



**PATIENT**

Weebei McKenna

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

15 Years

**WEIGHT**

8.07

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: history of early CKD, skin allergies. Meds: Atopica. Most recent history of inappetence and weight loss, followed by persistent hypertension (200mmHg) - prescribed amlodipine. mild ataxia when inappetent. grade 2/6 cardiac murmur: investigated; benign. pu/pd.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: mildly elevated sdMA, elevated Ca 13.4mg/dl (7.8-11.3)

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

Urinary bladder is adequately 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 left kidney measures 3.7 cm. The right kidney measures 3.9 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

The area of the left adrenal gland is examined without evident pathology.

The area of the right adrenal gland is examined without evident pathology.

**Spleen**

Spleen is subjectively large in size with subtly scalloped or undulating capsular contour. Parenchyma is normal in echogenicity with a mildly coarse/heterogenous echotexture. No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

**Liver**

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 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.

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 and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

**Pancreas**

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The observed pancreas 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.

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**Free Abdomen**

There is no evidence of peritoneal effusion. There is no apparent lymphadenopathy.

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**Primary Findings**

- Scalloped spleen – can be associated with benign or malignant infiltrative disease. Common causes include a reactive spleen secondary to immune stimulus or early infiltrative round cell neoplasia such as lymphoma or mast cell tumor.

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**Secondary Findings**

- Age-related kidney changes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

If not recently evaluated, urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture are recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ration is recommended.

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Given the patients reported hypercalcemia, a malignancy panel, to include PTH, PTHrP and ionized calcium is recommended.

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A fine needle aspirate of the spleen could be considered if patients coagulation status is appropriate, especially if the malignancy panel is suggestive of hypercalcemia of malignancy.

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If another cause for this patients reported GI signs and weight loss is not found, further investigation of gastrointestinal function is recommended with a gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory is recommended for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function.

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In the meantime, medical management of chronic kidney disease, including symptomatic therapy with antiemetics, gastroprotectants and appetite stimulants, as well as fluid therapy may all help contribute to improved appetite, in addition to continued medical management of the hypertension, as well as proteinuria if present.

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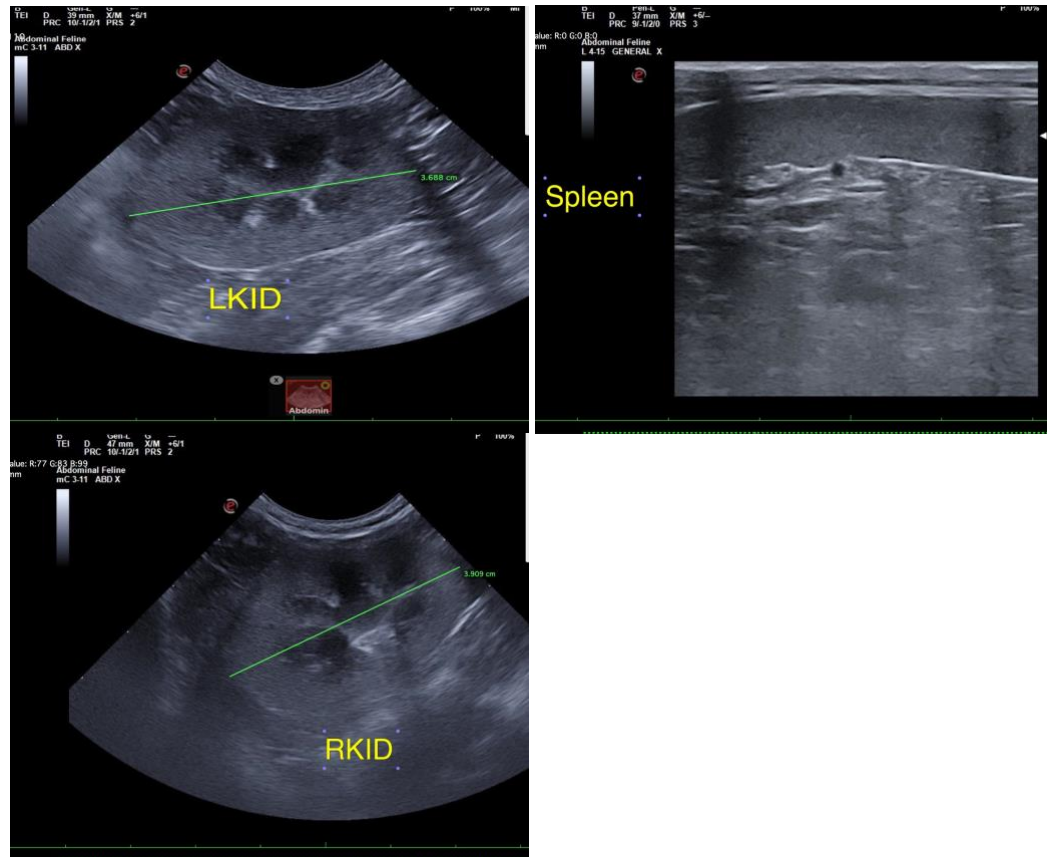
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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