



**PATIENT**

Chatty McJunkin

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

14 Years

**WEIGHT**

7.5 Pounds

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Willow Run VC

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44285

**DATE**

1/18/23

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Decreased appetite at home, lethargic Owner reports P is drinking more at home, feels that condition has deteriorated over last few weeks Previously evaluate in November 2022 for similar symptoms - bloodwork WNL at that time, responded well to supportive care Recommend abdominal U/S as next step

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: IDEXX SDMA 17 (0 - 14 µg/dL) Na 166 (150-165) Isothenuria noted on urinalysis Poor body condition

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic contents. No masses, inflammatory changes, echogenic sediment or cystoliths are observed. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Kidneys are overall normal in size and shape with smooth peripheral margination. A normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio is maintained. The medulla and cortices are uniform in texture with some mild increased cortical echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary distinction, expected in this age patient. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed. The right kidney measures 3.65 cm. The left kidney measures 3.81 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is plump/swollen in size (0.67 cm), with normal shape and contour without evidence of capsular invasion. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.40 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size with a normal smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is appropriately finely textured and homogenous with normal echogenicity relative to surrounding tissue (hyperechoic to liver). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

The gallbladder is non-distended in size. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.

**Gastrointestinal**

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.



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The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering. Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen of the small intestine is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

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The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

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The pancreatic parenchyma is appropriately isoechoic to surrounding tissue. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

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***Free Abdomen***

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There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

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The mesenteric lymph nodes are prominent in size with swollen capsular contour. Normal elongated shape (length to width ratio) is maintained. There is no loss of parenchymal detail.

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**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- **Right adrenomegaly** – This may be normal patient aging variant secondary to stress, etc. However, given this patient’s reported clinical history including the hypernatremia, hyperaldosteronism/Conn’s syndrome is also a differential.
- **Reactive mesenteric lymph nodes** – infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Age related kidney changes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Regardless of whether this patient’s new onset of PU/PD is secondary to early kidney disease or an endocrinopathy, if not recently evaluated, a blood pressure is recommended.

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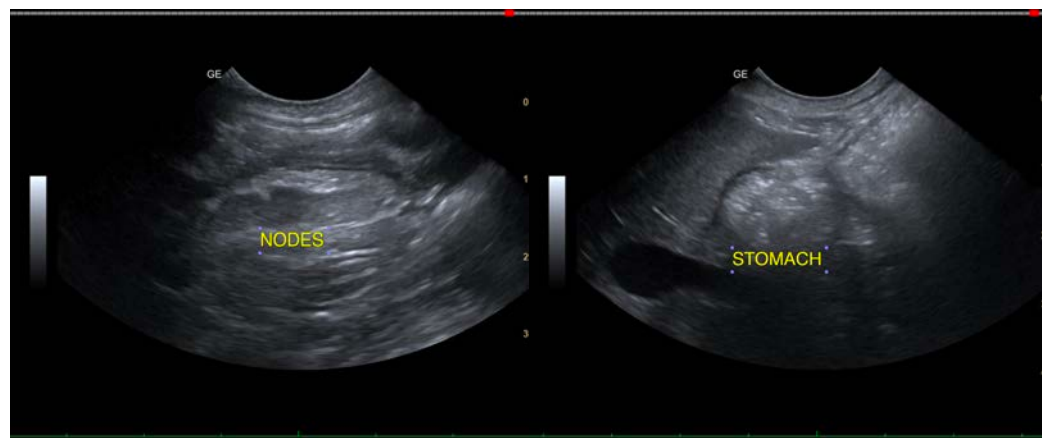
An aldosterone level is recommended for further evaluation of possible Conn’s syndrome, especially if hypertension is present.

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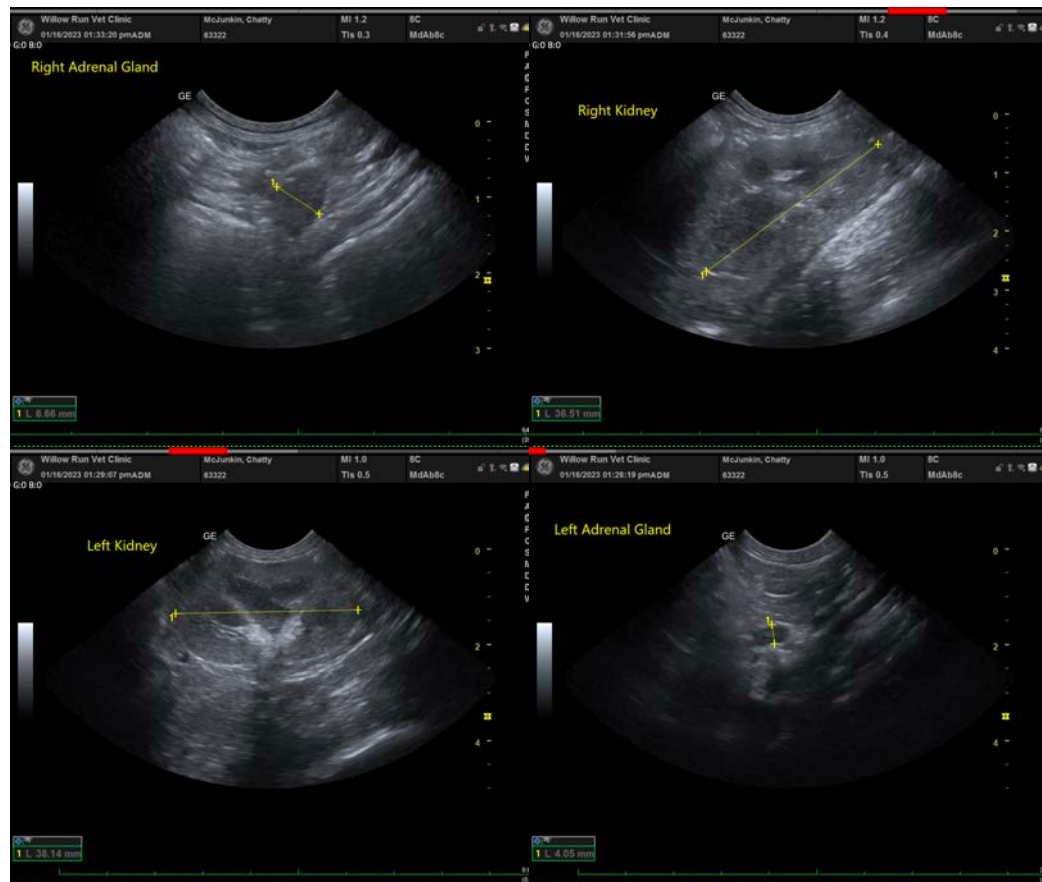
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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