



PATIENT

Kai Gould

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Ragdoll

SEX

Neutered male

AGE

15 years

WEIGHT

4.95 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Significant weight loss, Thin body condition with prominent spine and hips. History of elevated proteins and inflammatory markers on bloodwork

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Vital Signs: Temperature [Celsius]:38.1, Heart Rate/min (HR):182, HR: Pulse Ratio: 1:1, Respiratory Rate/ min: 26, Respiratory Effort: 0, Mucus Membranes/ CRT: pink, moist/ CRT < 2 sec, Mentation: BAR, Hydration: Adequate, BCS (scale 1 to 5): 2.5/5, CBC - WNL BCHEM - TO 96 g/L (57-89), Glob 69 g/L (28 - 51)

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

The **kidneys** presented a relatively uniform cortical hyperechogenicity when compared to the renal medulla, spleen and liver. No overt masses were noted. Corticomedullary definition was nebulous and the ratio favored the cortex slightly. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The ureters were not visible and assumed to be normal. These changes are most consistent with chronic interstitial nephritis yet infiltrative disease could not be entirely ruled out without biopsy though neoplasia is not suspected. The left and right kidney measured 3.9 cm.

Adrenal Glands

Both **adrenal glands** were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The left adrenal gland measured 0.38 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 0.42 cm.

Spleen

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. Hyperechoic lipid plaques were noted. Hyperechoic and hypoechoic splenic nodular are noted. A hypoechoic nodule measured 0.4 cm. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes was noted.

Liver

The **liver** images from right and left intercostal as well as subcostal views revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Some age-related parenchymal remodeling was noted but likely not



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clinically significant at this time. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume and no evidence of congestion was noted. The gallbladder presented some dependent debris with essentially normal contour. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No overt evidence of active inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was noted but should be paired with current or past LE elevations regarding any clinical significance to this presentation. The hepatic lymph nodes were unremarkable.

Gastrointestinal

The **gastrointestinal tract** revealed minor variable thickening and echogenic submucosal changes most consistent with low grade end result of chronic GI disease such as IBD and may be related to malassimilation of nutrients if any weight loss is present. No obvious neoplastic patterns were noted and luminal content as unremarkable.

Pancreas

The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Some parenchymal remodeling, however, with mild deviation from curvilinear normalcy was observed. Pancreatic duct and capsular irregularities were present consistent with age related changes. If pain upon imaging (+ Murphy sign) was present or if the patient is focally painful in subxiphoid palpation then low-grade smoldering chronic pancreatitis should be suspected.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Chronic interstitial nephrosis pattern with medullary rim sign.

Hyperechoic lipid plaques noted on the spleen.

Hyperechoic and hypoechoic splenic nodules.

Age related pancreatic changes.

Age related GI changes.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There was no overt evidence of neoplasia; however the renal changes are concerning as well as the chronic GI changes and splenic nodule.

Maldigestion panel, three view chest radiographs and full CNS examination is recommended to examine for occult disease that could be responsible for the weight loss. Evaluation for competitive eating environments should also be considered.



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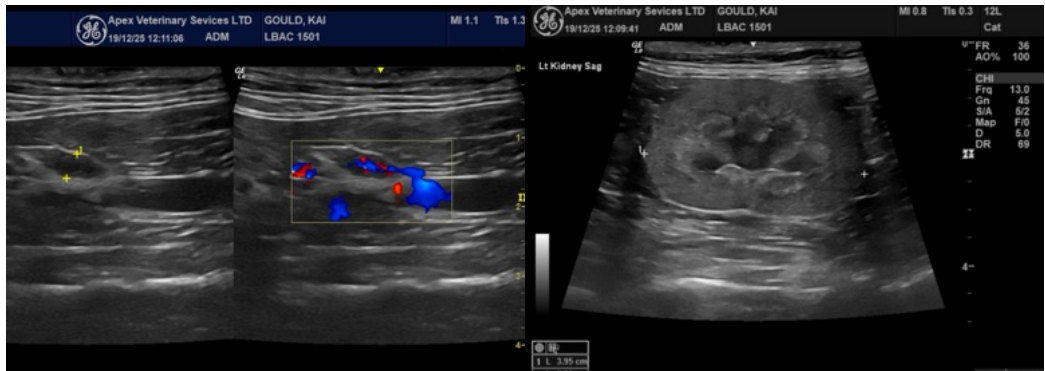
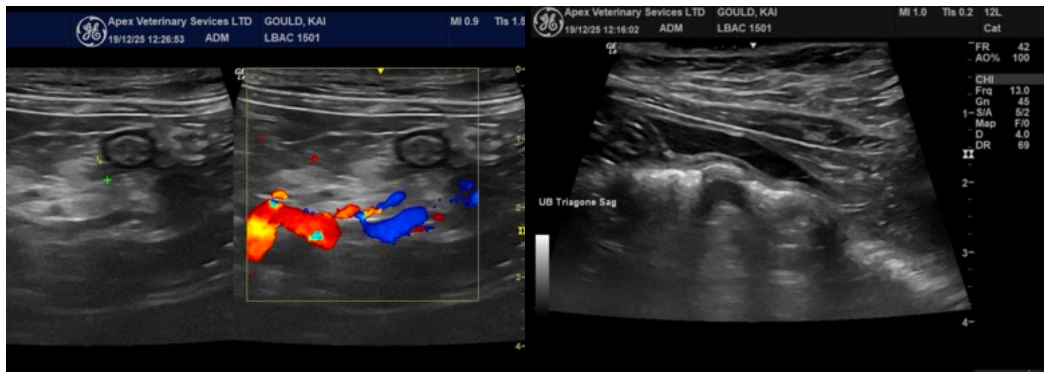
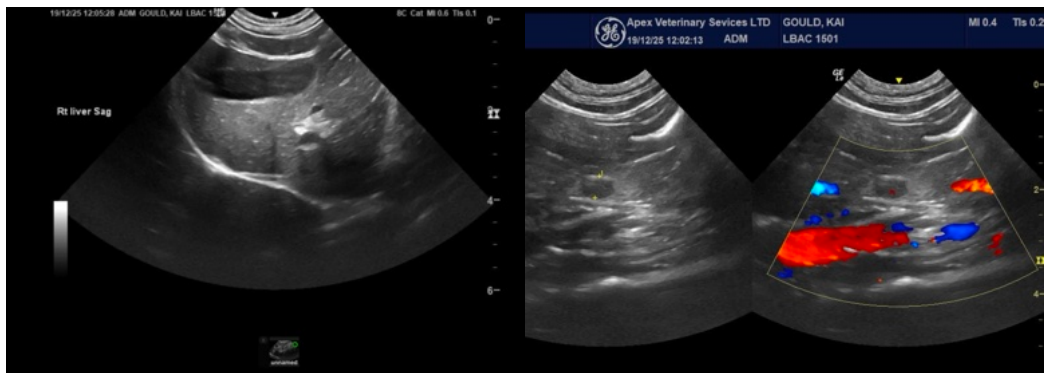
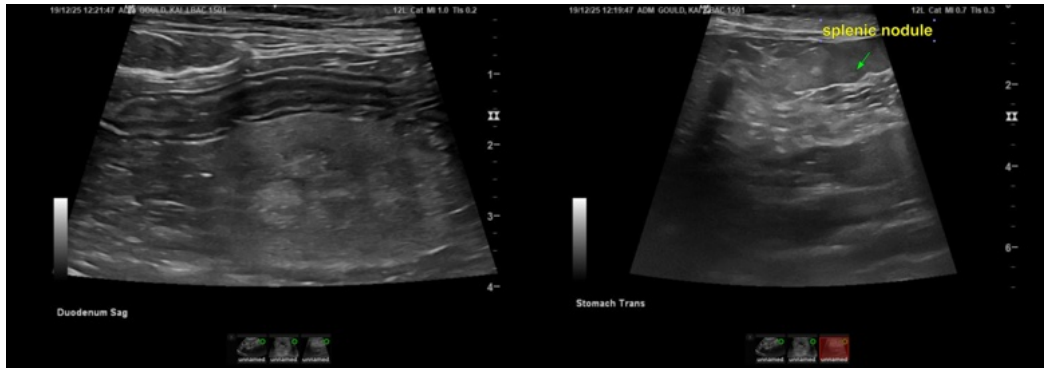
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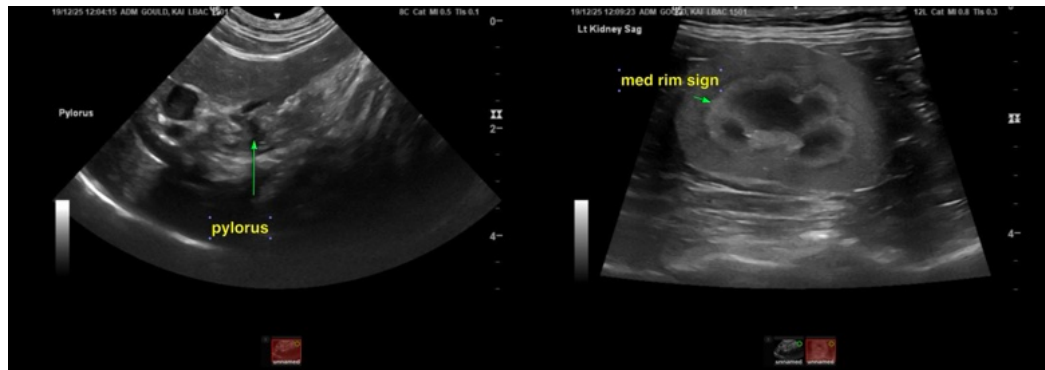
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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