



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Caesar Nimec Not eating well, unremarkable PE, mild dehydration, nausea

**SPECIES** Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: fPL abnormal, CBC, Chem 15 and lytes, WNL on Monday Feb 20 2023  
Feline

**BREED ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

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*Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.27 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 0.33 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.

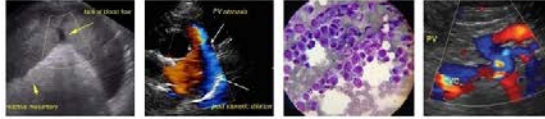
*Spleen*

The spleen is subjectively normal in size, echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There are numerous hyperechoic foci/nodules visualized within the splenic parenchyma. These do not appear to distort the splenic architecture/capsule.

*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 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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## ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains shadowing 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 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 0.25 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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.

## ***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.

## ***Free Abdomen***

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There are prominent mesenteric lymph nodes visualized measuring 0.53 cm and 0.51 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Echogenic debris in the urinary bladder – The echogenic debris in the bladder lumen could be consistent with cells, crystals, and/or mucus.
- Hyperechoic nodules/foci visualized within the splenic parenchyma – The significance of these lesions is unclear. They do not have many criteria for malignancy, so as benign process is favored. Underlying neoplasia cannot be ruled out. Consider a fine needle aspirate.
- Shadowing ingesta visualized within the gastric lumen – Correlate with abdominal radiographs and feeding history. If the patient was adequately fasted, consider such differentials as a hairball, ingested foreign material, delayed gastric emptying, etc. This shadowing material impairs visualization of the pylorus.
- Prominent mesenteric lymph nodes – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

No focal lesions are visualized associated with the gastrointestinal tract to explain the anorexia and nausea reported. There is some shadowing material visualized within the stomach. This could be ingesta if not fasted, a hairball, ingested foreign material, etc. Recommend continued monitoring with serial



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radiographs +/- ultrasound to try and determine the significance of this lesion.

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There are numerous hyperechoic nodules visualized within the spleen. The appearance trends towards a more benign lesion but underlying neoplastic change cannot be ruled out. Consider a fine needle aspirate.

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Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.

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There is some echogenic debris visualized within the urinary bladder. Consider urinalysis and culture to further evaluate.

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Unfortunately, there are many causes for anorexia and vomiting that cannot be diagnosed by ultrasound alone. If the material in the stomach is not a significant finding, then consider the possibility of small intestinal disease.

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- 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.
- If symptoms persist, consider upper GI endoscopy to evaluate the stomach and obtain biopsies of the gastrointestinal tract.

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The mesenteric lymph nodes are significantly enlarged. They are most consistent with reactive lymph nodes but a fine needle aspirate could be considered.

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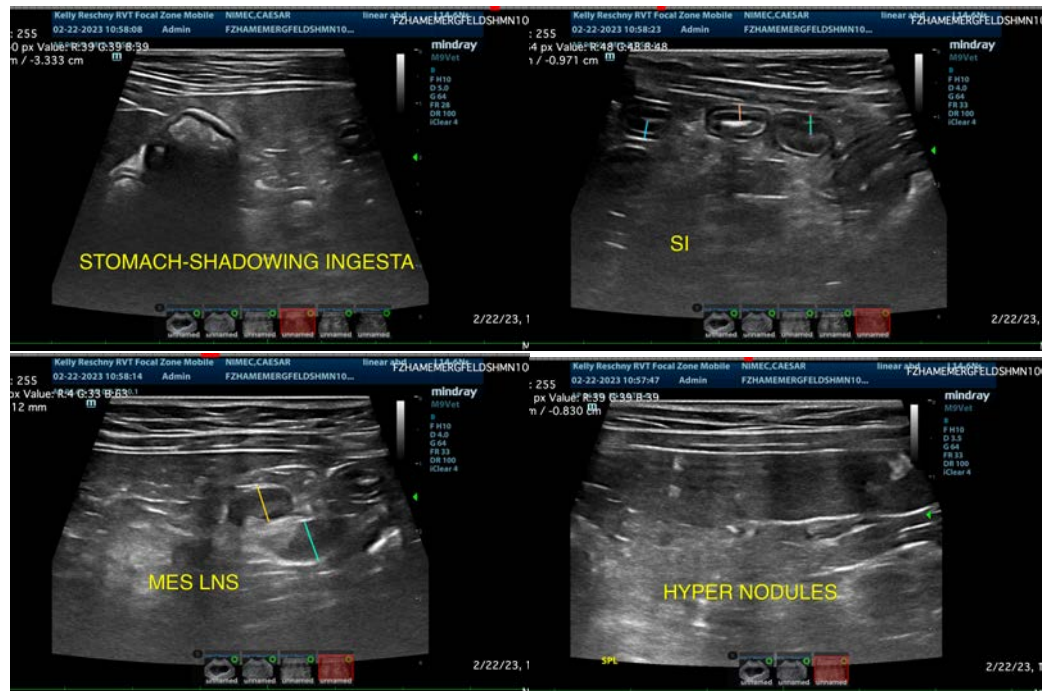
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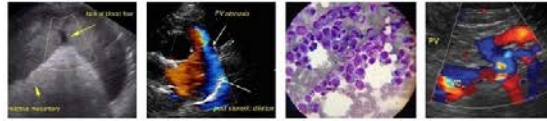
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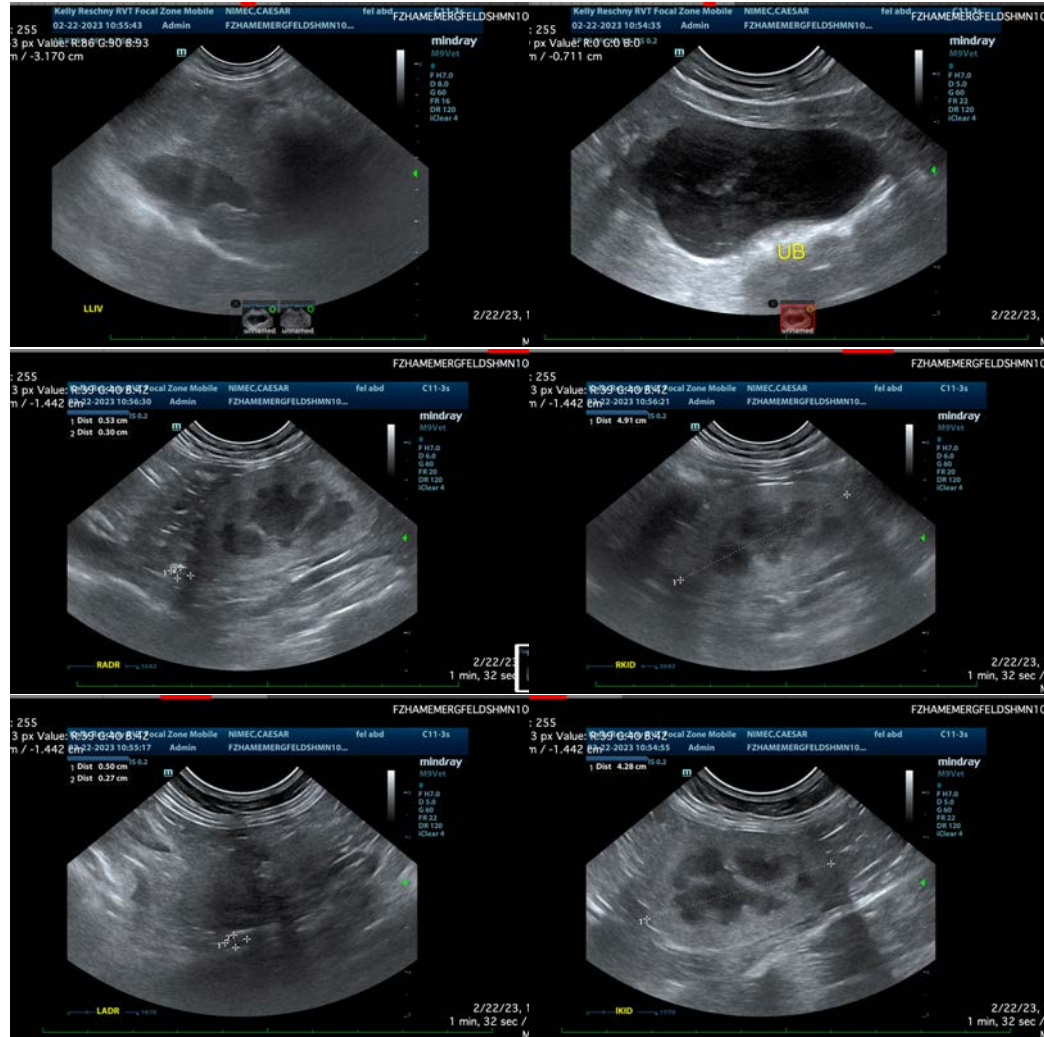
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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