



PATIENT

Milo Clink

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Domestic shorthair

SEX

Male, neutered

AGE

12 Yrs.

WEIGHT

11.5 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Unexplained weight loss. Eating every day but "grazing" rather than completing meals. I-131 therapy 01/2020. P developed hypothyroidism secondary to tx and current T4 is 2.4. Current Medications Thyroxine 0.1 q 24 hours, Solensia injections q 1-4 mos
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALP 77

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 to moderate amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (4.03 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 mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal size (4.17 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 mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

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

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.44 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.81 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. A small amount of aggregated echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

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 is normal to borderline thickened (up to 0.25 cm) with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio in most segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

Pancreas

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

Free Abdomen

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 1.90 cm in length. The nodes are normal in shape and echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings:

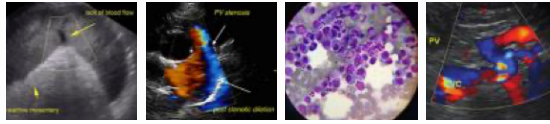
- The small intestinal wall changes could be consistent with inflammatory bowel disease or emerging lymphoma.

Secondary Findings:

- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.
- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- Bilateral, chronic nephropathy.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A malabsorption panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI is recommended along with a fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia.
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult neoplasia in the chest.
- Orthopedic and neurologic examinations are also recommended to assess for non-metabolic causes of weight loss.



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- Consider transitioning to a hypoallergenic or hydrolyzed protein diet as empirical treatment for food allergies.
- Ultimatel, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.

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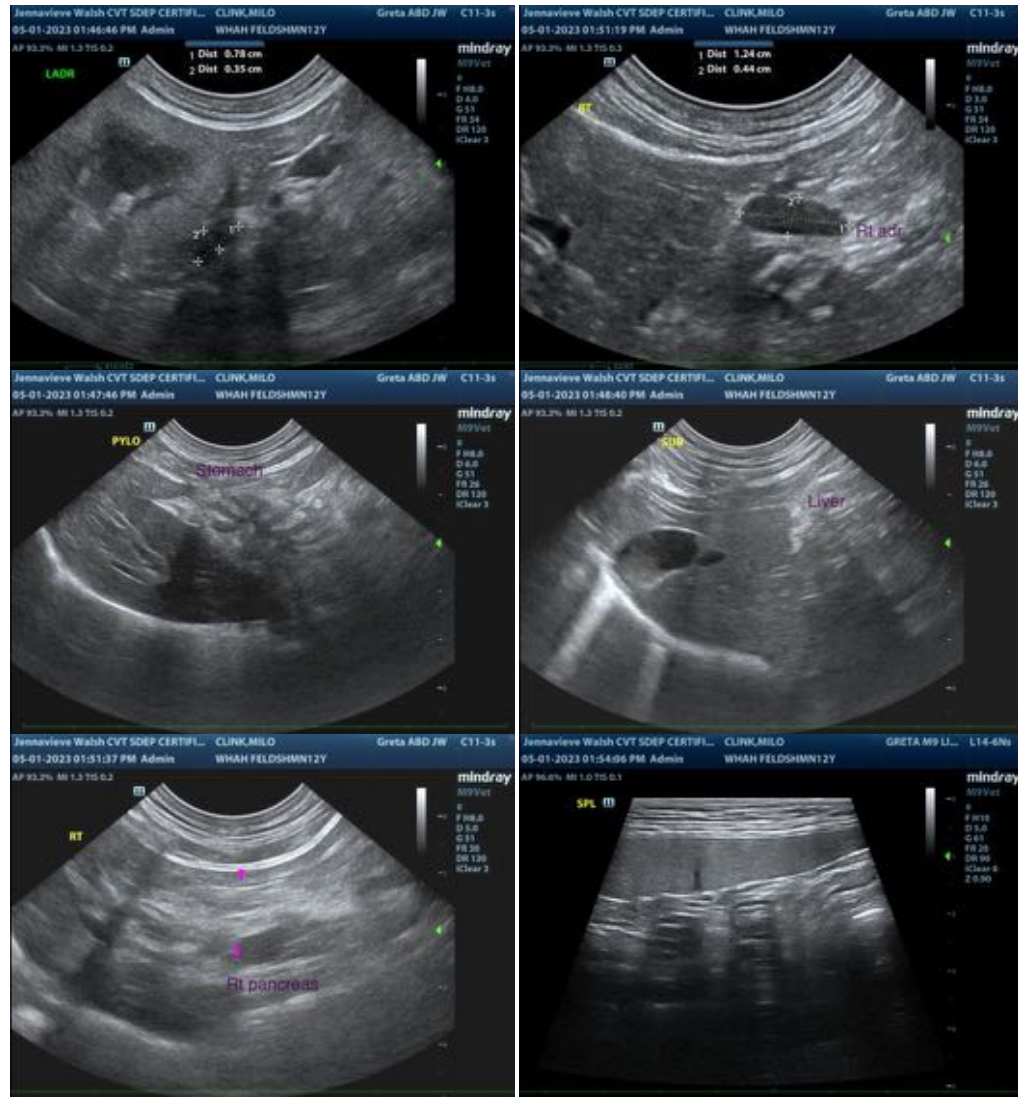
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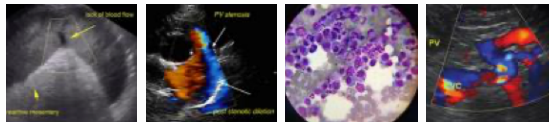
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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