



PATIENT

Stella Zarabe

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

9 Years

WEIGHT

6.5 Pounds

INTERPRETED BY

Beth Johnson, DVM
DACVIM

IMAGING PERFORMED BY

Dr. Meghan Myers

HOSPITAL NAME

Hershire AH

REFERRING VET

Dr. Alesha Glass

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45744

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3/8/23

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Pet presented on Friday for vomiting and decreased appetite. Blood work showed decreased sodium, potassium and chloride. Pet improved over weekend after a Cerenia injection was given on Friday. However, Sunday began vomiting again, lethargic, still eating but decreased. Vomit consists of orange color liquid, food and hair.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: decreased sodium, potassium and chloride on panel done on Friday.

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

The right kidney is normal in size (3.2 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.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.4 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 (0.33 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is unable to be well visualized.

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 (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The lumen of the stomach is moderately distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas, most consistent with normal ingesta. There is a subtle echogenic interface with distal progressively



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SEX	Pancreas
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AGE	Free Abdomen
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INTERPRETED BY	PRIMARY FINDINGS
Beth Johnson, DVM DACVIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gastric contents most visually consistent with normal ingesta. However, given the mildly progressive shadowing in one area of the stomach, a hairball or other soft fluid absorbing material can't be definitively ruled out. There is no evidence of a mass or infiltrative disease.
IMAGING PERFORMED BY	SECONDARY FINDINGS
Dr. Meghan Myers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urinary bladder debris
HOSPITAL NAME	INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
Hershire AH	Given the reported plan to either scope or explore this patient, recommendations are an exploratory (if that is still the plan), because the gastric contents are likely not amenable to an efficient endoscopic procedure, especially if there is foreign material and it is a hairball. If surgery is elected for exploratory, full thickness biopsies of the entire GI Tract should be obtained at the same time to rule out other underlying infiltrative disease that may have led to the vomiting. If, given the lack of definitive obvious evidence of foreign material, the plan changes, recommendations are to offer supportive symptomatic medical management, fluids, antiemetics, etc., fast for another 12-24 hours, and then recheck imaging.
REFERRING VET	Additionally, 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 ration is recommended.
Dr. Alesha Glass	If this turns out not to be an obstruction, but delayed gastric emptying, gastric ileus, etc. secondary to another underlying gastrointestinal disease, next diagnostic workup steps would include a gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory.
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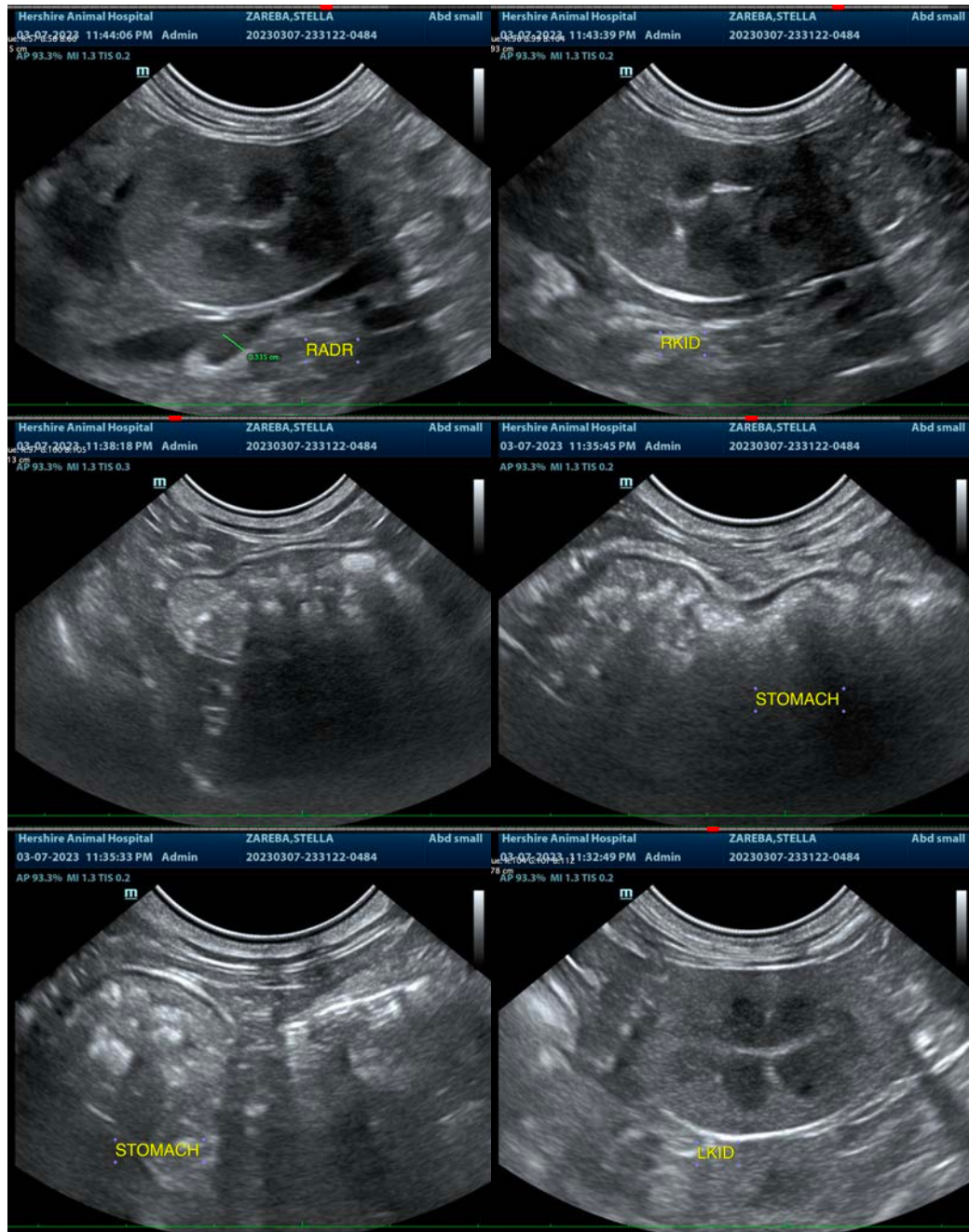
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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