



PATIENT

Jimmy Wood

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

3d duration anorexia, lethargy. Indoor/outdoor. No known ingestions.

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Feline

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Lethargic on PE but otherwise normal. Developed pyrexia in hospital which has since resolved. CBC - Neutropenia confirmed on slide Chem - TBil 32 otherwise wnl Lactate 2.78 FeLV/FIV neg UA well concentrated, bilirubinuria w/ bilirubin crystals. iatrogenic hematuria during cysto.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

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Neutered Male

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 cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

AGE

10 Months

WEIGHT

3.9 kg

The right kidney is normal in size (4.27 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.

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The left kidney is normal in size (3.82 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

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.4 cm long x 0.24 cm at the cranial pole and 0.36 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size (1.31 cm long x 0.38 cm at the cranial pole and 0.32 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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Spleen

Spleen is subjectively large in size (1.3 cm thick) with a mildly swollen but smooth capsule. Parenchyma is normal and homogenous in echogenicity and echotexture. No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

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Liver

Liver is subjectively enlarged (swollen contour). Mild parenchymal remodeling with diffusely mildly coarse architecture and increased portal markings is present. No focal nodules or masses are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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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.



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Gastrointestinal

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The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with fluid and some echogenic chyme, with 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 (canine duodenum < 0.5 cm and feline duodenum < 0.4 cm; other < 0.3 cm). Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen of the small intestine is empty with 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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Pancreas

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

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The medial iliac and 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

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- **Hypersplenism** – can be associated with congestion caused by sedation (if sedated) but can also be associated with diffuse infiltrative disease. Both benign conditions such as extramedullary hematopoiesis, lymphoid hyperplasia, amyloidosis as well as infiltrative neoplastic diseases such as round cell neoplasia should be considered.
- **Hypoechoic hepatomegaly** – This appearance is consistent with an acute hepatopathy or acute cholangiohepatitis. Infiltrative neoplasia (round cell neoplasia) should also be considered.
- **Reactive medial iliac and mesenteric lymph nodes** – infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely. **This finding may be a normal patient variant given the young age.

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SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Urinary bladder debris

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Without reported anemia, pre-hepatic cholestasis is ruled out, and there is no ultrasonographically visible evidence of post-hepatic cholestasis. Therefore, intrahepatic cholestasis is the top differential for this patient's reported increased total bilirubin. That combined with the splenomegaly make recommendation #1 fine needle aspirates of the spleen and liver if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

If not recently evaluated, a 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 ratio is recommended.



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Given this patient's young age, indoor/outdoor status, and reported neutropenia, if a cytologic diagnosis is not obtained, then a full comprehensive infectious disease evaluation would be recommended followed by possible bone marrow cytology if a diagnosis is still not made.

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In the meantime, treatment recommendations include fluid therapy, anti-emetics, gastroprotectants, hepatic nutraceuticals such as ursodiol and/or Denamarin, and broad-spectrum antibiotics. Nutritional support is critical to prevent/manage concurrent hepatic lipidosis, so appetite stimulants and/or, if indicated, feeding tube placement is also recommended.

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Additionally, empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur is recommended.

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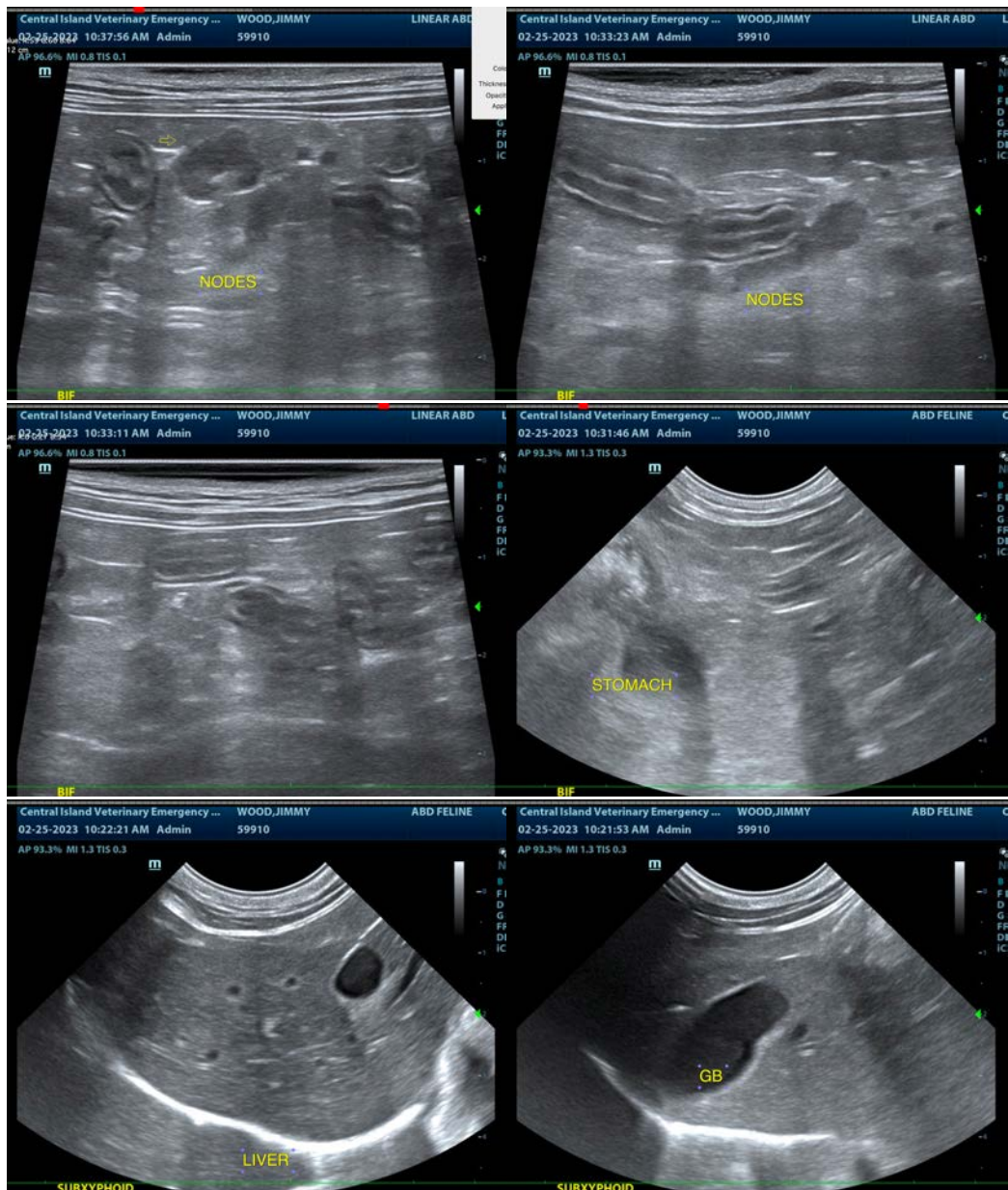
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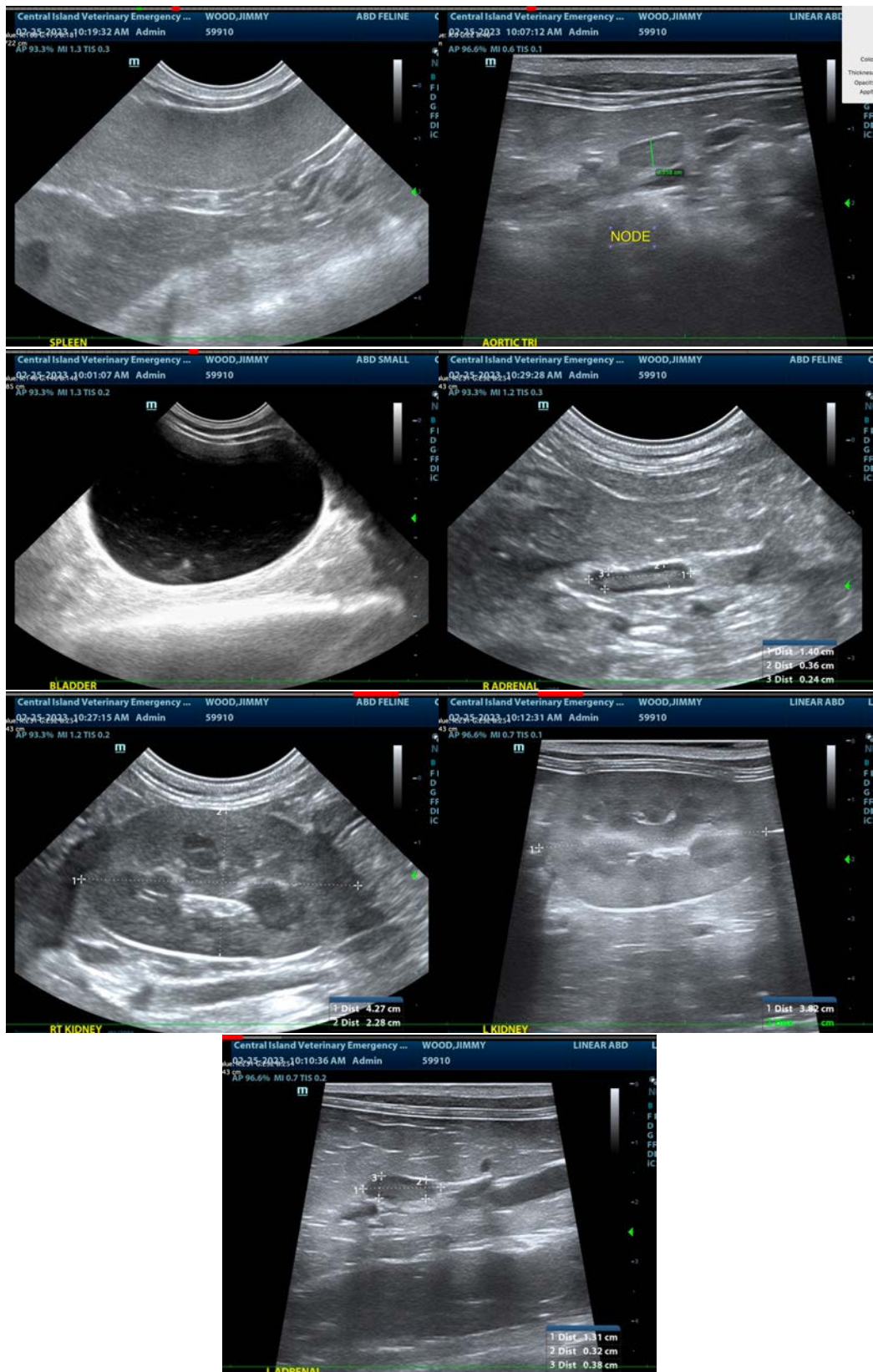
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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