



**PATIENT**

Mochi Day

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

10

**WEIGHT**

5.85 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Patient has a prior history of suspected IBD, bacterial cystitis and bacterial cholangiohepatitis. Has had a decreased appetite and vomiting for the past 6 days. Has been hospitalized. On IV fluids since Tuesday. December 16 bloodwork: Mild thrombocytosis. USG >1.059, with some proteinuria and glucosuria. Mild hyperglycemia (293). BUN 58. Creatinine normal at 1.2. GGT 6. T4 1.4.

**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 aggregated, echogenic, suspended debris is observed within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone is normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.46 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. A few, small, nonobstructive nephroliths are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.23 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. A few, small, nonobstructive nephroliths are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.40 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.47 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is contracted (0.37 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with smooth peripheral contours. 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 is contracted. The wall is of appropriate thickness for the level of repletion. Visible luminal contents appear anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal. The duodenal papilla is normal-in-size (0.30 cm in width).

**Gastrointestinal**

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 distended with chyme. The small intestinal wall is normal in thickness. There is slight disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio in several segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no obvious 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.

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**Lymph Nodes**

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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**Free Abdomen**

A small amount of free fluid is visualized.

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**Other**

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

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- Bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes with nonobstructive nephrolithiasis
- The small intestinal wall changes could be consistent with inflammatory bowel disease or may be a normal variant for this older feline patient. Correlation with the patient's long-term clinical history is recommended. Gastrointestinal ileus is present
- Mild ascites
- Splenic contraction, likely secondary to dehydration

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\*A definitive cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. However, given the patient's clinical history and sonographic changes, an inflammatory bowel disease flare-up is a consideration. Other considerations include infectious/parasitic disease, dietary indiscretion, food allergy/intolerance, borderline metabolic issue, other.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- Consider a GI panel including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI, along with a fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia.
- Given the hyperglycemia, consider a fructosamine to further evaluate for diabetes mellitus.
- Consider three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult pathology in the chest.
- If the patient's appetite normalized, consider transitioning to a limited antigen or hydrolyzed protein diet (if not already receiving one).

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- Ultimately, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.

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- While awaiting test results, symptomatic care is recommended.

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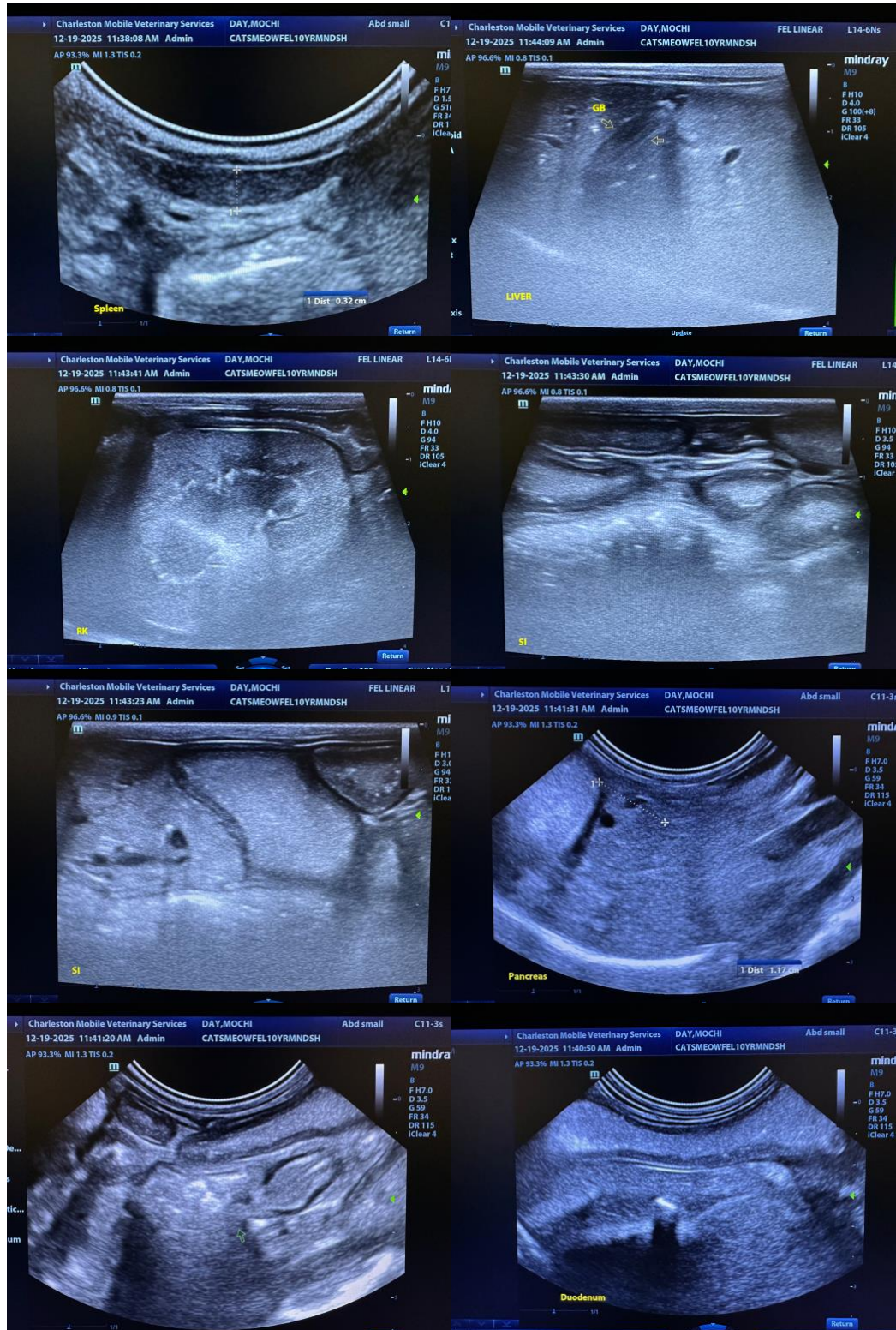
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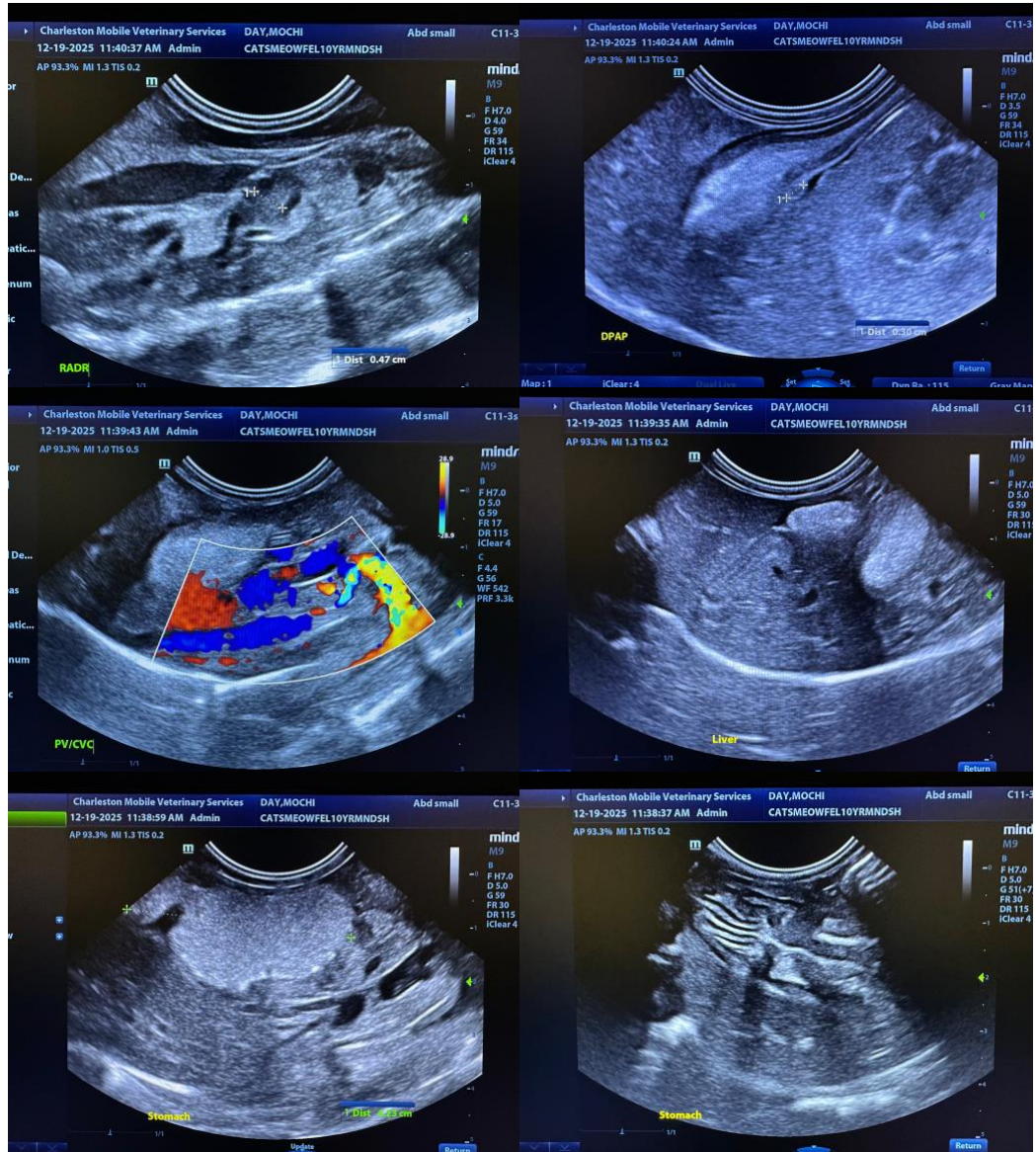
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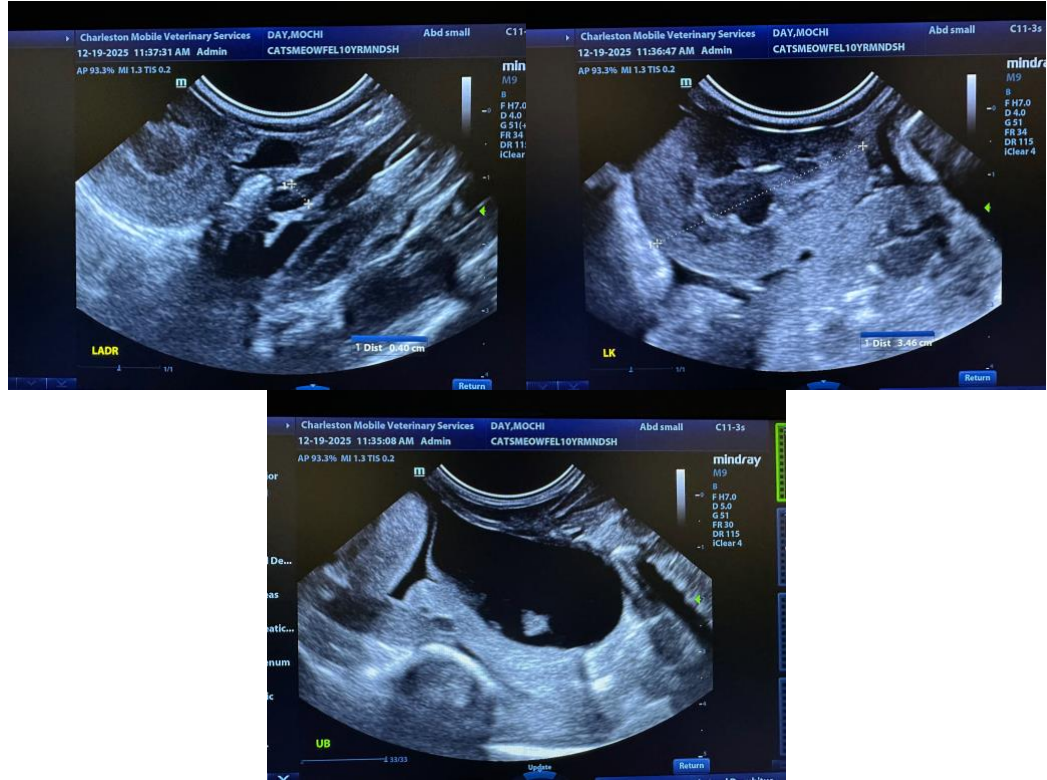
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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