

PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

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Miss Z Tate

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History of anorexia/hyporexia intermittently since 6/14. Presented to rDVM on 6/14; labs performed on 6/14 showed azotemia, hyperphosphatemia, hyperkalemia with no other dyscrasias. Started on Elura and did not do well on this. Switch to Mirataz and still no eating per owner. rDVM added prednisolone on 6/17. PE performed on 6/22 finds an unremarkable PE; abdominal palpation non-diagnostic d/t obesity.

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 6/14 labs Mild leukopenia characterized by a mild neutropenia Mild increase in SDMA (15); azotemia (creat 2.0, BUN 46) with hyperkalemia/hyperphosphatemia (6.4 and 6.6 respectively). Spec fPL mildly high at 5.0. No UA done at that time; UA from 6/16 shows USG 1.016 with quiet sediment. Labs pending from 6/22 and will be attached when received Current Medications Mirataz; Prednisolone

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

AGE

14 Years

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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14.3 Pounds

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.28 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.07 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.48 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 0.37 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.

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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. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

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Liver

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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. There is a hyperechoic ill-defined lesion visualized deep in the liver, measuring 1.51 cm x 1.44 cm.



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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 primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

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Gastrointestinal

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. The duodenum measured as normal (between 0.13-0.38cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (between 0.15-0.36cm.)

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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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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys – Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis.
- Hyperechoic ill-defined lesion deep in the liver – The significance of this lesion is unclear. I suspect it is too deep to easily aspirate. Recommend continued monitoring.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The changes observed in the kidneys are most consistent with chronic progressive renal disease. No focal dilation, stones, etc. are observed. Per the history, this sounds most consistent with an acute renal injury (possibly in addition to chronic renal disease). Recommend urinalysis and culture, blood pressure evaluation, symptomatic therapy, and fluid therapy.

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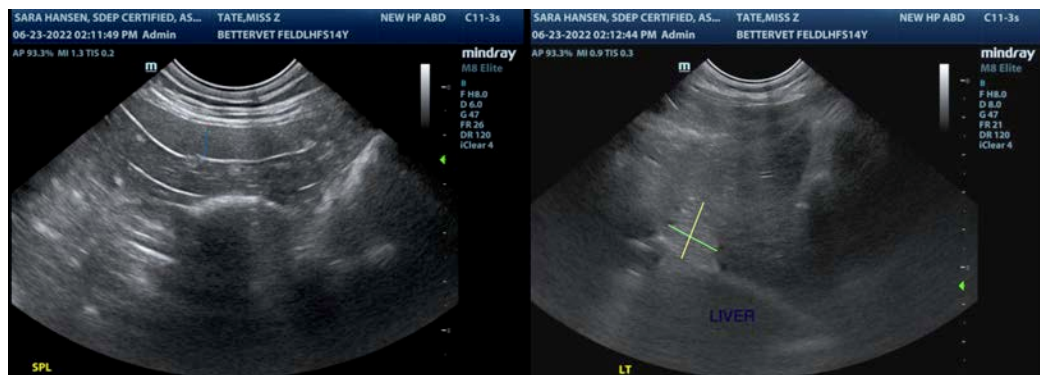
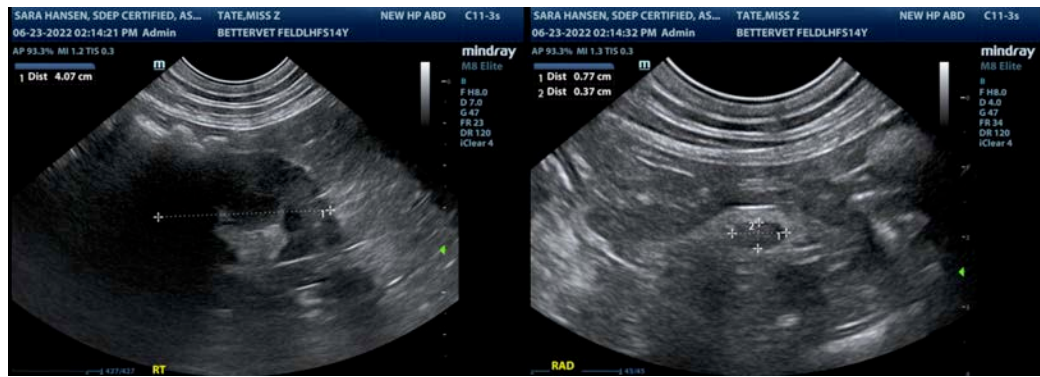
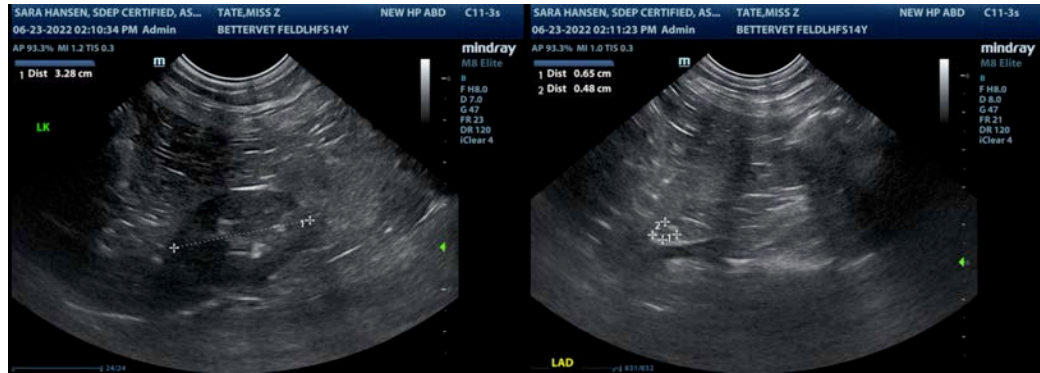
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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