

**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**Cali Bernard**  
Acute onset of melenic diarrhea with urgency past 2 days. Crouching and sensitive abdomen after eating recently. Smaller BMs noted past few weeks. Restless, pacing and flipping sides constantly, cannot settle. NO diet change although did not seem interested in eating today. No reports of vomiting or weight loss. No meds.

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

8 Years

**WEIGHT**

3.83 kg

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: BW 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 (3.53 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 (3.49 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 0.45 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.

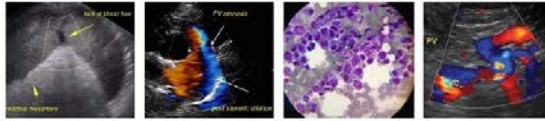
**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.65 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 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***

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The stomach contains moderate fluid and 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.

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The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with mild to moderate 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 0.20 cm. Duodenum wall measures 0.32 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. The proximal duodenum appears slightly fluid dilated with some shadowing intraluminal material.

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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.

***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**

- Moderate fluid and shadowing ingesta within the gastric lumen – Correlate with the feeding history. If the patient was adequately fasted, consider the possibility of delayed gastric emptying or ingested foreign material.
- Mildly fluid dilated proximal duodenum – This can be seen with focal ileus, ingested foreign material, etc.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The caudal abdomen appears relatively normal with no evidence of a mass effect or obstructive pattern visualized on the images submitted. In the cranial abdomen the stomach is somewhat dilated with fluid and some focal shadowing material. Correlate this with feeding history. This could be consistent with ingesta, ingested foreign material, hairball, etc. If not already done, recommend radiographs to further evaluate. Given the history of melena, gastric bleeding/ulceration could result in these symptoms. If based on these clinical findings a gastric foreign body is thought very likely, consider endoscopic or surgical evaluation. Otherwise, you could consider continued medical care, anti-ulcer therapy, and serial imaging of the stomach for emptying (radiographs +/- ultrasound).

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No evidence of pancreatitis is visualized on today's exam, but concurrent pancreatic inflammation cannot be definitively ruled out.



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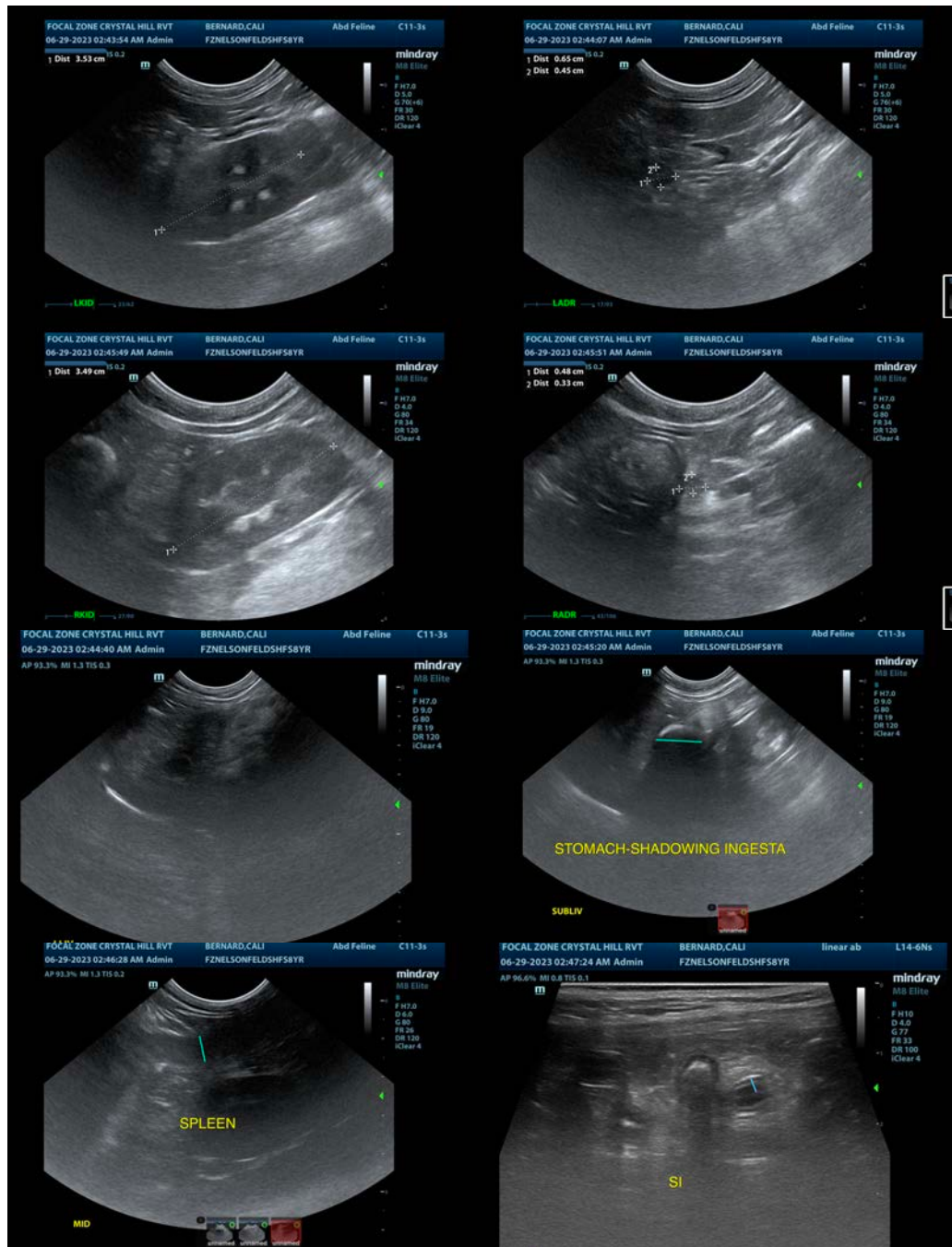
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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