

**PATIENT**

Grover Center

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

13 years

**WEIGHT**

8.18 lbs

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Cottage Grove VH

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**DATE**

10.27.22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Anorectic, losing weight. Exam unremarkable except for fleas and tapeworms.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Mildly elevated bili (both direct and indirect). Current Medications Cerenia, Cyproheptadine Radiographic Findings None

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The **urinary bladder** is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is mildly distended with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 1-2 cm, are normal.

The **left kidney** is normal size (3.84 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The **right kidney** is normal size (3.92 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The **left adrenal gland** is normal size (0.35 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The **right adrenal gland** is normal size (0.43 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** is normal in size (0.62 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 contours and structure. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative, or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

The **gall bladder** lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. Luminal contents are 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. Discrete masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. The colonic lumen is



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moderately distended with liquid-appearing fecal material. There is no 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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**Free Abdomen**

The **peritoneal cavity** is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal **lymph nodes** are normal/not visible.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Findings**

- Bilateral degenerative renal changes.
- Diarrheic stool.

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\*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Considerations include microscopic gastrointestinal disease (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease, infectious/parasitic disease, food allergy), underlying metabolic issue, other. The elevated total bilirubin in the absence of other liver enzyme elevations is likely artifactual (sampling artifact).

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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A T4/free T4 by equilibrium dialysis is recommended, if not already performed. If baseline lab-work is otherwise unremarkable, consider the following:

1. Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia
2. Malabsorption panel, including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI
3. Three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult neoplasia in the chest

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Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis. While awaiting test results, nutritional support (i.e., via a temporary feeding tube) is recommended to help prevent hepatic lipidosis.

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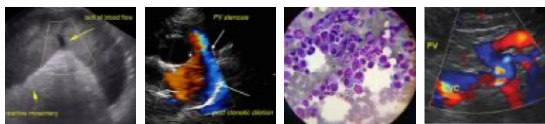
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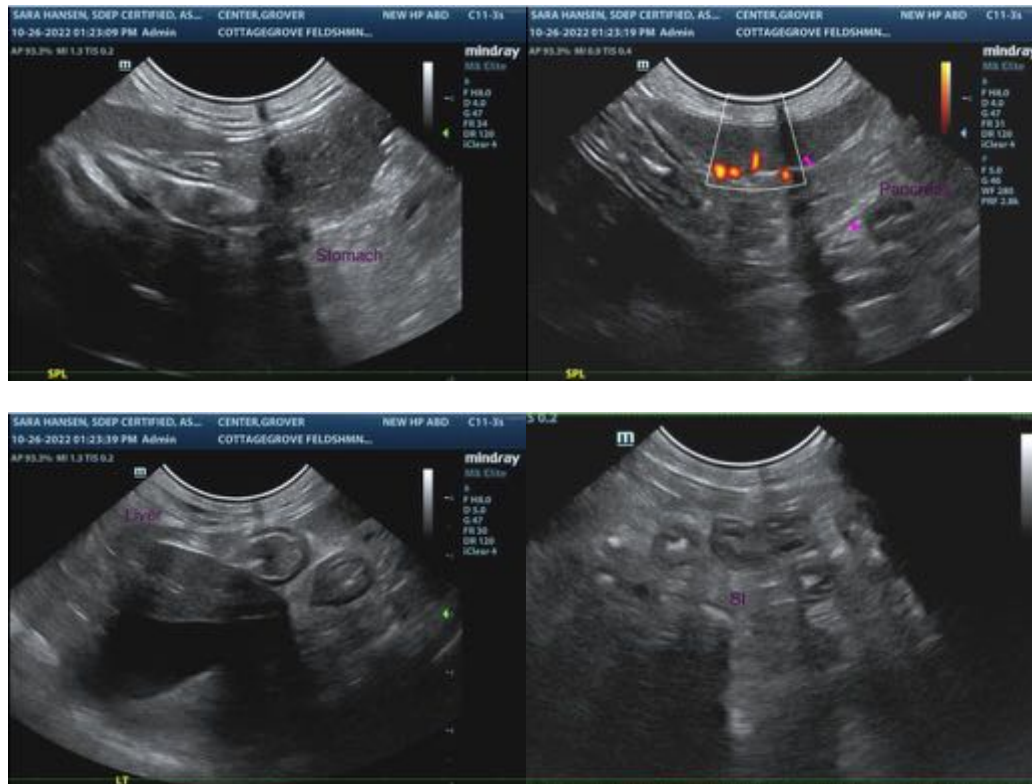
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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