



PATIENT

Scooter Giesbrecht

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

7 Years

WEIGHT

4.4 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Owner noticed that Scooter is slowly losing weight in the past 2 years vomit off and on. no changes at home (feeding and activity). Physical exam nsf no signs of discomfort.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE wnl cbc/chem/ua/tt4/cpli all normal

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with mild primarily suspended echogenic debris present. 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 calculi. Echogenic debris of this type can be associated with small crystals, cellular debris and proteinaceous debris.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.82 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 (3.69 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 0.32 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 (0.85 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.

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.



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Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains moderate fluid, gas, and poorly defined 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. On some views the poorly defined shadowing ingesta could have the appearance consistent with a hairball.

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 0.19 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 left limb of the pancreas is large and hypoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation. Consistent with mild pancreatitis.

Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There is no evidence of a significant diffuse lymphadenopathy. Occasional lymph nodes at the ileocecal junction are visualized, an example measures 0.26 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Suspended echogenic debris in the urinary bladder – The echogenic debris in the bladder lumen could be consistent with cells, crystals, and/or mucus.
- Pancreatic changes most consistent with mild pancreatitis/pancreatic remodeling.
- Moderate fluid/gas/shadowing ingesta visualized within the gastric lumen – Correlate with the feeding history. If the patient was adequately fasted, this could represent delayed gastric emptying, ingested foreign material, a hairball, or less likely a partial outflow tract obstruction.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No significant focal lesions are visualized associated with the GI tract to explain the vomiting and weight loss reported. The small intestine appears normal, but this does not definitively rule out the possibility of an underlying enteropathy, as there many causes for vomiting that cannot be diagnosed by ultrasound alone. Additionally, the stomach is distended with fluid and some poorly defined shadowing material. Correlate with the history. This could be consistent with a non-fasted patient, retained ingesta, etc. Additionally, the left limb of the pancreas is prominent and hypoechoic. These changes are concerning for mild pancreatitis, although significant pancreatic remodeling is also a possibility. Correlate with PLI level. If this is elevated, consider empirical treatment for pancreatitis.

If not already done, recommend the following:



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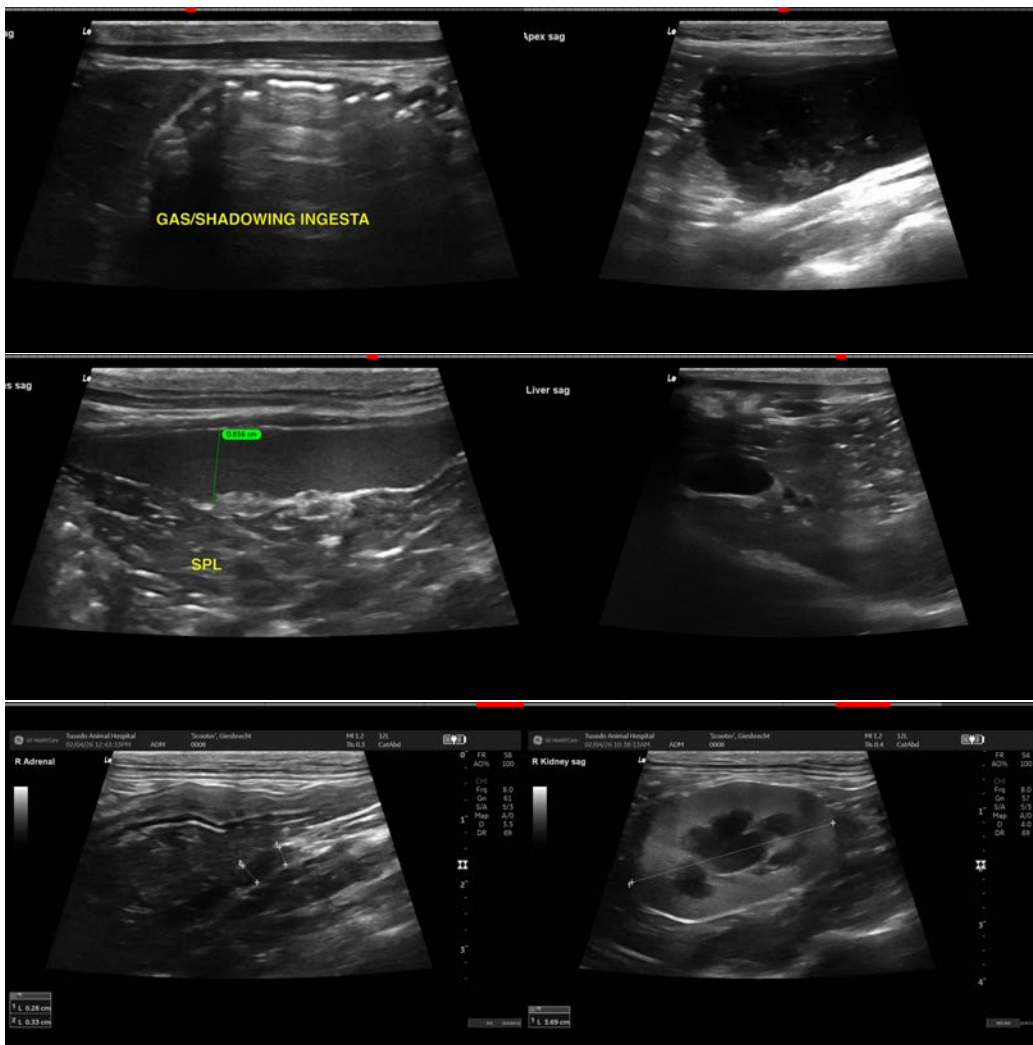
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- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein diet (exclusively at least 4-6 weeks)
- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for evaluation of B12 levels, folate, PLI/TLI etc.. to further evaluate for pancreatic/small intestinal disease.
- Recommend chronic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

If symptoms are persistent and/or there is concern for abnormal material visualized within the stomach, then consider endoscopy to further evaluate and to obtain biopsies of the GI tract.





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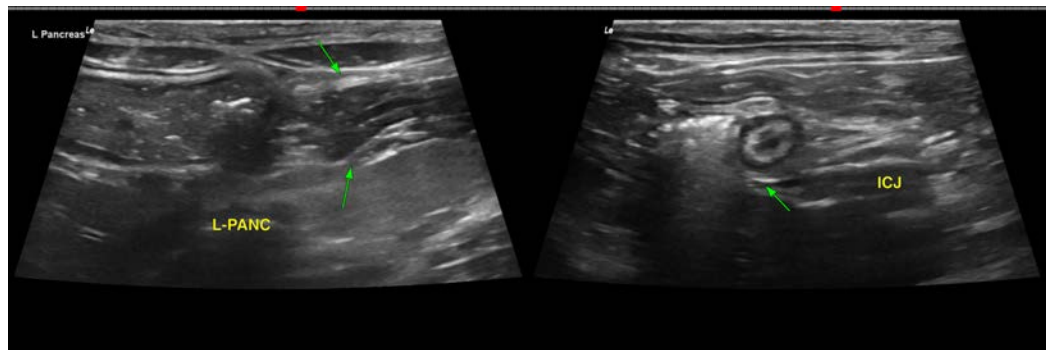
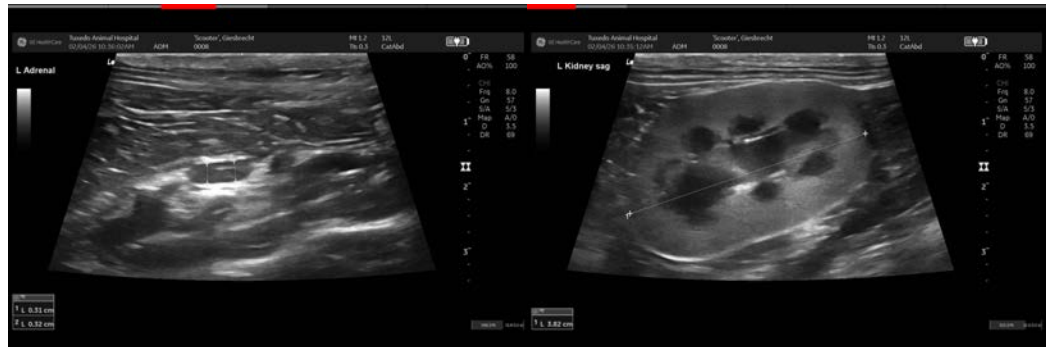
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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