



**PATIENT**

Miss Molly Ellis

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

4 Years

**WEIGHT**

9 Lbs.

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: MM presented for exam due to not acting right. Owner reports she has been acting lethargic. Previous suspicion of erythrocytosis  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 12-18-20: HCT 58% 3-22-21: HCT 66.8% 11-22-21: RBC 17.07, HCT 74.1%,HGB 23.3, MCV 43.4, MCH 13.6

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are 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 masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (3.64 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.

The right kidney is normal size (4.06 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.

**Adrenal Glands**

The region of the adrenal glands is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (0.66 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.

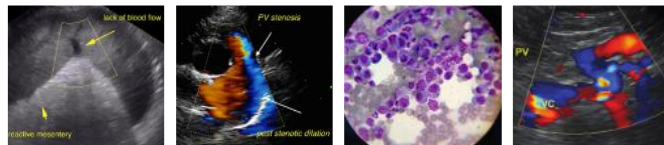
**Gastrointestinal**

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 0.28 cm. There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio in most segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

**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.

**Free Abdomen**



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The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Bowel pattern consistent with inflammatory bowel disease with lower potential for emerging lymphoma

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\*An obvious cause for the patient's polycythemia is not identified in this study. Considerations include primary cardiac disease, pulmonary disease/hypoxia, erythropoietin-producing tumor (unlikely, given the sonographically normal kidneys), polycythemia vera, other.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

### SEX

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- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status.
- An echocardiogram should also be considered to evaluate for a right-to-left shunt.

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- Although technically difficult, an arterial blood gas would be useful to determine if the patient is hypoxemic.
- Other diagnostic considerations include erythropoietin levels (if available) +/- bone marrow evaluation.

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- If the above tests are normal, treatment for polycythemia vera (i.e., phlebotomies +/- hydroxyurea), may be indicated.

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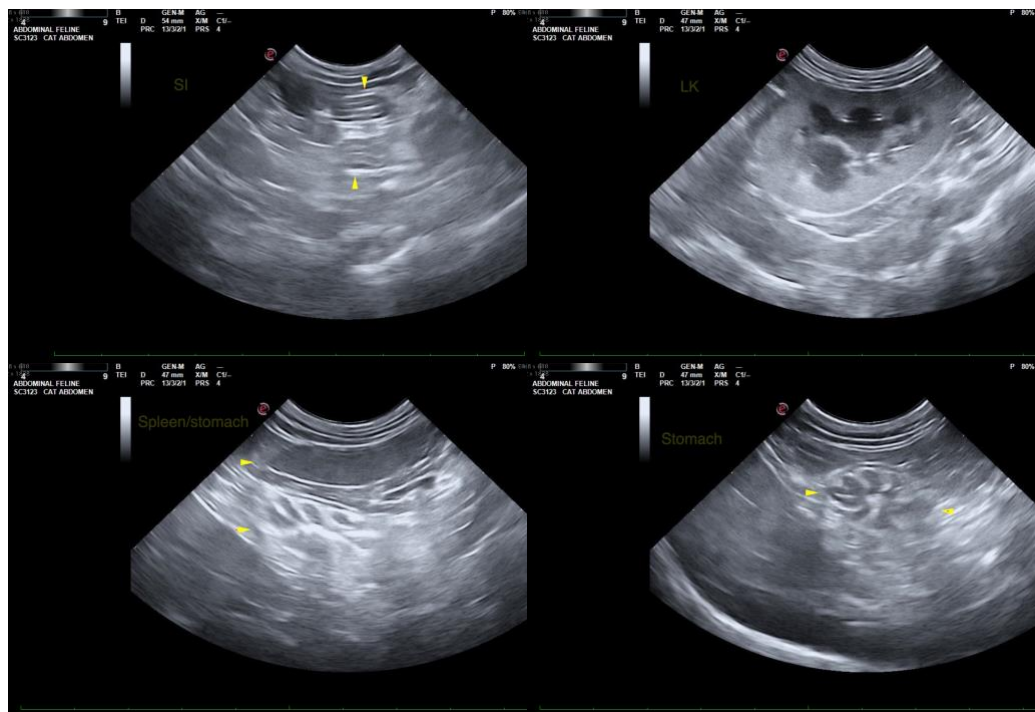
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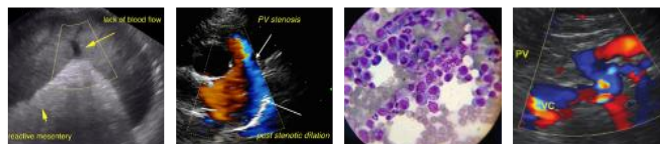
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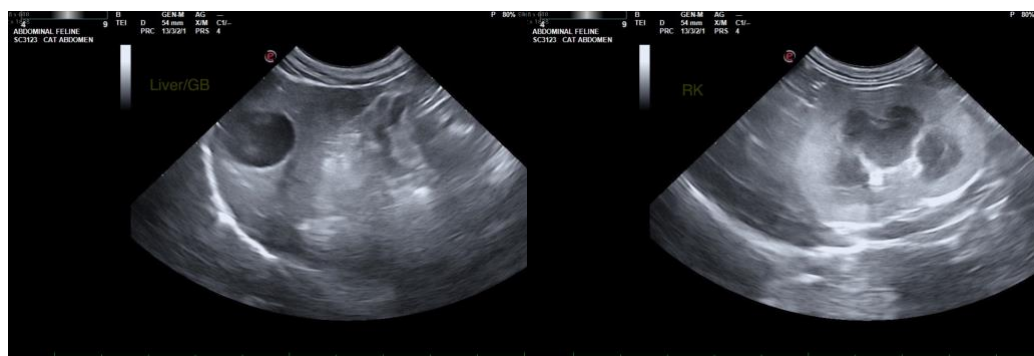
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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