



**PATIENT**

Opie Rusyn

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

3 Years

**WEIGHT**

8.7 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Possible FB, vomiting, decreased appetite, lethargic.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Pending

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

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.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.71 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.98 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate 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.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.38 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.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.37 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.

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.45 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.

**Liver**

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

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.

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach is distended with a large amount of fluid. 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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Many of the visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with moderate fluid distension. Wall thickness appears normal. Bowel loops largely follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum measured as normal between 0.3-0.38 cm in wall thickness. The jejunum measured as normal at 0.27 cm. Some areas appear slightly hypomotile with lack of progressive motility of fluid. There are some areas of bowel plication with some shadowing but not definitively obstructive material within the small intestine. There are no focal mass lesions observed, but the focal area of plication is concerning for a possible linear foreign body.

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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 prominent and hypoechoic as compared to the surrounding isoechoic 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. There is a mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy visualized with mesenteric lymph nodes measuring 0.46 cm and 0.41 cm. The omentum is hyperechoic around the enlarged lymph nodes.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Diffusely fluid dilated small intestine and stomach – Findings could be consistent with a recent liquid meal, generalized ileus, or a partial obstruction.
- Focal area of bowel plication – While a definitive obstruction is not observed, this area is concerning and could be consistent with a linear foreign body. Alternately, severe enteritis can have this appearance.
- Prominent, hypoechoic pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- Heterogeneous liver – Hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with inflammation/infection (cholangiohepatitis), infiltrative neoplasia, lipidosis or other hepatopathy.
- Mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The stomach and small bowel are dilated with fluid. This could be due to syringe feeding this morning or could be secondary to ileus or a partial obstructive process. There is an area of plicated small intestine, which is concerning. Correlate these findings with abdominal radiographs. Consider fluid therapy and rehydration and reassessment with radiographs +/- ultrasound in 4-6 hours. If this area remains concerning, consider exploratory with biopsies obtained of the small intestine as well as sampling of the enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes. If surgery is not considered, you could consider a fine needle aspirate of a mesenteric lymph node and treatment for acute gastroenteritis/mild pancreatitis.

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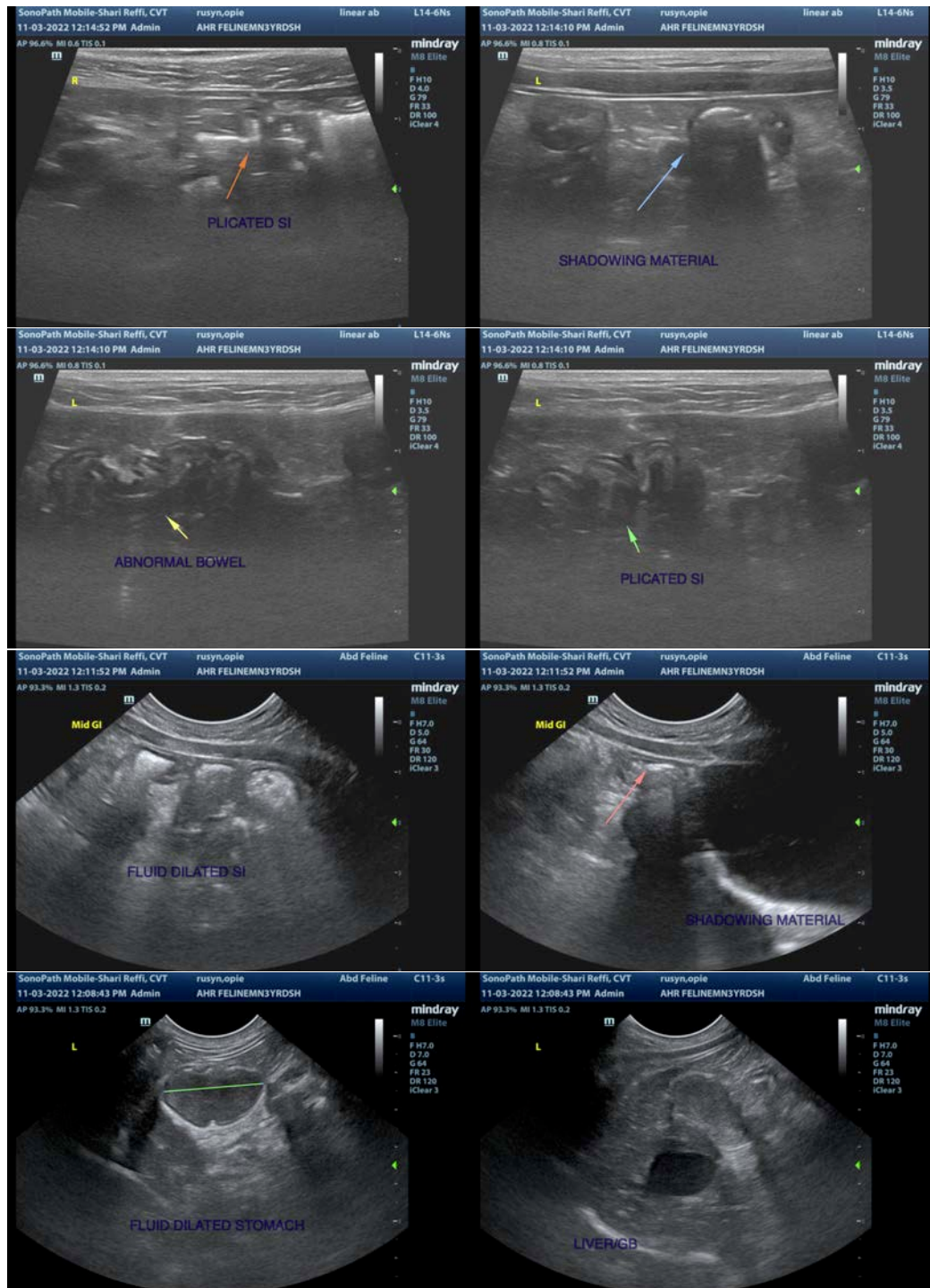
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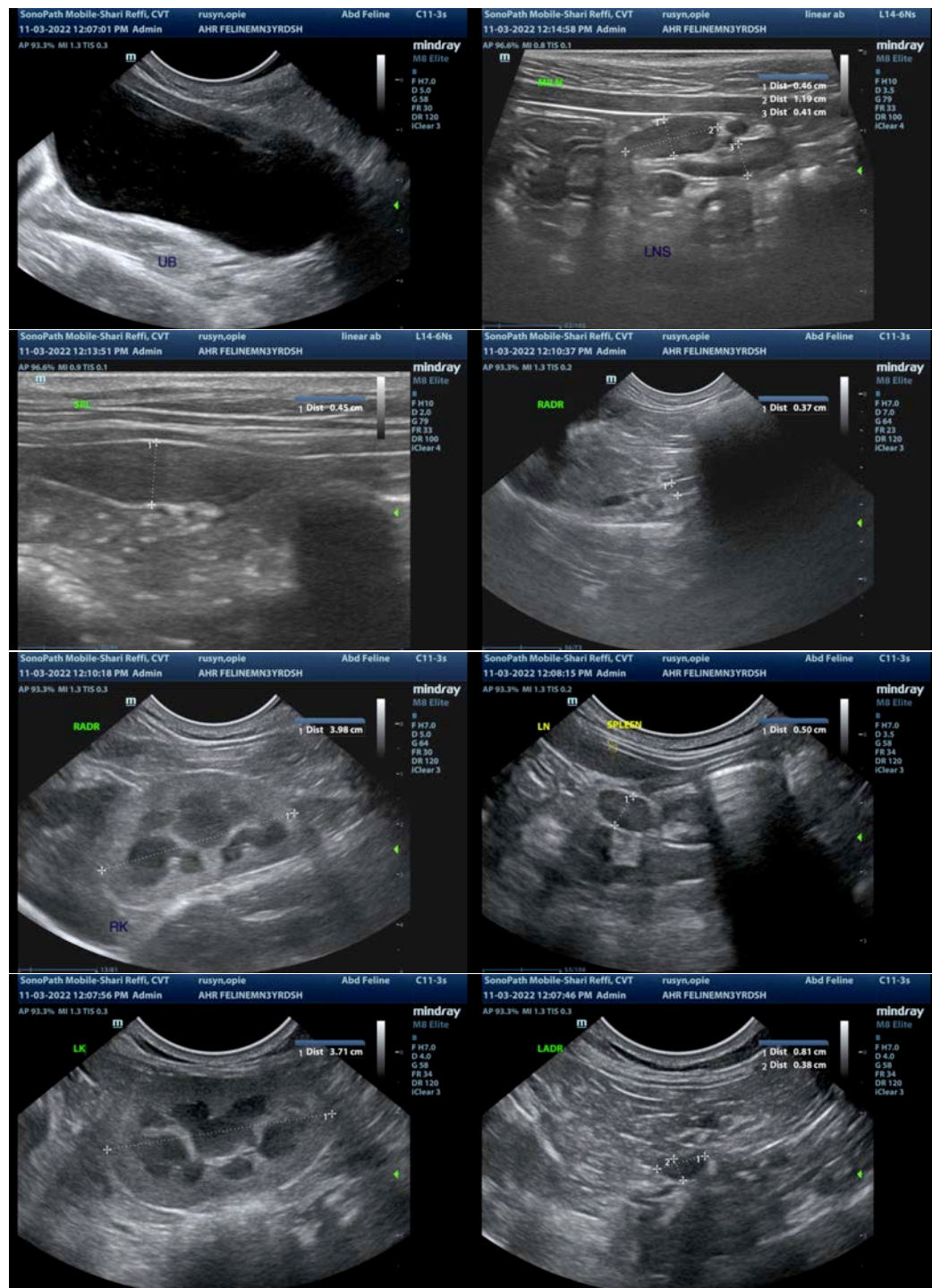
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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