



## PATIENT

Maurice Mazzelli

## SPECIES

Feline

## BREED

DSH

## SEX

Neutered Male

## AGE

5 Months, 3 Weeks, 6  
Days

## WEIGHT

2.12 kg

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: 1. Fever of Unknown Origin (FUO) 2. Severe, persistent neutropenia 3. History of regenerative anemia 16% HCT up to 33 %, variable 4. Lethargy, polydipsia AUS for review.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC/Chem (today): - Anemia has resolved; RBC parameters are now within the low-normal range 33%, then today low again at 16% - Persistent severe leukopenia, specifically neutropenia, with no significant improvement. - Globulins are in the high-normal range. - Liver, kidney values, and electrolytes are within normal limits. FUO PCR panel Negative FeLV FIV Negative.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with incidental suspended lipid in a cat, possibly combined with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or definitive cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

### **Only include prostate, if I mention it, for dogs:**

Prostate (neutered) is normal in size, echotexture and echogenicity for a neutered male.

Prostate (intact) is normal in size for an intact male. Parenchyma is diffusely homogenous and relatively hyperechoic. Normal distinct margins and symmetrical bilobed shape are maintained.

Left kidney is normal in size (3.39 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

Right kidney is normal in size (3.12 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

### *Adrenal Glands*

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.25 cm at cranial pole and 0.29 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.24 cm at cranial pole and 0.24 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

### *Spleen*

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*



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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.

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 stomach is moderately distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. If patient was appropriately fasted, delayed gastric emptying could be considered. Non-shadowing foreign material is considered less likely but cannot be definitively ruled out. If clinical signs are consistent (vomiting, etc.), recommendations include supportive medical care, 24 hours fasting and re-image.

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/chyme. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

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

### *Pancreas*

The pancreas that is observed appears appropriately isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. Visible pancreatic parenchyma is homogenous and unremarkable. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

### *Free Abdomen*

There is no visible free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

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.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### Primary Findings

- Moderate reactive mesenteric, possibly splenic, lymphadenopathy- infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

### Secondary Findings

- A very mild amount of echogenic urinary bladder debris.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Fine needle aspirates of the enlarged lymph nodes (especially the one just caudal to the tail of the spleen) could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate. Having said that, I suspect



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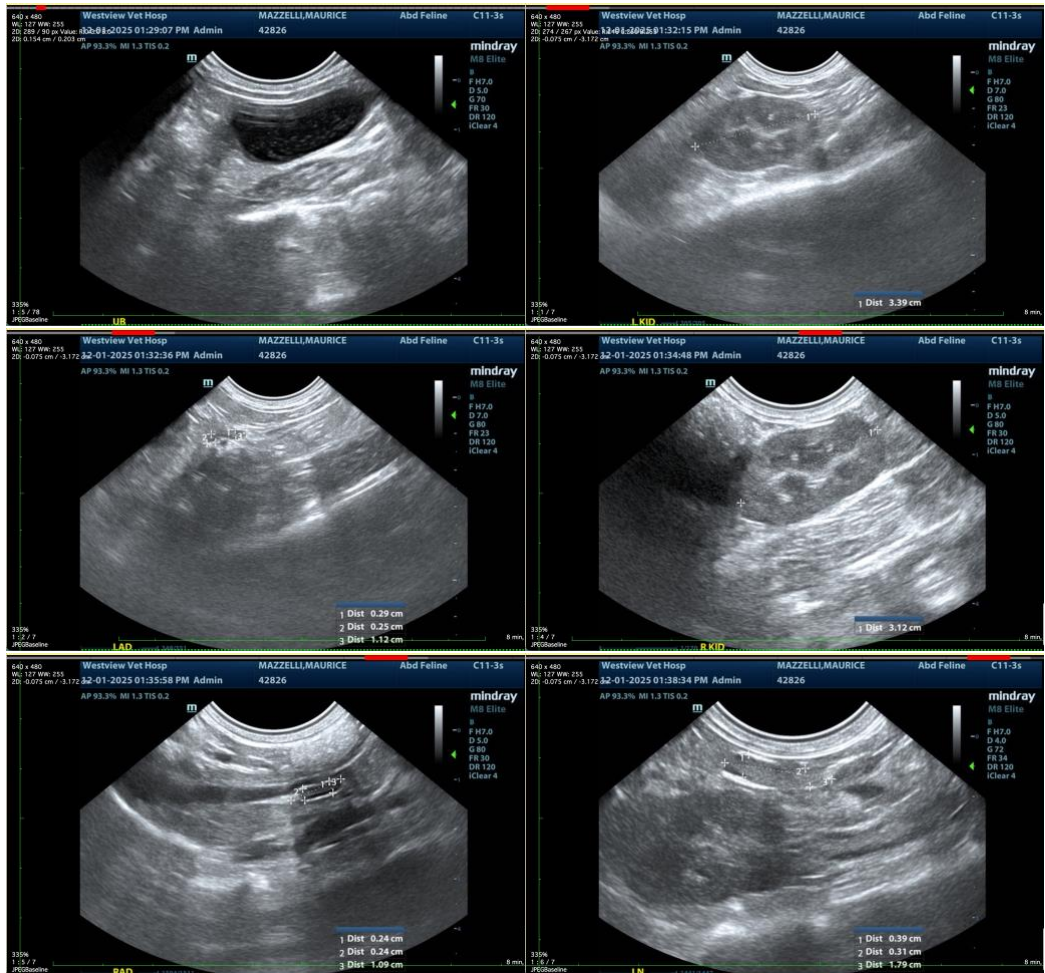
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the lymphadenopathy is reactive secondary to the same process resulting in the reported cytopenias, with differentials including infectious disease, neoplastic disease, or autoimmune disease. If a comprehensive infectious disease evaluation does not provide a diagnosis, bone marrow sampling could be considered.



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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