



**PATIENT**

Missy Marcia

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

12 Years

**WEIGHT**

5.2 kg

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3/12/26

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Presented for vomiting and inappetence since Tuesday. Blood noted in stool. History of allergies/itchiness - get Depo-medrol injection every couple months. Has used Bravecto - not started yet this year. Distended abdomen, fluid feeling upper abdomen. Alopecia on lower abdomen and inner thighs - some scabbing noted. Vocal on palpation of Thorax.

Current Medications - Maropitant injection given in hospital this evening

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Labs attached

**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 were noted.

The kidneys were both normal size and structure, with smooth capsule and normal corticomedullary definition and ratio. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Left kidney measures 3.69 cm. Right kidney measures 3.77 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

Adrenal glands are visualized and measured on still images only. Resolution is inadequate to assess glandular detail or confirm measurement. Left measures 0.28 cm in thickness. Right measures 0.23 cm in thickness.

**Spleen**

The spleen was normal with age appropriate homogeneous parenchyma and a 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 age 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.

Gall bladder is moderately distended with normal wall thickness and anechoic contents. Common bile duct is non-distended and tapers normally.

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach is moderately distended with anechoic fluid. It measures at a normal thickness of with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

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. One loop of bowel was more significantly thickened with a more prominent muscularis than others.



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The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. 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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**Free Abdomen**

No clinically significant lymphadenopathy or abnormalities noted. No free fluid noted.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Small intestinal thickening with prominent muscularis, with one focal loop of small intestine more significantly thickened than other.

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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. My index of concern for lymphoma is higher, given the focal area of increased thickening, though no specific masses are seen, and there is no significant lymphadenopathy. Ultimately, ultrasound cannot differentiate between 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 (TLI/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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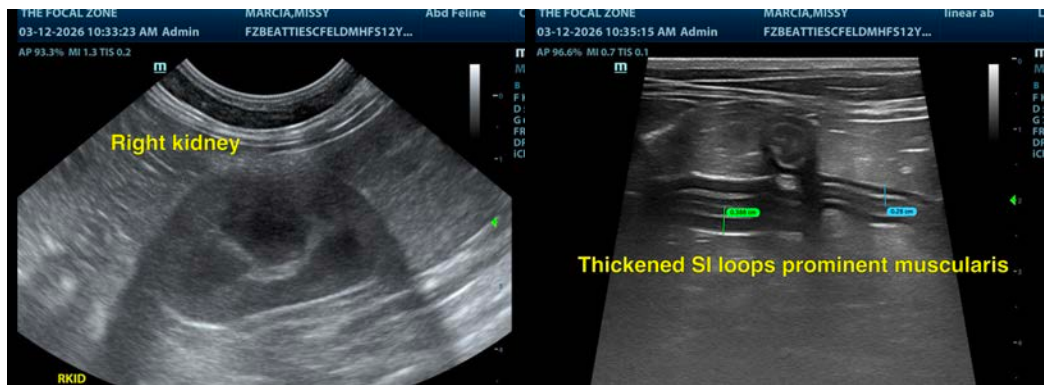
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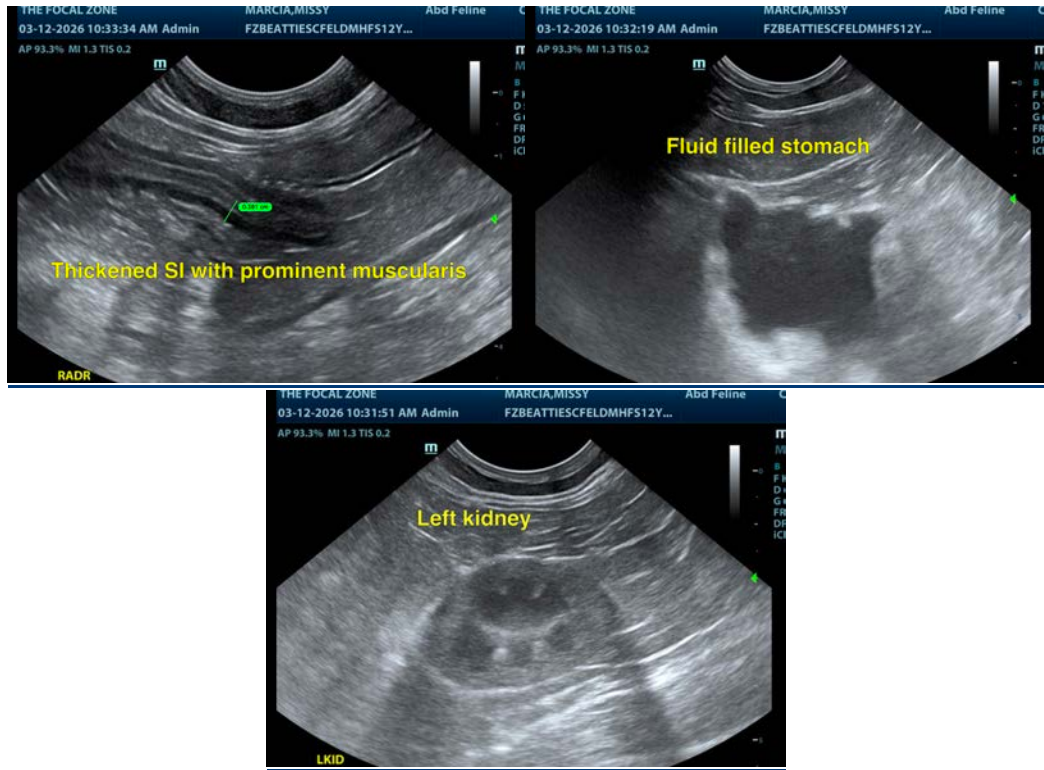
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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