



PATIENT

Boo Berry McCarty

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Main Coon

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

12 Years 9 Months

WEIGHT

19.8 Pounds

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Increasing frequency of vomiting and diarrhea over the last 2 years. For the last week, vomiting daily including with blood, also had liquid diarrhea for the past 4 days.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: cbc/chem/t4 normal

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 were noted. Ureteral papillae were normal. The pelvic urethra was imaged 1.0 cm beyond the cystourethral junction. Iliac trifurcation was unremarkable.

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some mild age-related loss of curvilinear patterns regarding the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 4.0 cm. The right kidney measured 4.0 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 0.3 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 0.4 cm.

Spleen

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes were noted.

Liver

The **liver** images submitted revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Parenchymal echogenicity was naturally coarse and hypoechoic to the spleen. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gallbladder presented acceptably thin walls with primarily anechoic content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy was evident. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was evident.

Gastrointestinal

The **gastrointestinal** presentation revealed mild uniform prominence of the gastric mucosa as well as areas of "ropey" small intestinal wall with slight disruption of the normal 1:3 muscularis/mucosal ratio. Areas of excessive muscularis hypertrophy noted. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular,



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thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic disease. No evidence of obstruction was present. Mild chronic inflammatory bowel disease is likely. Full thickness tissue biopsies via open laparotomy, ideally guided by intraoperative ultrasound in order to obtain the most representative mural sample, would be necessary to rule out this possibility.

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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 subxyphoid palpation then low-grade smoldering chronic pancreatitis should be suspected.

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Free Abdomen

The mesenteric **lymph nodes** were enlarged, irregular and hypoechoic and encompassing the mesenteric artery. The lymph nodes were peripherally inflamed. The largest mesenteric lymph node measured 2.0 cm x 1.0 cm.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mild intestinal thickening
- Mesenteric lymphadenopathy
- Age-related renal and pancreatic changes

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Concern for emerging round cell neoplasia/lymphoma. FNA of the mesenteric lymph nodes, cytology and culture indicated +/- PCR to assess for lymphoma. Prognosis is guarded. If sampling is not an option, then a clinical trial of the following may prove effective. However, if prednisolone is utilized, it may suppress an underlying round cell neoplastic event. Lymphadenitis versus round cell neoplasia are primary concerns. Inflammatory bowel likely, potential emerging intestinal lymphoma. Full thickness intestinal lymph node biopsies would be ideal.

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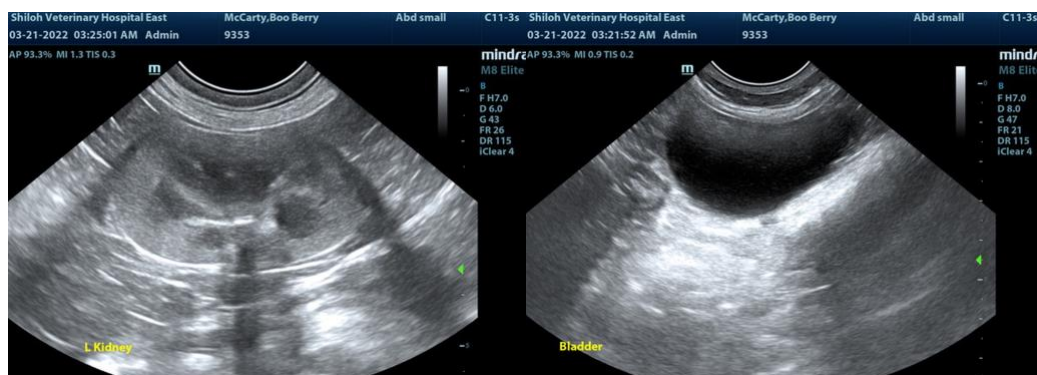
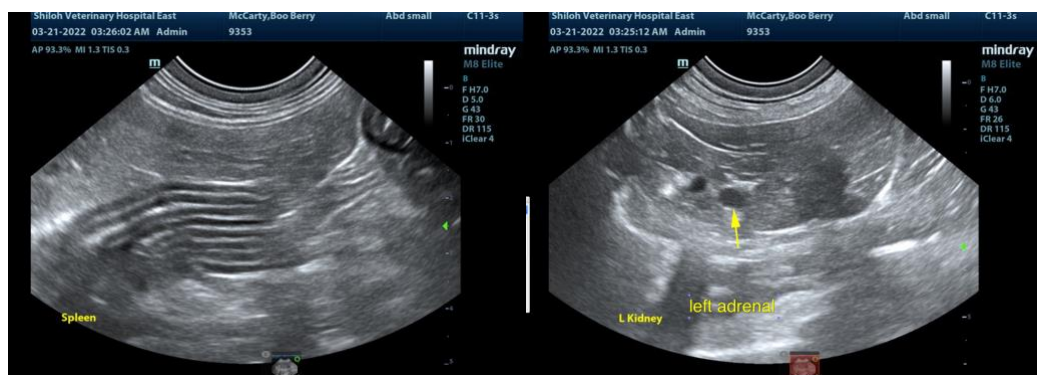
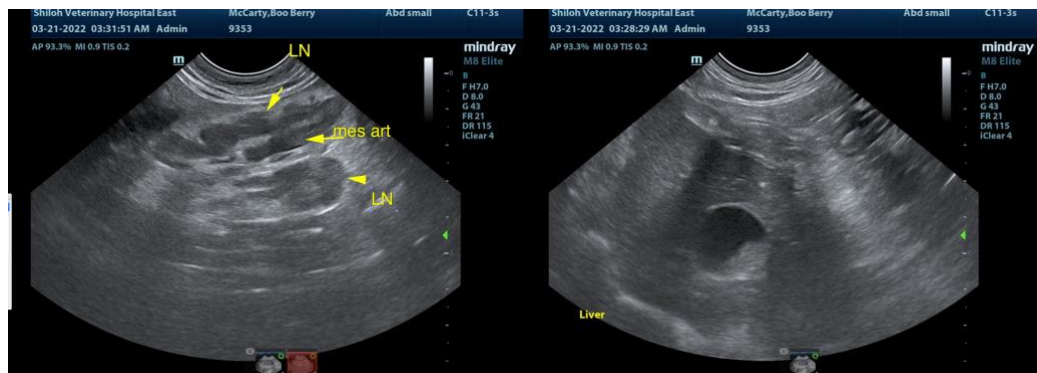
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.



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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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