



**PATIENT**

Morgan Maddux

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

10/02/2017

**WEIGHT**

8lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Patient initially presented a little over a week ago for inappetence, hiding, and appearing not to fully empty her bladder/decreased urinations. Received Onsior, Convenia and subcutaneous fluids. Improved initially, but clinical signs relapsed. Started Mirtazapine 5 days ago and has been eating better since then. Patient has had one other episode GI signs in the distant past.

Clinical Exam Findings: Hx of Cerebellar Hypoplasia  
Currently: Inappetent. Hiding. Stranguria/infrequent urinations.

Abnormal lab-work values: T4 - 0.5

Current Medications: Convenia administered - 1/7/2026; Mirataz; +/- Onsior

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. A small amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.41 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (3.44 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.29 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.33 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (0.59 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and diffusely homogeneous in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1: 1.

The gallbladder lumen is mildly- to moderately-distended. The wall is of appropriate thickness for the level of repletion. A scant amount of echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is mildly- to moderately-distended with ingesta. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract is patent. The small intestinal lumen is diffusely dilated



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with chyme. The small intestinal wall is normal- to mildly-thickened (up to 0.30 cm). There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no obvious evidence of an obstructive pattern.

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**Pancreas**

The pancreas is normal in size with normal peripheral contours. The pancreatic duct is normal. The base and limbs of the pancreas are isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. No focal lesions are observed. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

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**Lymph Nodes**

One-to-two prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized (one measuring 1.14 x 0.36 cm). Surrounding mesentery is slightly hyperechoic.

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**Free Abdomen**

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

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**Other**

A brief echocardiogram reveals no obvious evidence of pericardial or pleural effusion in the visible window.

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**Primary Findings**

- The small intestinal wall changes could be consistent with inflammatory bowel disease, normal variation, or less likely, emerging small cell lymphoma.
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

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**Secondary Findings**

- If the patient was fasted for this study, the presence of ingesta within the gastric lumen could suggest delayed gastric emptying.
- Mild bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Consider a GI panel including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI, as well as a fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia.
- Continued symptomatic care is also recommended.
- If clinical signs persist or recur, further GI work-up (i.e., endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies, limited antigen diet trial) may be indicated.

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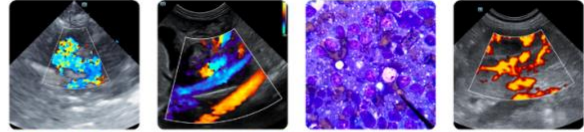
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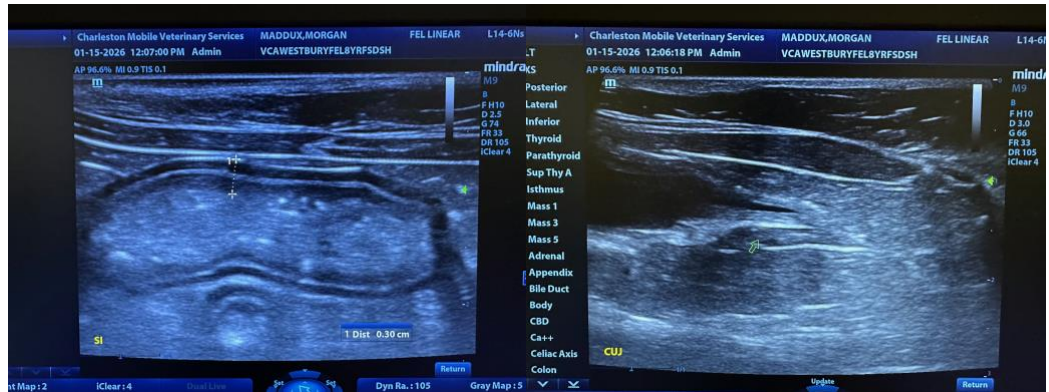
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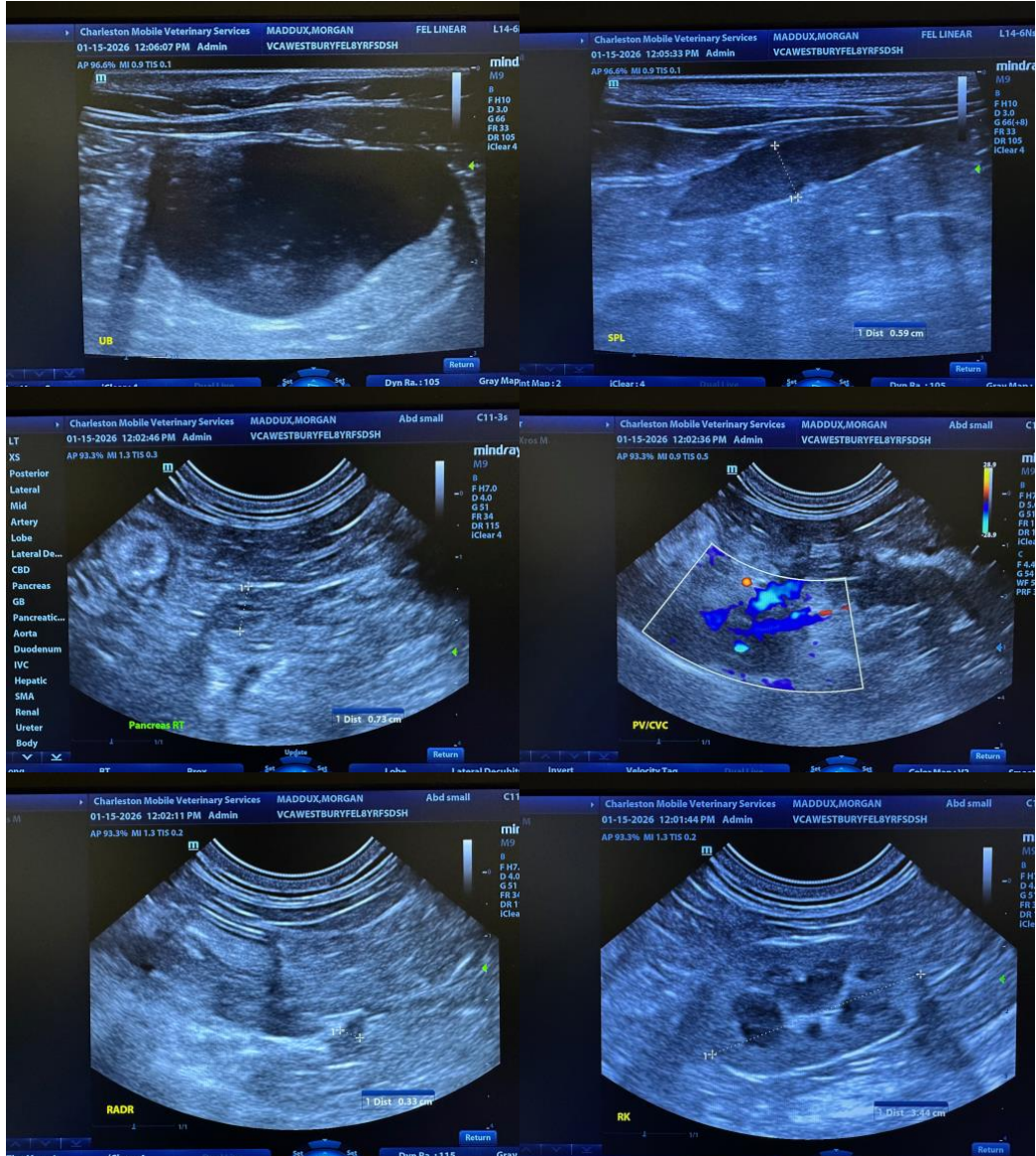
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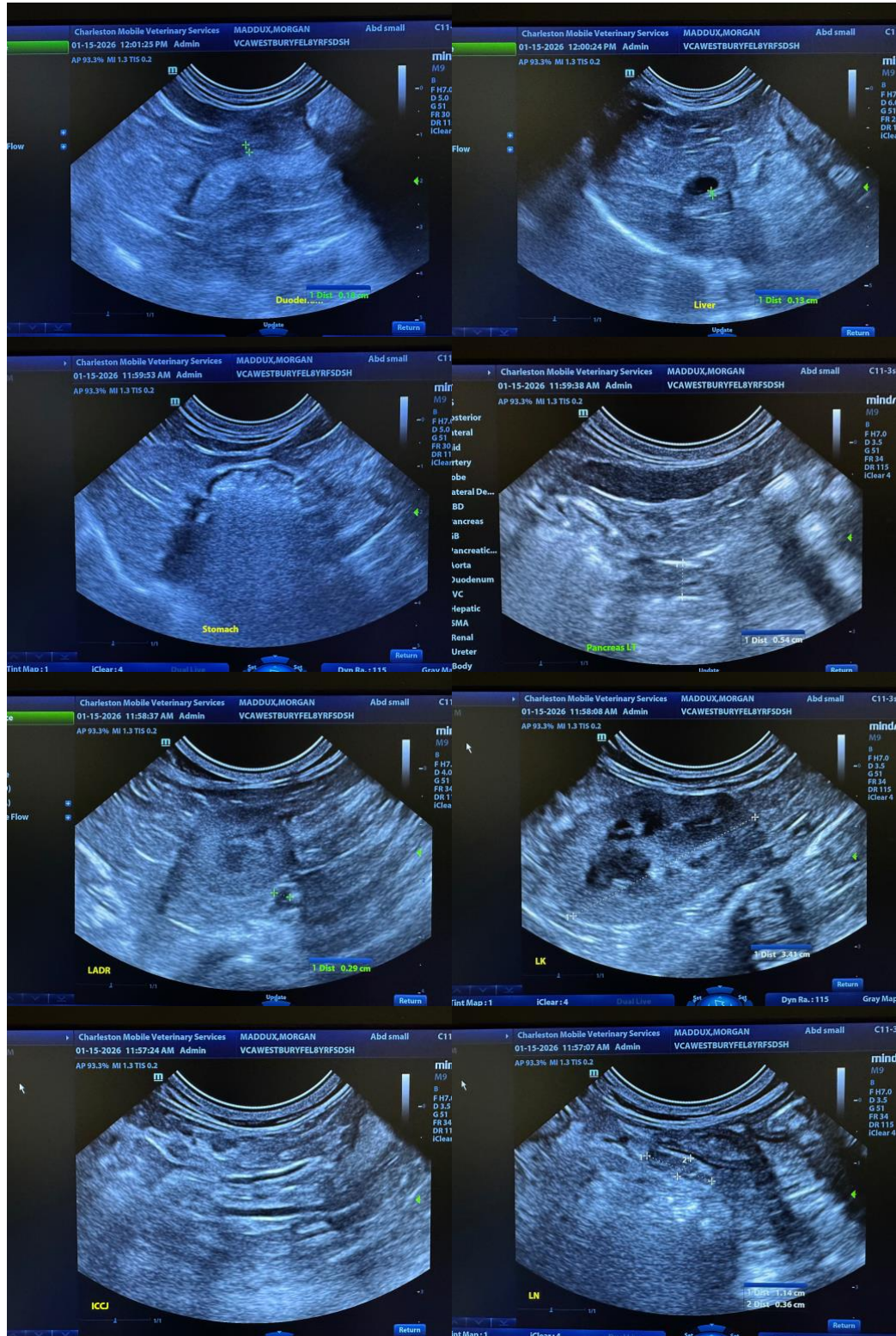
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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