

PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

RJ Leal

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

15 Years

WEIGHT

10 lbs

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Pt presents for evaluation of progressive intermittent vomiting. There is no consistent time of day that he throws up. Has progressed to consistent for several days in a row and then stops on it's own for up to a week. Usually is bile throw-up but can be water or food. No change in medication, food, or schedule. Maintaining his weight. Consistent great appetite. No GI medications have been trialed. He has a multi-year history of intermittent anemia (ranges from 20-35% since 2023). No cause has been identified despite extensive workup. Diet: Hill's K/D. Daily Medication: fluoxetine. Today's medication: trazodone, Cerenia, sedation medications (midazolam, Alfaxalone, butorphanol). Problem List: Progressive intermittent vomiting. MPL left grade 2/4. Mild dental disease. Intermittent chronic anemia. Stage 2 CKD - well managed. Bed wetting - intermittent. MCT removed 2022 - low grade

PE: BCS 6/9, mild dental tartar, MPL 2/4 LH, no other significant findings BP: doppler systolic 125
CBC/Chem/T4/UA/fecal: pending GI panel: pending Thoracic radiographs: NSF

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART & ABDOMEN

FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (lbs)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm)	LVIDd (cm)	LVWd (cm)	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.3-0.6	1.0-2.1	0.25-0.6	35-67	80-100
PATIENT	10.0	120	--	1.2	--	40	--
FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA/AO (M-mode)	LA/AO HEART BASE (Sisson)	LAD LA MAX 4 Chamber		LVOT VEL (m/s)	RVOT VEL (m/s)	IVRT (m/)
NORMAL PARAMETER	<1.5	1.6	0.7-1.7		<1.6	<1.3	40-60
PATIENT	--	1.1	1.2		UE	1.9	NM
Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998 Sisson D et al. JVIM 1991; 5: 232, Jacobs et al. Am J Vet Res 1985; 46:1705							

EPSS: 0.1

Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 separate LA measurements. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented normal linear structure and kinetics. The **left ventricle** presented normal thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The **myocardium** presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. **Contractility** of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions and angles of the myocardium. The **left ventricular outflow** tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology and kinetics. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonic** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). No



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visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted or extra cardiac pathology in the visible planes. The cranial **mediastinum and pericardial regions** were free of masses in the visible window.

Urinary System

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The **urinary bladder** and visible pelvic urethra were unremarkable for the level of repletion presented. The urine, however, did present some moderately echogenic debris consistent with mucous, exfoliated cells from renal or bladder origin, and/or blood clots as these echogenic changes can all present similarly. This is often related to urinary tract infection but may represent simple evidence of exfoliated debris or sterile inflammation. Cystocentesis, urinalysis, +/- culture would be recommended to rule out and define any UTI. The urethra was visible to a depth of 3.0 cm.

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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. 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. Slight pinpoint mineralizations were present bilaterally. The left kidney measured 3.55 cm in length. The right kidney measured 3.65 cm in length. Blood flow to the kidneys appeared to be mildly subnormal on power doppler assessment.

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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 0.32 cm width. The right adrenal gland measured 0.33 cm width.

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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.

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Liver

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

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Gastrointestinal

The stomach revealed a slight hairball density measuring 1.1 cm. The stomach was otherwise unremarkable and patent with no evidence of pathology. The small intestine and colon were unremarkable.



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Pancreas

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The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Moderate chronic interstitial nephrosis renal pattern.
- Bladder debris- to investigate.
- Minor gastric hairball density.
- Age-related abdominal changes otherwise.
- Normal echocardiogram.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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No evidence of cardiac pathology. Hydrolyzed, geriatric or renal oriented diet change is recommended. GI protectant protocol could be considered. Anti-parasitic protocol could be considered. Medical management for hairball accumulation is also indicated

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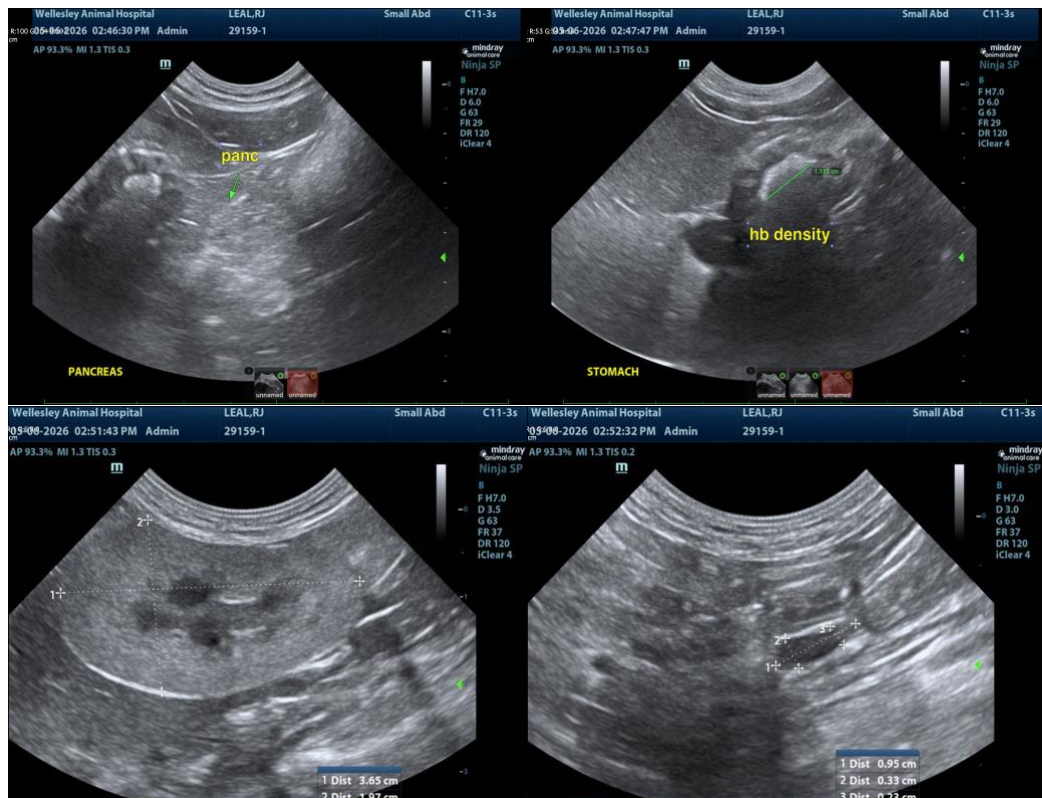
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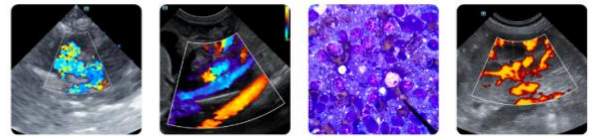
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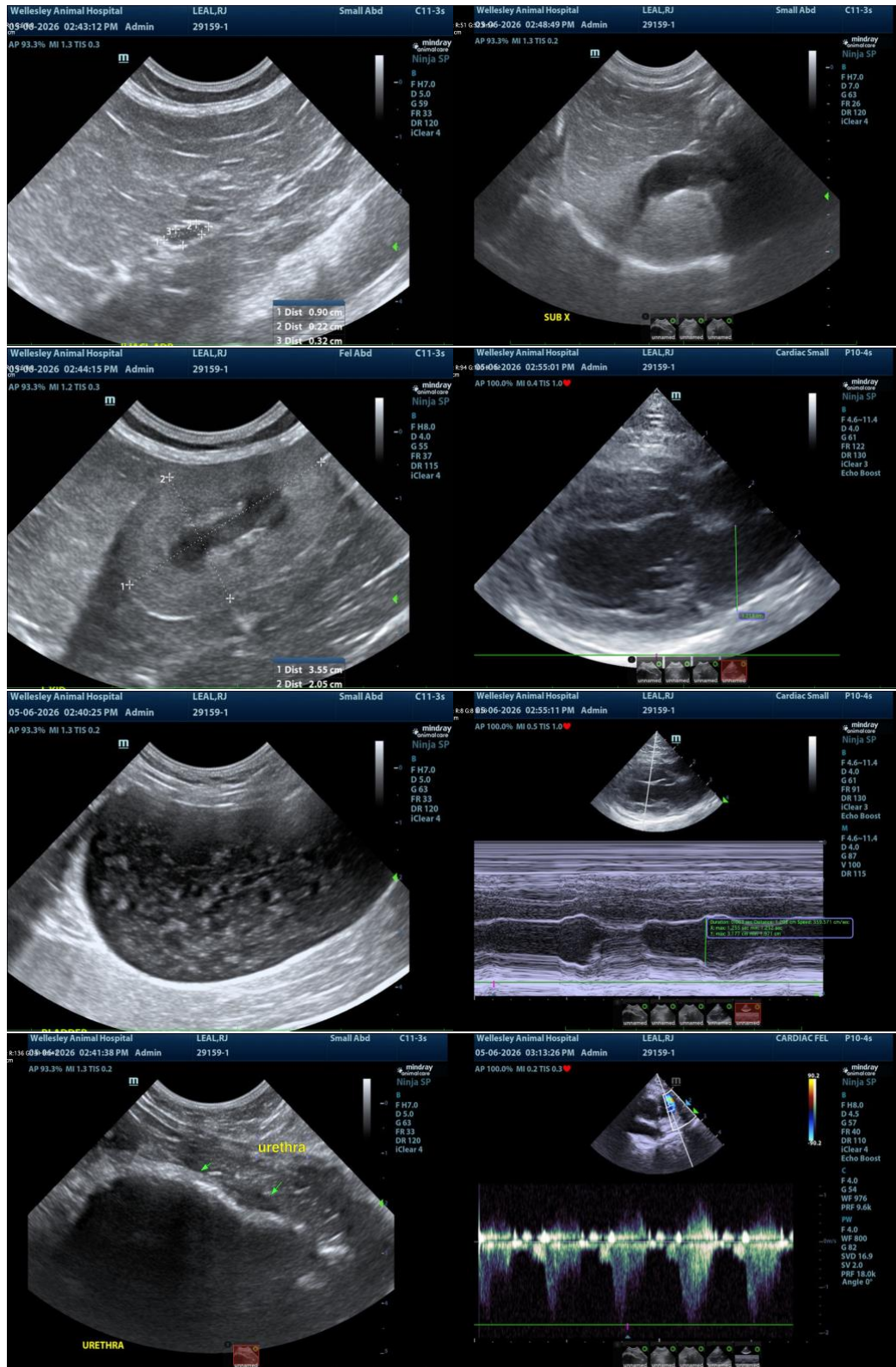
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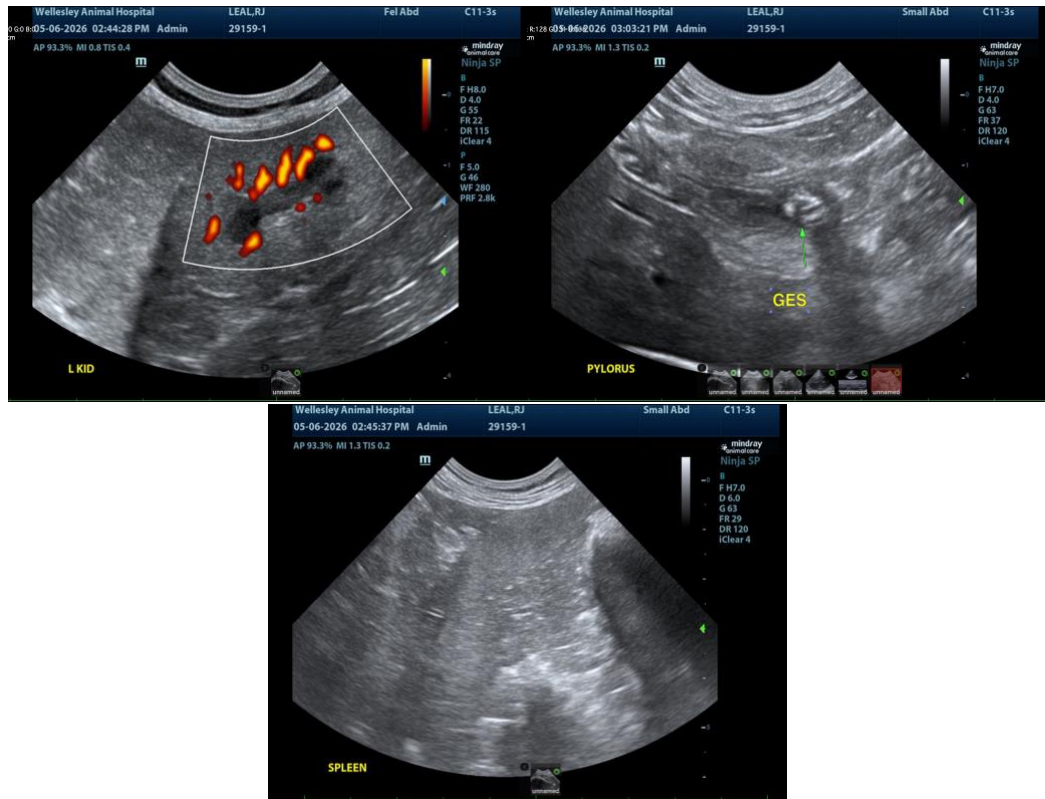
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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