



**PATIENT**

Athena DeWitt

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

8 Years

**WEIGHT**

5.72 lbs

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Centerville Animal  
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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Clinically doing well at home. Annual bloodwork shows elevated liver enzymes and elevated calcium. Physical exam is normal. Maintaining weight. Always been a small cat. No vomiting/diarrhea. Corona and Toxo positive 02/06/2025

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Elevated ALT and AST

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The 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. Left kidney measured 3.5 cm. Right kidney measured 3.7 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.39 cm), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.27 cm), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. 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 empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

The visible small intestine demonstrates areas of moderately thick muscularis layer relative to mucosa (disruption of the normal 1:3 muscularis:mucosa ratio). Small intestinal submucosa is slightly irregular, thick and hyperechoic, with some bowel loops appearing to have less distinct than normal



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layering/possible emerging loss of layering. The lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction or foreign material.

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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.

***Pancreas***

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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.

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***Free Abdomen***

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

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There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

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- Moderate inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) pattern – Thick muscularis has been reported with infiltrative bowel disease including both benign inflammatory disease as well as infiltrative neoplasia such as lymphoma. Infiltrative neoplasia such as lymphoma can result in loss of layering as is subtly suspected.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Mild age related kidney changes.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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A malignancy panel (PTH, PTHrP, iCa) to Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine is recommended for further investigation of the reported hypercalcemia.

Recheck infectious disease evaluation could be considered, given patient's history.

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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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Ultimately, tissue sampling is recommended to more definitively investigate, diagnose or rule out infiltrative round cell neoplasia such as lymphoma. Therefore, fine needle aspirates of the liver could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate. If a cytologic diagnosis is unable to be obtained, biopsies of the GI tract, being sure to include ileum, if possible, as well as the loops of bowel with less distinct than normal layering may be necessary for definitive diagnosis and to further guide medical management.

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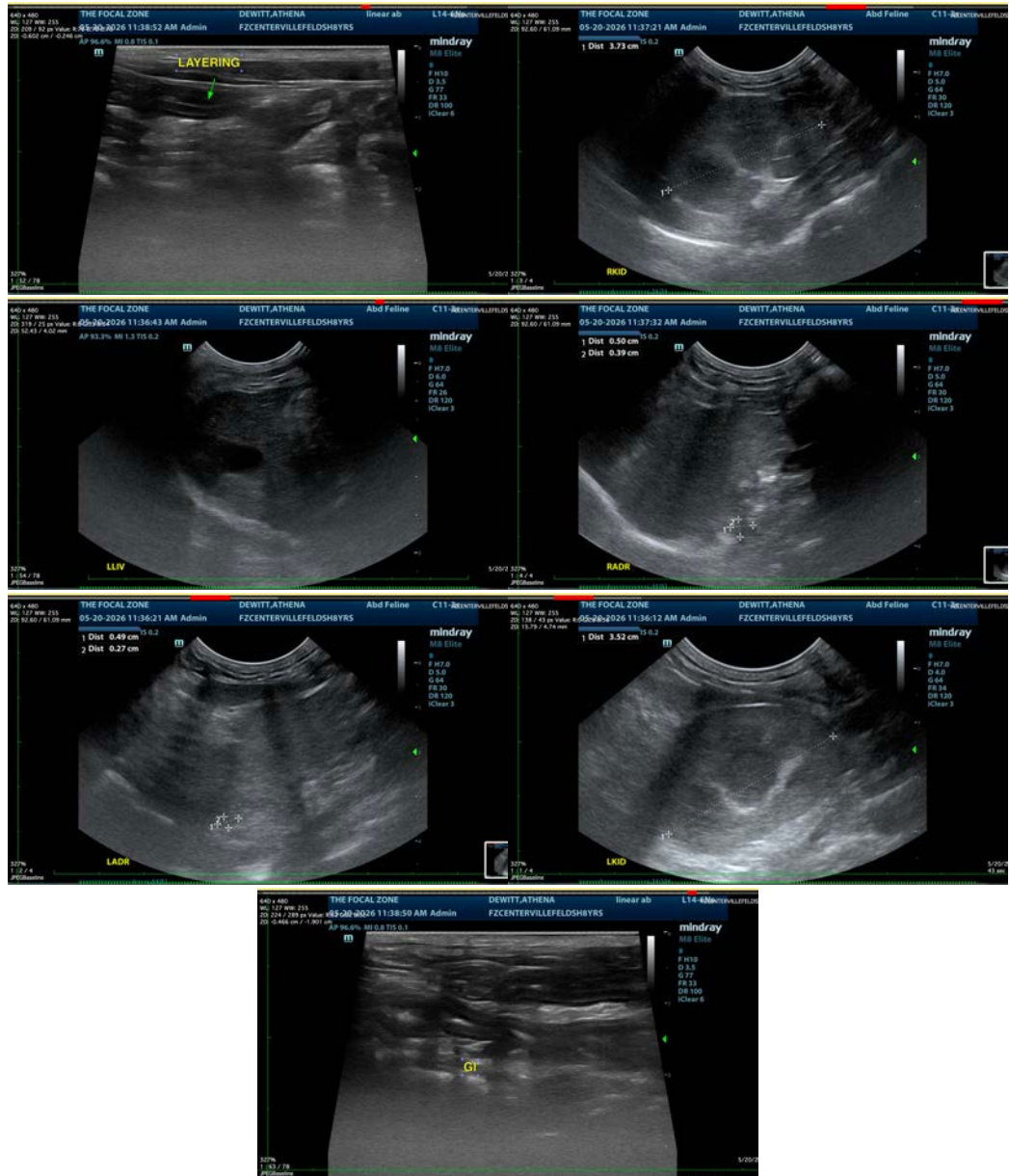
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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