



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Starbright Brewer

- P has been having intermittent vomiting a few times a month - bile that is blood-tinged
- P is fed Purina Pro Plan chicken

### SPECIES

Feline

- No diarrhea or other clinical signs
- P has hx of squamous cell carcinoma that was incompletely excised
- P had electrochemotherapy in 2024
- Hx of discospondylitis (L7-S1)

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: BW WNL aside from positive renal tech index in September 2025 creatinine 1.5 (09/25) BUN 21 (09/25)

### SEX

Female Spayed

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### AGE

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### Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

### WEIGHT

4.3 kg

The left kidney is normal in size (3.29 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. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

The right 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 minimal- to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

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### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.30 cm width) with a normal shape and glandular echogenicity. A few hyperechoic foci are observed within the parenchyma. Glandular detail is otherwise normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

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The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.45 cm width) with a normal shape and glandular echogenicity. A few hyperechoic foci are observed within the parenchyma. Glandular detail is otherwise normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

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### Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.80 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. A light micronodular pattern is observed throughout the organ. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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### Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen. A 0.40 cm hyperechoic nodule is observed on the left side. The remaining parenchyma is homogenous. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

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The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of gravity-dependent, echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.



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**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 is normal- to mildly-thickened (up to 0.27 cm). There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio, with a 1:1 ratio in most segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no obvious evidence of an obstructive pattern.

**Pancreas**

The base and limbs of the pancreas are visible with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is largely isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and slightly heterogenous in appearance. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

**Lymph Nodes**

A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized (one measuring 0.61 x 0.32 cm). Surrounding mesentery is hyperechoic.

**Free Abdomen**

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary Findings**

- The small intestinal wall changes could be consistent with inflammatory bowel disease or emerging lymphoma.
- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

**Secondary Findings**

- Mild bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes
- The hyperechoic foci in both adrenal glands likely represent a benign age-related incidental finding.
- The hyperechoic hepatic nodule trends toward the benign (i.e., myelolipoma, lipogranuloma) with a lower possibility of more insidious pathology.
- The splenic parenchyma changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis or splenitis with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).



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The following diagnostic/treatment recommendations can be considered:

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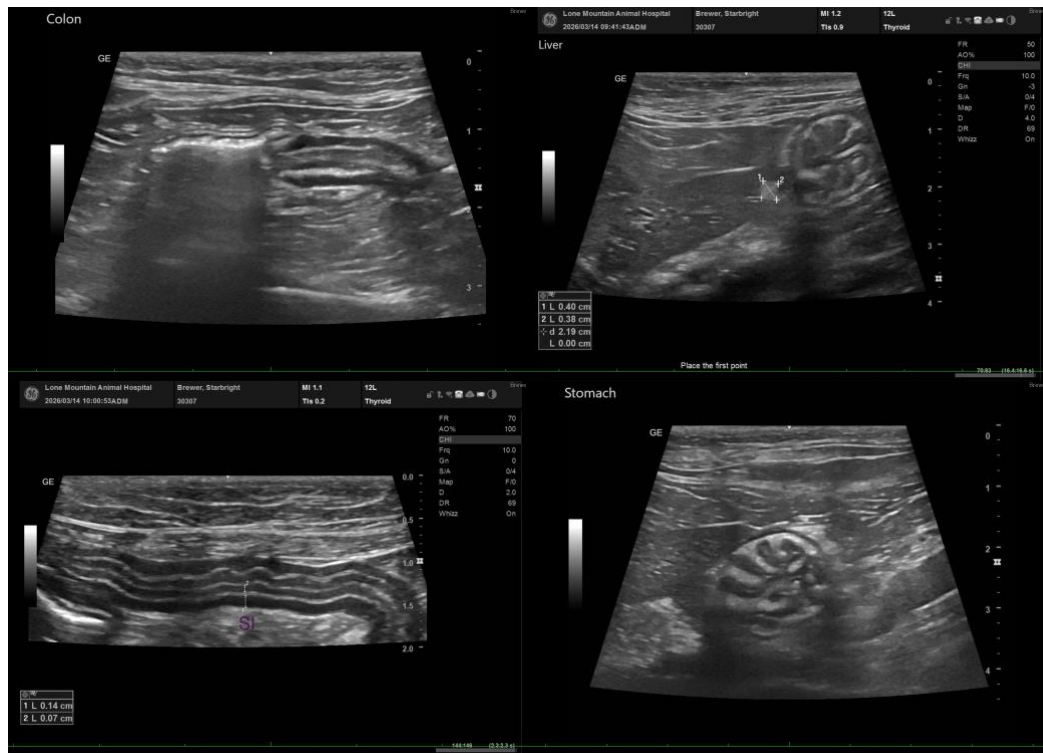
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1. Serum cobalamin, folate, PLI and TLI
2. A fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia
3. 3-4-week limited antigen or hydrolyzed protein diet trial to assess for food allergies
4. Initiation with a probiotic may also prove beneficial.
5. Also consider heartworm antigen and antibody testing as heartworm disease can be a cause of chronic vomiting in cats.
6. If the above diagnostics/therapeutics are inconclusive, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be warranted. Thoracic radiographs are recommended prior to anesthesia.
7. For patients where chronic vomiting is present but additional diagnostics are not to be performed, consider empirical treatment for Helicobacter gastritis, which includes a 14–21-day course of amoxicillin, metronidazole, clarithromycin and an acid blocker (i.e., omeprazole or famotidine).





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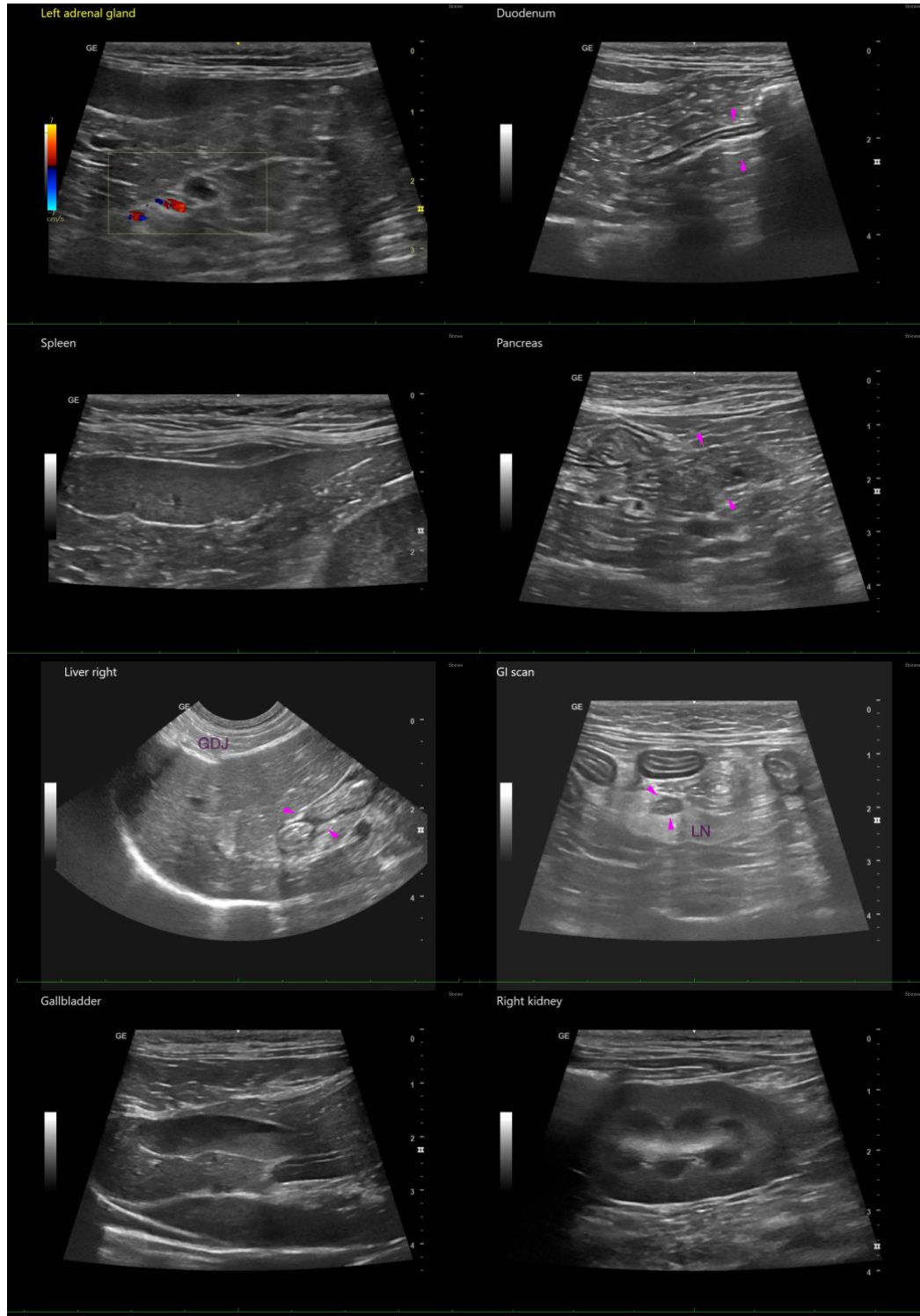
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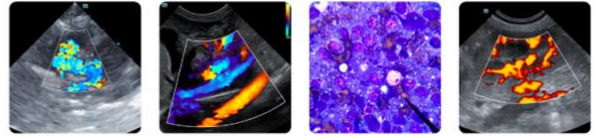
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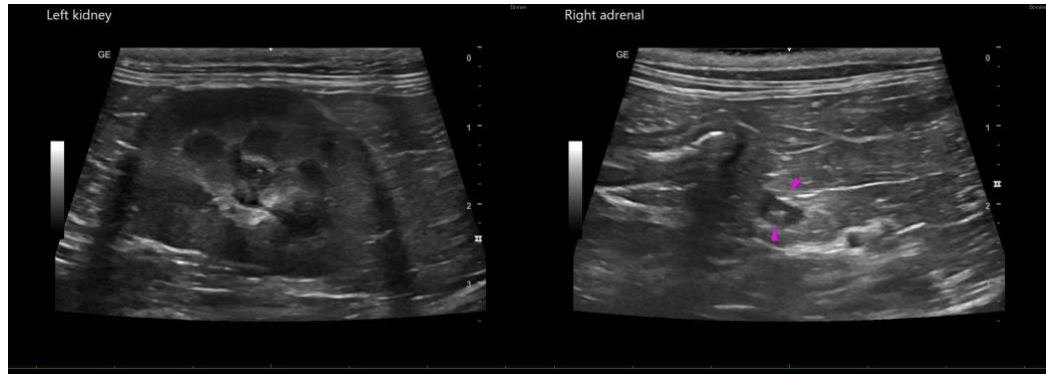
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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