



PATIENT

Oliver Vanblargen

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Domestic Shorthair

SEX

Neutered male

AGE

10 years

WEIGHT

11.6 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: approx 1.5 pounds of weight loss between 1/28/22 and 5/27/22. Owner reports waxing/waning appetite, becoming more picky with foods he used to enjoy, however no other GI signs (no vomiting/diarrhea). Owner was suspicious of dental disease but did not appear severe enough on PE to lead to decreased appetite/dysphagia (maybe stage 2 dental disease)
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: BW: mild basophilia (BASO=220/uL) and eosinophilia (EOS=2867/uL) but otherwise BW is unremarkable. No rads taken

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** revealed normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio for this age. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with normal echogenic relationship to liver and spleen. Medullary structure differed distinctly from the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The capsules were acceptably uniform without significant irregularities. The right kidney measured 3.9 cm. The left kidney measured 4.03 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 0.32 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 0.24 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 was 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 revealed an echogenic, double layered wall. The patient likely has a history of cholecystitis.



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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. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular, thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic disease. No concerning lymphadenopathy was visible. No evidence of obstruction was present. Chronic inflammatory bowel disease is likely with a low possibility of an early neoplastic event such as lymphoma. 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.

Pancreas

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.

Free Abdomen

A 1.5 cm hypoechoic, round, Bates body appeared to be present in the mid caudal abdomen. This does not appear overtly pathological.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Minor intestinal thickening.
- Non pathological Bates body.
- Minor cholecystitis gallbladder pattern.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Empirical treatment for inflammatory bowel is recommended. Anti-parasitic protocol is warranted. A hydrolyzed diet and a clinical trial of the following can be considered.

Empirical treatment with Zithromax at 10 mg/kg s.i.d. for 5 days and then every other day up to 14-21 (if Bartonella +) days and B12 injections twice a week, hydrolyzed diet +/- Prednisolone therapy would be recommended at the minimal necessary dose to control symptoms.



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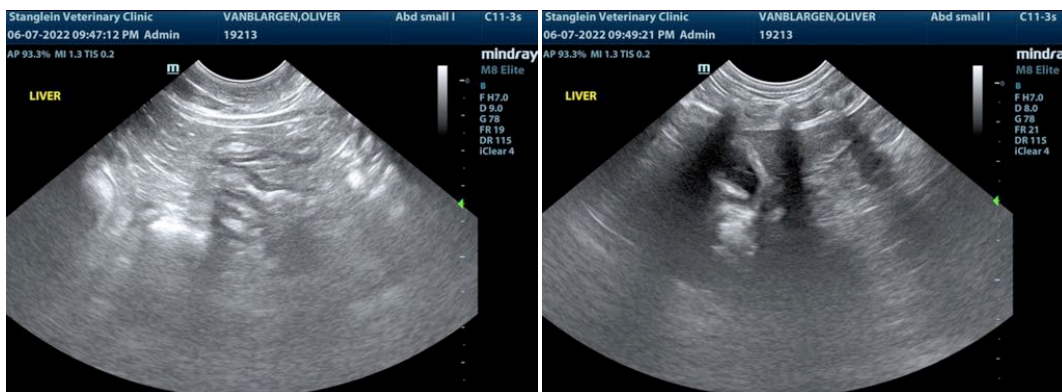
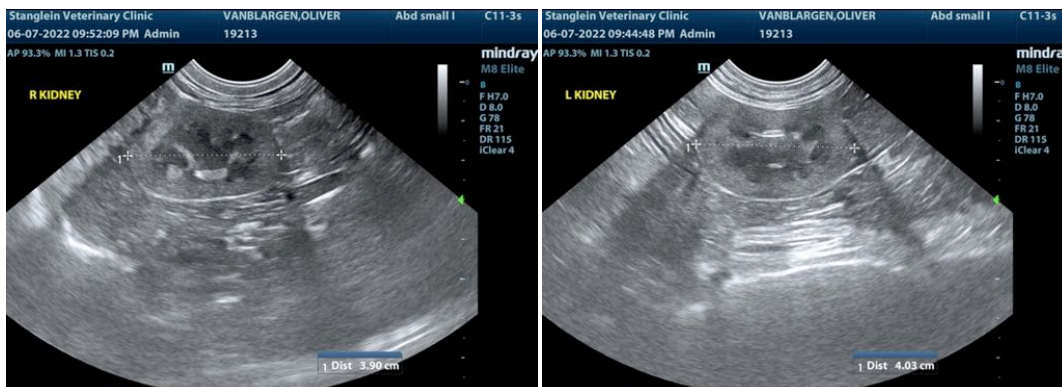
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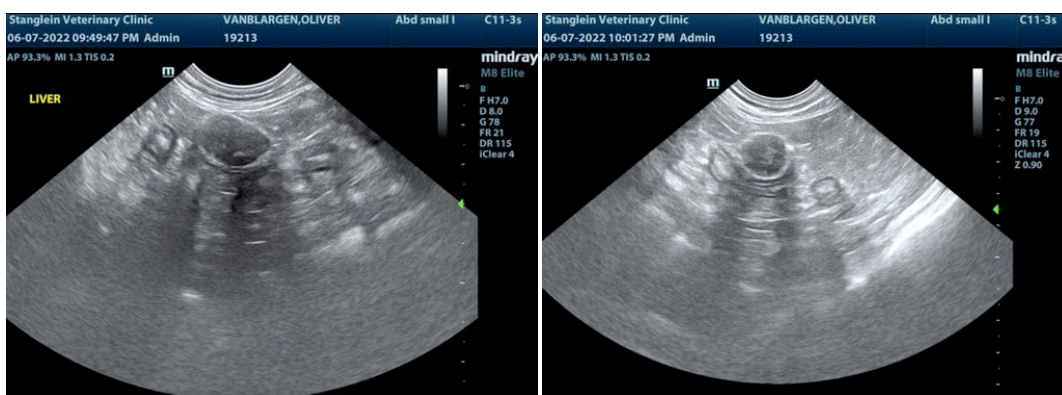
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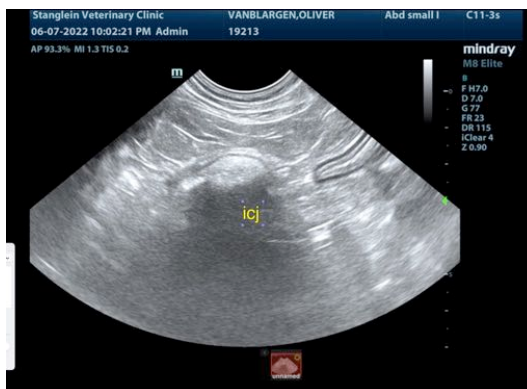
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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