



**PATIENT**

Max Hemelgarn

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: chronic vomiting x months, vomiting blood x days, decreased appetite, lethargic.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC and Chem 27 WNL

**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 anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. The region of the trigone is normal.

**BREED**

Domestic shorthair

The left kidney is normal size (3.67 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

**SEX**

Male

The right kidney is normal size (4.20 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

**AGE**

6 Yrs.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.39 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**WEIGHT**

3.2 kg.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.35 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 (0.56 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 portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1:1. 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.

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**Gastrointestinal**

A 2.63 x 1.69 cm hypoechoic mass is observed in the region of the fundus. The remaining gastric wall is 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. The ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

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**Pancreas**

The left limb is visible with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is mildly

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hypochoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No focal lesions are observed. The pancreatic duct is not overtly dilated.

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### Free Abdomen

Trace free fluid is observed. A 0.72 cm medial iliac lymph node is visualized. A few prominent, rounded lymph nodes are observed in the cranial abdomen (adjacent to the stomach), the largest measuring 1.36 cm in diameter.

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### Primary Findings:

#### SEX

Male

- A suspected gastric wall mass. Neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, adenocarcinoma) is suspected. However, a focal inflammatory process (i.e., pyogranulomatous) or other benign process cannot be completely excluded.

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- The cranial abdominal lymphadenopathy may represent metastatic disease or reactive change.
- Trace ascites.

### Secondary Findings:

#### WEIGHT

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- The pancreatic changes may be a normal variant for this patient or could be consistent with mild, chronic pancreatitis. Correlation with clinical findings is recommended.

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## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for pulmonary metastases.
- Consider an upper GI endoscopy to biopsy the gastric mass. Alternatively, an abdominal exploratory with excisional biopsy of the gastric mass along with biopsies of the cranial abdominal lymph nodes can also be considered.

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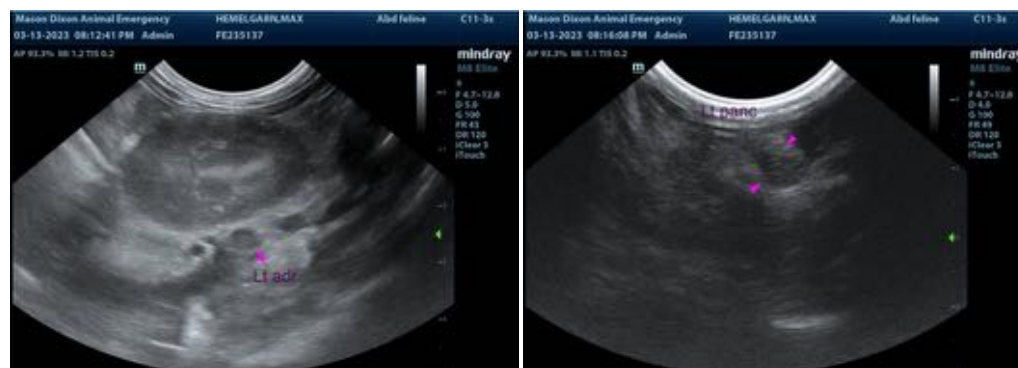
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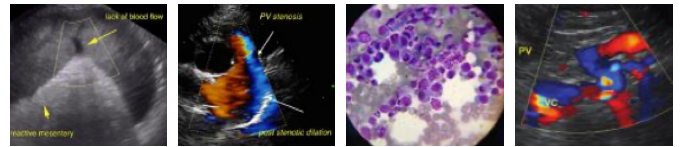


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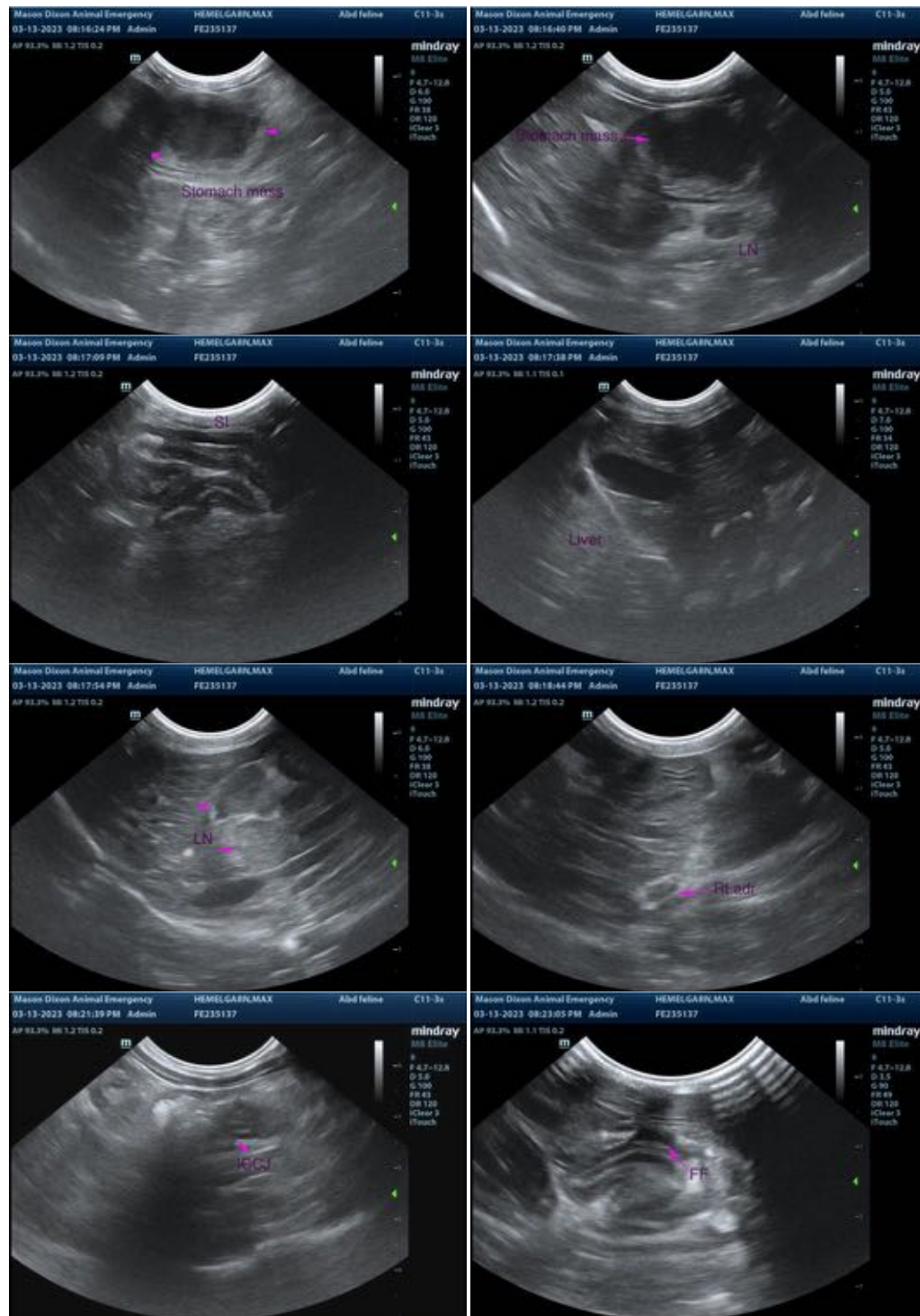
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