcinoma metastasis inside meningioma
 - Strong expression of E2 and P4 receptors in both tumors
- Trophic factors-rich recipient (CCRC, meningioma)
- Inflammation-free recipient (meningioma)

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