


PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Cocaine Dumontier

Presented Dec 12 for annual exam, normal examination. Dec 25 started with lethargy, decreased appetite and less drinking noted. Weight is decreasing since visit earlier in Dec. Soft, non painful abdomen. Has been on Prednisolone 5mg. Concerned about causes of anemia. Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Please see attached bloodwork.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN
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Urinary System

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The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

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Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.16 cm) with pyelectasia at 0.44 cm. Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

15 Years

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.72 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

3.14 kg

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.29 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

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The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.45 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

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Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.65 cm in width at the level of the hilus), echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is homogenous echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

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The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

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The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.36cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.



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The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Jejunum wall measures 0.198 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

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Pancreas

The pancreas is normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

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Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

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Other

There is significant pleural effusion visualized cranial to the diaphragm.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with pyelectasia of the left kidney – The bilateral renal findings are consistent with age-related change. Pyelectasia of the kidney(s) could be consistent with pyelonephritis, chronic renal disease, secondary to PU/PD or fluid therapy (if applicable), other.
- Moderate pleural effusion visualized – Recommend 3-view thoracic radiographs.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No obvious lesion is visualized associated with the anemia and clinical signs described. There is evidence of chronic age related renal change and pyelectasia on the left side. Recommend urinalysis, culture, and blood pressure evaluation with continued monitoring of the left kidney. No obvious obstruction is visualized.

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Additionally, there appears to be some pleural effusion visualized cranial to the diaphragm. Confirm this with 3-view thoracic radiographs. Additionally, consider a cardiac ultrasound and sampling of the thoracic fluid with fluid analysis and cytology.

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The anemia is relatively mild and could be anemia of chronic disease. Recommend pathologist review of a blood smear, looking for any evidence of atypical cells, regeneration, etc.

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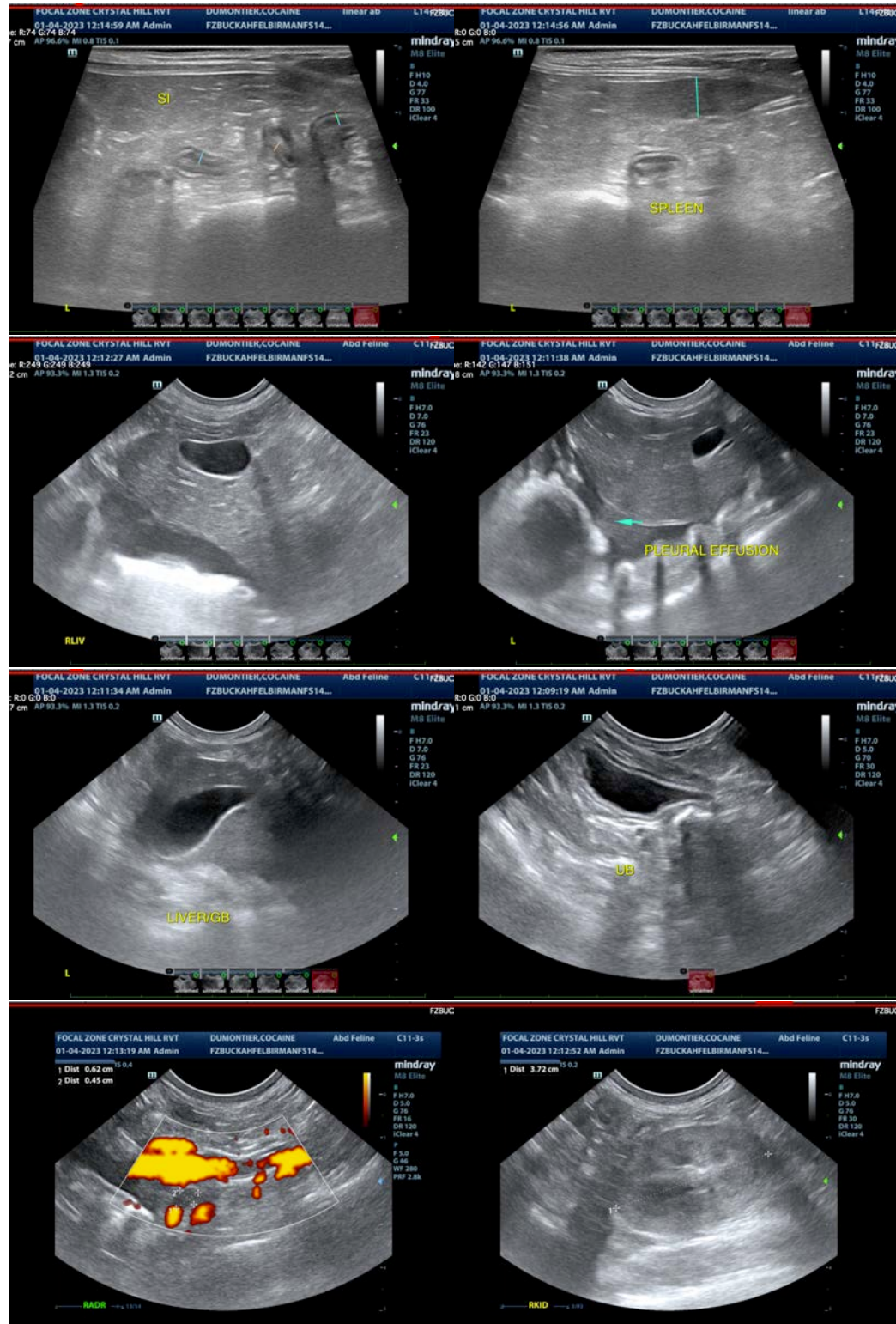
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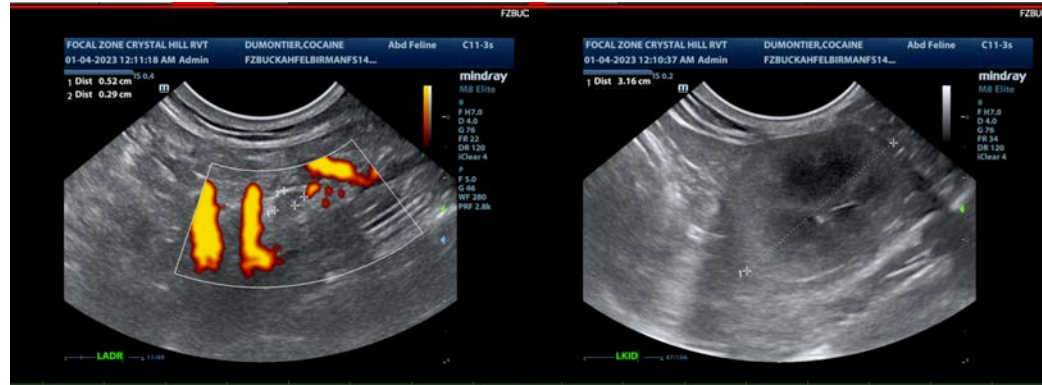
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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