



PATIENT

Stain Ireland

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Domestic shorthair

SEX

Male, neutered

AGE

12 Yrs.

WEIGHT

9.625 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Clinical signs: weight loss and wobbly back legs per owner. Sedation: 0.3mg/kg Butorphanol for imaging History: Seen 3/6/2023 for annual exam. Had lost 2# since 1/11/2022. No vomiting or diarrhea. Normal appetite. Ultrasound to assess for cause of weight loss. Current medications: Fluoxetine 5 mg PO q24h for intercat aggression
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Physical exam: 4/9 BCS, moderate dental tartar, normal exam otherwise. Lab work: CBC/Chem/UA/T4/Fecal/FeLV/FIV/HWab 3/6/2023 CBC: adequate platelets with clumping Chem: elev Albumin (4.1), BUN(21), Creat (2.0), SDMA (20.3), T4: wnl 1.8 UA: USG: 1.010, pH: 7.0 Blood 3+ FIV/FeLV: both neg HWab: neg

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. A small amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (3.96 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. The cortex is hyperechoic relative to the spleen. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

The right kidney is normal size (3.92 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. The cortex is hyperechoic relative to the spleen. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.33 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

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

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.71 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 mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

Gastrointestinal



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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 ileocecolic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

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Pancreas

The right limb of the pancreas is prominent in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is mildly hypoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No focal lesions are observed. The pancreatic duct is not overtly dilated.

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Free Abdomen

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There is no obvious evidence of free fluid. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 0.89 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is mildly hyperechoic.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.
- 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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*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include microscopic gastrointestinal disease (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease, food allergy/intolerance), mild pancreatitis, underlying metabolic issue, occult neoplasia, neurologic disease, other.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult disease in the chest.
- Also consider a fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia as well as a GI panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI.
- A neurologic exam is also recommended as primary brain tumors can present with weight loss as the sole clinical signs. Also consider consultation with a board-certified neurologist given the wobbly hind limbs.
- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, GI biopsies (i.e., endoscopic or surgical) may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Given the renal values, a urine culture and sensitivity +/- blood pressure measurement should also be considered.

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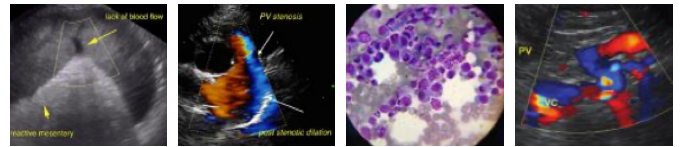
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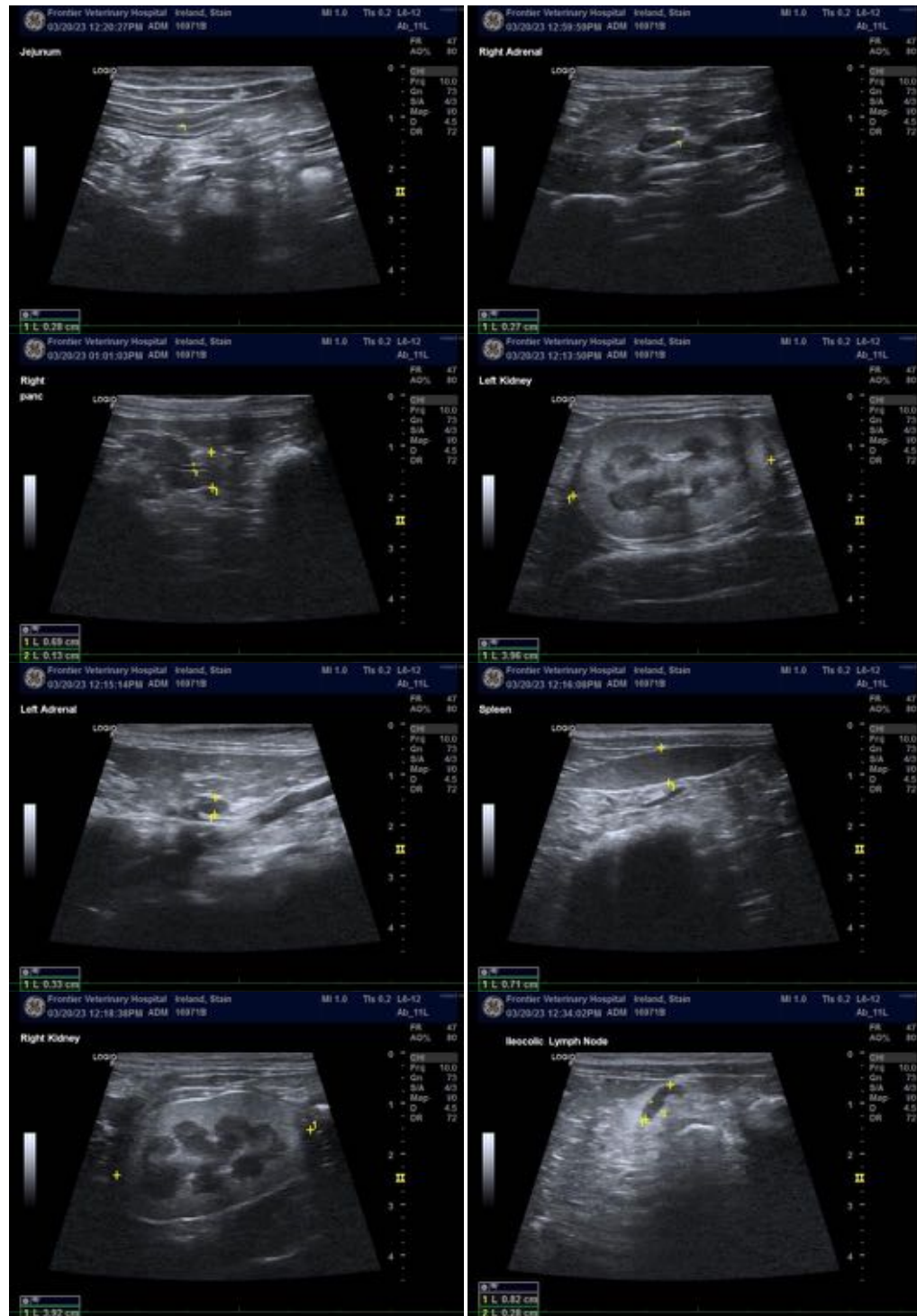
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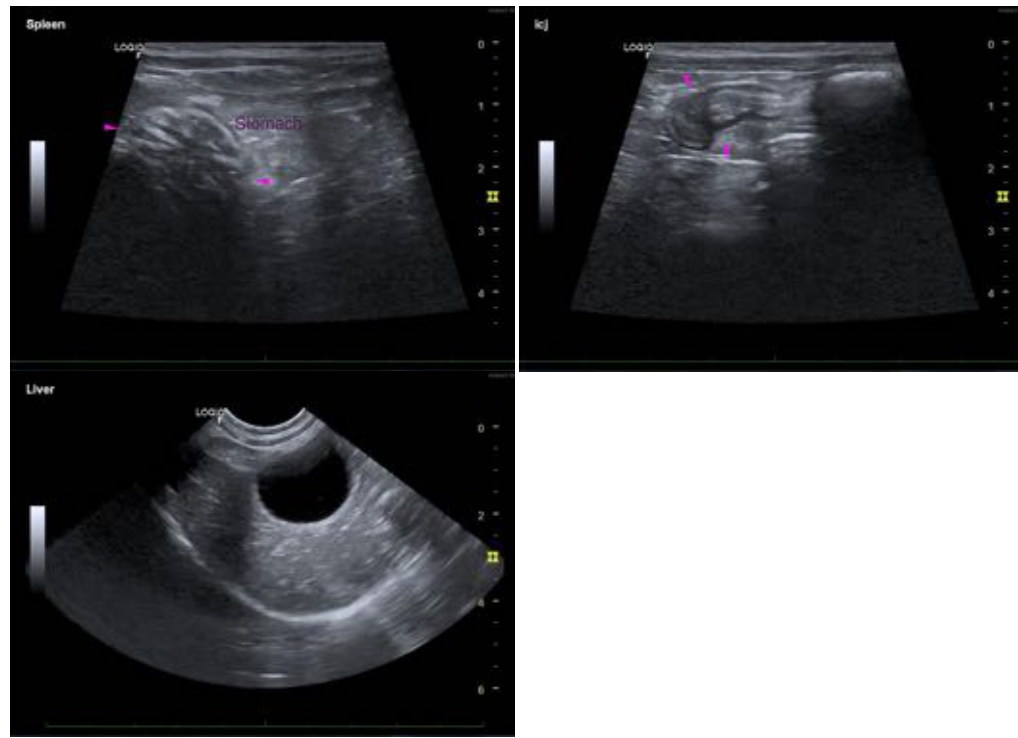
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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