



PATIENT

Harris Rhodes

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DLH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

11 Years

WEIGHT

14.3 Pounds

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Loose, light colored stool, decreased appetite. Also yowling as in pain. Today did have a more normal stool but still not himself. He has lost weight, however was on metabolic diet last year, and he was vomiting on it. So, switched to ID earlier this year. Bloodwork at that time was all normal. He has lost additional weight since that time. not intentionally.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Mild epaxial wasting and fluidy feeling abdomen/bowel loops. Otherwise unremarkable. Hypoproteinemia, and mild eosinophilia/basophilia, see attached.

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 pelvic urethra was imaged 2.0 cm beyond the cystourethral junction.

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. The left kidney measured 4.6 cm. Blood flow to the kidneys appeared subjectively subnormal on power doppler assessment.

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 0.35 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 0.56 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. Hyperechoic lipogranulomatous change noted. 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 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** presentation revealed mild uniform prominence of the gastric mucosa as well as areas of "ropey" small intestinal wall with 1:1 muscularis/mucosal ratio. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular, thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic disease. No evidence of



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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.

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Mesenteric lymph nodes were mildly enlarged.

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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Diffuse mild intestinal thickening
- Mildly enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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No overt neoplastic criteria. However, an emerging neoplastic event cannot be completely ruled out. Full thickness intestinal biopsies would be ideal for further definition. Ultrasound guided FNA of the mesenteric lymph nodes with cytology and culture warranted. Some mesenteric lymph nodes appeared cystic and may be abscessed, hence culture. Cytology +/- PCR for lymphoma may be appropriate.

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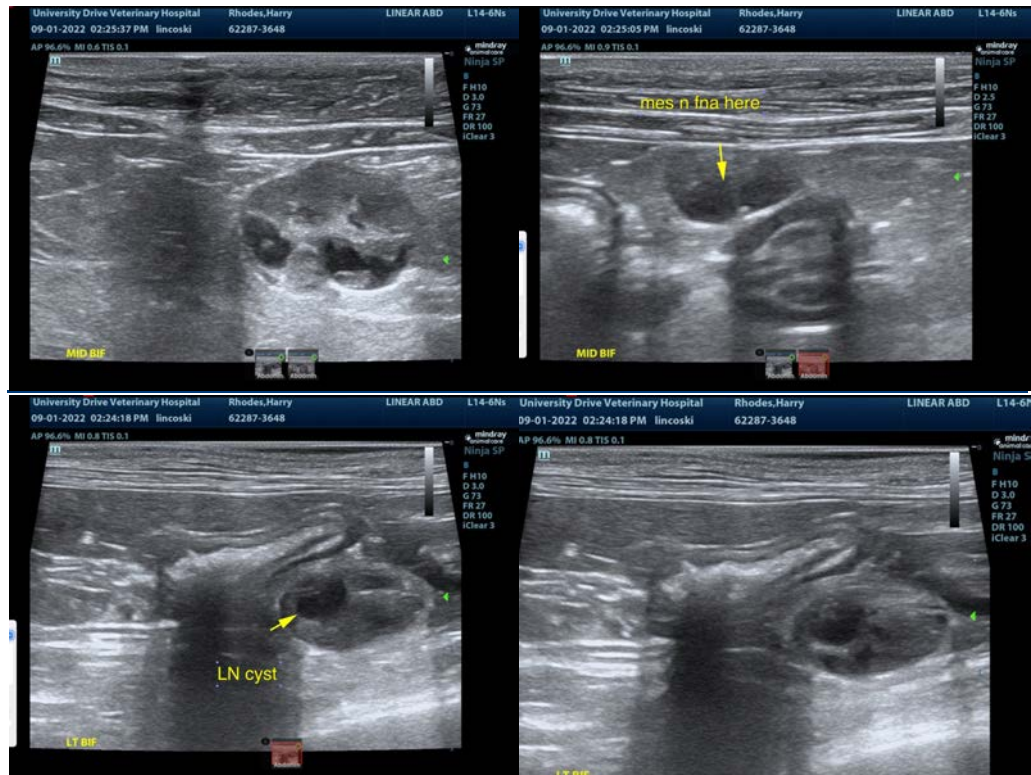
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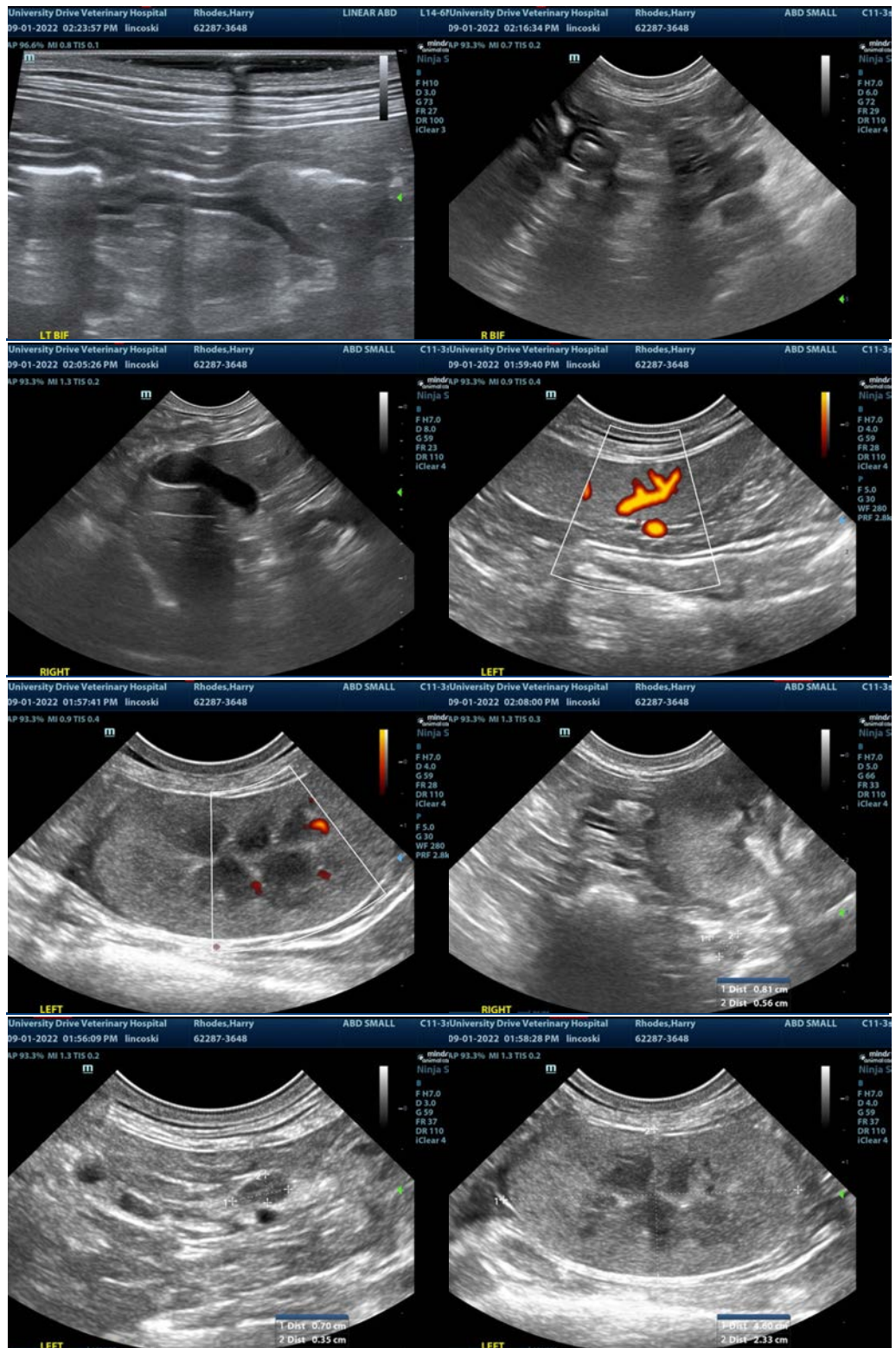
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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