



PATIENT

Nala Abaza

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Clinical Exam Findings: Progressive weight loss. Prior history of vomiting. Waxing and waning hyperoxia - secondary to A2 versus other.

SPECIES

Feline

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is moderately distended with mostly anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. The region of the trigone is normal.

BREED

DSH

The left kidney is normal in size (3.24 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. A few focus of mineralization are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

SEX

Spayed Female

The right kidney is normal in size (3.60 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. A few foci of mineralization are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

06/13/2007

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.30 width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

WEIGHT

6.96 lbs

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.37 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

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Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.50 cm in width at the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen with minor changes consistent with age-related remodeling. No focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1: 1.

HOSPITAL NAME

Flowertown AH

The gall bladder is mildly distended. The wall is slightly thickened (up to 0.21 cm) and hyperechoic. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is not distended. 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 not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

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Pancreas

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.

DATE

1.20.23

Free Abdomen

There is no evidence of free fluid. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized (the largest measuring 1.94 cm in length). Surrounding mesentery is hyperechoic.

Other

A brief echocardiogram reveals no obvious evidence of pericardial effusion.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

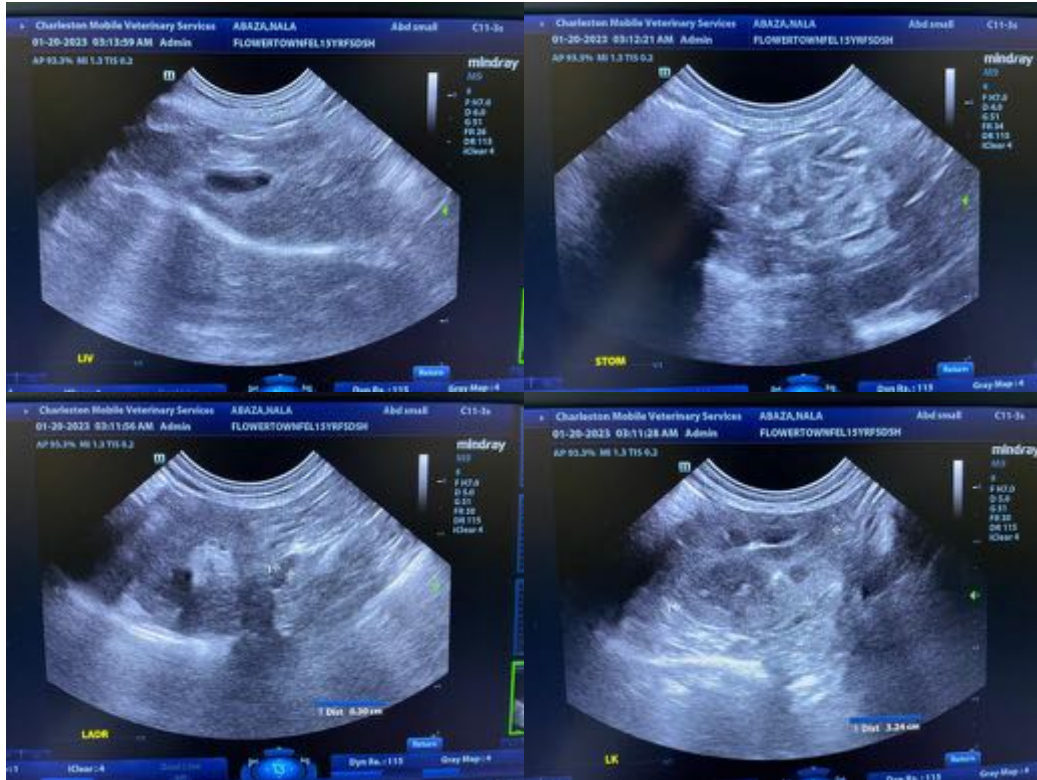
Secondary Findings

- The hepatic changes are consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling and are not considered clinically significant at this time.
- Bilateral age-related renal changes with nonobstructive nephrolithiasis
- The gall bladder wall changes could be consistent with cholecystitis and/or benign age-related hyperplasia. Correlation with the patient's liver values is recommended.

*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include primary gastrointestinal disease (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease, food allergy, infectious/parasitic disease), occult neoplasia, underlying metabolic issue, other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult disease in the chest.
- A T4/free T4 by equilibrium dialysis is also recommended (if not already performed).
- Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia
- GI panel including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI
- Consider initiation of a probiotic.
- Ultimately, endoscopic, or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.



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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