



PATIENT

Sydney Beatty

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Female

AGE

8

WEIGHT

4.9 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Presented on 12/10 for suspected dental issues. The owner presents Sydney for suspected dental issues. For the past week, she has refused to eat dry food and chews on only one side when eating canned food. Coinciding with the change in eating habits, she has developed diarrhea; the owner notes she has a history of having soft stool. There has been no vomiting, coughing, or sneezing. Sydney is an indoor-only cat. Labwork was done and showed patient has signs of renal disease (stage 2). Prior to the dental recommended an AUS to further assess overall status of the kidneys. Other abnormalities are noted as well and will be attached to this document as well. No status of FeLV/FIV Problem List//Differentials 1. Dental Disease - **Gingivitis, suspected Feline Odontoclastic Resorptive Lesions (FORLs)/tooth resorption.** 2. Gastrointestinal - **Diarrhea.** 3. **Weight loss.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Please see the attached document as this has all of the lab results.

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 is borderline small (2.94 cm) and normal in shape. 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.25 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.35 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 0.40 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 (0.54 cm), 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.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains moderate fluid/ingesta. 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.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal to slightly increased. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering, but some areas display a prominent muscularis layer which does not display the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum wall measures 0.26 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.22 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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.

Pancreas

The right limb of the pancreas is prominent and mottled 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.

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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with a borderline small left kidney – Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis.
- Pancreatic changes in the right limb, most consistent with chronic pancreatic remodeling +/- chronic pancreatitis.
- Diffusely “ropey” small intestine with some areas exhibiting a prominent muscularis layer – The small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease) with a low possibility of emerging lymphoma.



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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The small intestine appears mildly diffusely thickened and ropey. Some areas exhibit a more prominent muscularis layer. These changes are most consistent with inflammatory type changes at this time, although early neoplastic change cannot be ruled out.

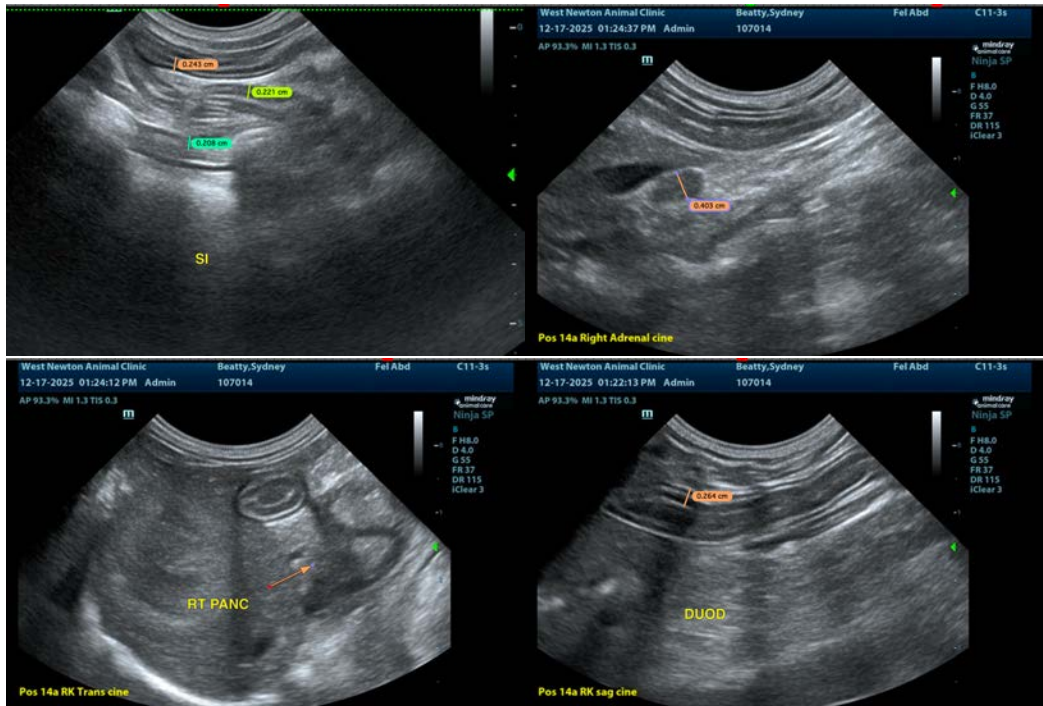
Additionally, the right limb of the pancreas is somewhat prominent. Correlate with a PLI level, looking for any evidence of active pancreatitis.

Consider the following:

- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein diet (exclusively at least 4-6 weeks)
- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for evaluation of B12 levels, folate, PLI/TLI etc.. to further evaluate for pancreatic/small intestinal disease.
- Recommend chronic probiotic therapy.

If symptoms are persistent despite therapy, then biopsies of the GI tract may need to be considered. Additionally, you could consider repeat imaging, looking for the progression of today's lesions.

Both kidneys have changes consistent with chronic renal disease. If not already done, recommend a blood pressure, urinalysis and a culture as a baseline. If possible, consider a combination renal/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet (I believe Royal Canin makes this diet).





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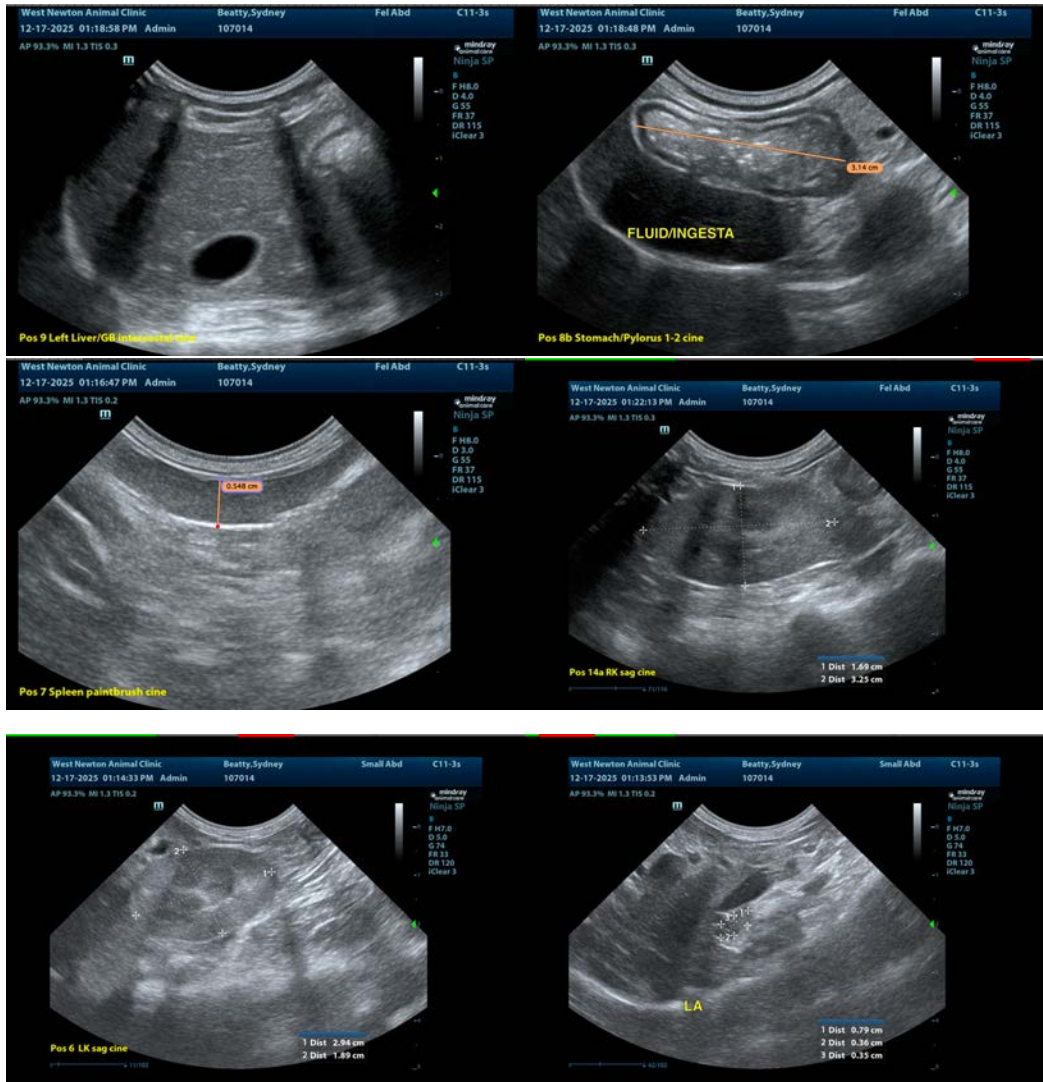
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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