



PATIENT

Meena Soma

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

12 Years

WEIGHT

3.61 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Decreased appetite, off and on constipation, hyper phosphatemia. Current Medications No able to give phosphate binder.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: See attached ABNORMAL Labwork Values Sept 22/25 - CBC increased monocytes, Increased PLT.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and visible pelvic urethra were of normal thickness. The ureters were not visible which is normal. There was normal wall layering with no masses, uroliths or abnormal thickening visualized. Urine was anechoic. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted.

The kidneys have a smooth capsule and with hazing of corticomedullary definition to the point of inability to determine cortical/medullary ratio. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The right kidney measured 3.48 cm in length. The left kidney measured 3.39 cm in length. There is a hyperechoic band between the cortex and medulla bilaterally.

Adrenal Glands

Adrenal glands were visualized on still images only. They appear to have normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed and age though this could not be confirmed on cine loops. The left adrenal gland measured 0.25 cm in thickness. The right adrenal gland measured 0.36 cm in thickness.

Spleen

The spleen was normal with a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma and smooth capsule, with normal splenic vasculature with no signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarct changes were noted.

Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed. Gallbladder is moderately distended with normal wall thickness and anechoic contents. Common bile duct is non-distended and tapers normally.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.



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The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is diffusely increased, and wall layering is distinct with a prominent muscularis layer. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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The ileocecal junction was not visualized. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

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Pancreas

The area of the pancreas was isoechoic to surrounding tissue with no overt inflammation. Pancreatic tissue was not distinctly visualized which is common.

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Lymph Nodes

No clinically significant lymphadenopathy or abnormalities noted.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Diffusely thickened small intestines with prominent muscularis.
- Degenerative renal changes with medullary rim sign bilaterally.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Small intestinal changes are most consistent with infiltrative disease of the small intestine with inflammatory bowel disease or GI lymphoma being the top differentials. No overt neoplastic criteria present in the bowel given that curvilinear layering is still intact. Ultrasound cannot differentiate between small cell lymphoma and inflammatory bowel disease, and GI biopsies are recommended for definitive diagnosis, especially if there is a poor response to empirical efforts or recurrence of clinical signs after initial control. Endoscopic biopsy is less invasive but may miss lesions due to inability to obtain samples from all sections of the GI tract, especially the jejunum which is the most common site of development of disease. Surgical biopsies are more likely to be diagnostic but are more invasive. A GI panel (PLI/cobalamin/folate) will help determine the severity of SI dysfunction, and need for vitamin supplementation.

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Empiric treatment for IBD includes diet trial with either hydrolyzed or select protein diet, vitamin b-12 supplementation, GI support as needed (anti-nausea, appetite stimulant). Treatment with steroids (budesonide vs prednisolone) is often required – biopsies should be acquired prior to treatment with steroids. Steroids may ultimately be tapered to the lowest effective dose or discontinued in some cases.

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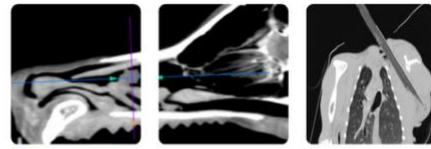
Renal changes are likely age-related degenerative changes. Medullary rim sign is nonspecific and is seen in pets both with and without significant renal disease. It can be an indication of nephritis and evaluation for proteinuria is recommended. Correlate clinical significance with blood work/urinalysis findings and clinical signs.

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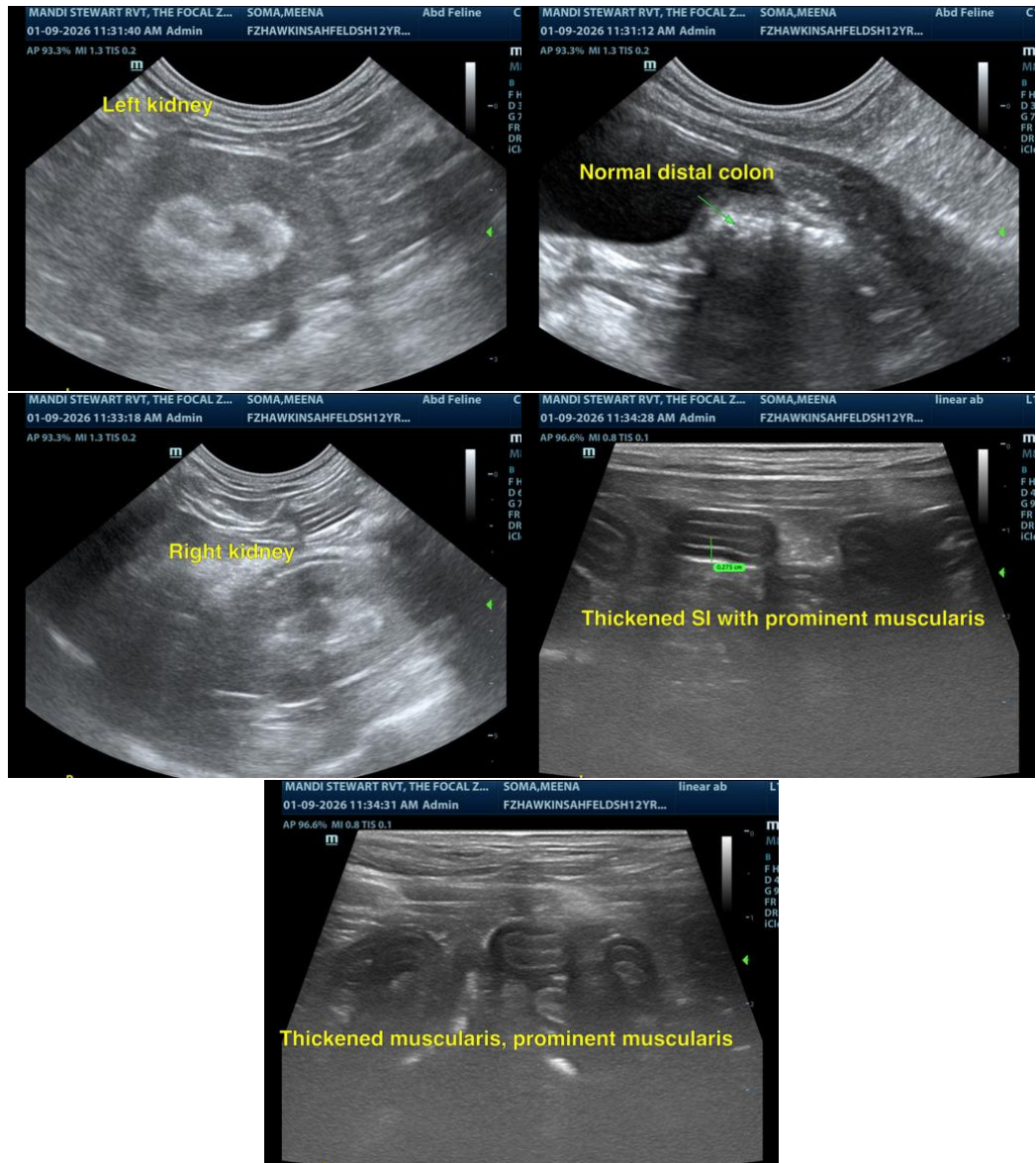
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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