



PATIENT

Stanlee Koster

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

11 Years

WEIGHT

6.58 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Loss of appetite, weight loss from 6.58kg to 5.58kg in 2 months span, T4 has risen from 38 in Oct to 50 now, T4byED is high end of reference range, FIV positive. Current Medications: N/A

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Primary Question to Be Answered in This Exam Feline Inflammatory Bowel Disease, GI lymphoma

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. 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. 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 0.37 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 XX 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. 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.

Gastrointestinal



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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. Jejunum wall measures 0.22 cm. Duodenum wall measures 0.29 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. Some areas of small bowel appear mildly “ropey” with a mildly prominent muscularis layer.

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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. There is no significant lymphadenopathy. Two sublumbar/colic lymph nodes are prominent measuring 0.42 cm and 0.38 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Age related changes visualized associated with both kidneys.
- Pancreatic changes most consistent with chronic pancreatic remodeling in the left limb. Mild chronic pancreatitis cannot be ruled out.
- Subjectively mildly “ropey” small intestine with some areas exhibiting a slightly prominent muscularis layer – Findings could be consistent with mild inflammatory type change.
- Prominent sublumbar/colic lymph nodes – Findings are most consistent with reactive lymph nodes, although early neoplastic change cannot be ruled out.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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The changes observed on today’s scan are mild and of uncertain significance. Both kidneys have mild age related changes. Correlate with renal values, urine concentrating ability, etc.

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There are some areas of small bowel that appear mildly thickened with intact wall layering, possibly consistent with mild inflammatory type change. If underlying gastrointestinal disease is suspected, you could consider the following:

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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.

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The left limb of the pancreas is somewhat prominent but does not appear overtly inflamed. Correlate with a PLI level. If significant elevations are present, consider empirical treatment for chronic pancreatitis.

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The sublumbar/colic lymph nodes are prominent. The significance of this is uncertain. These are too small to currently sample. Recommend continued monitoring.

Consider treatment for hyperthyroidism if clinically appropriate.

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Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement (disregard if this has already been done).

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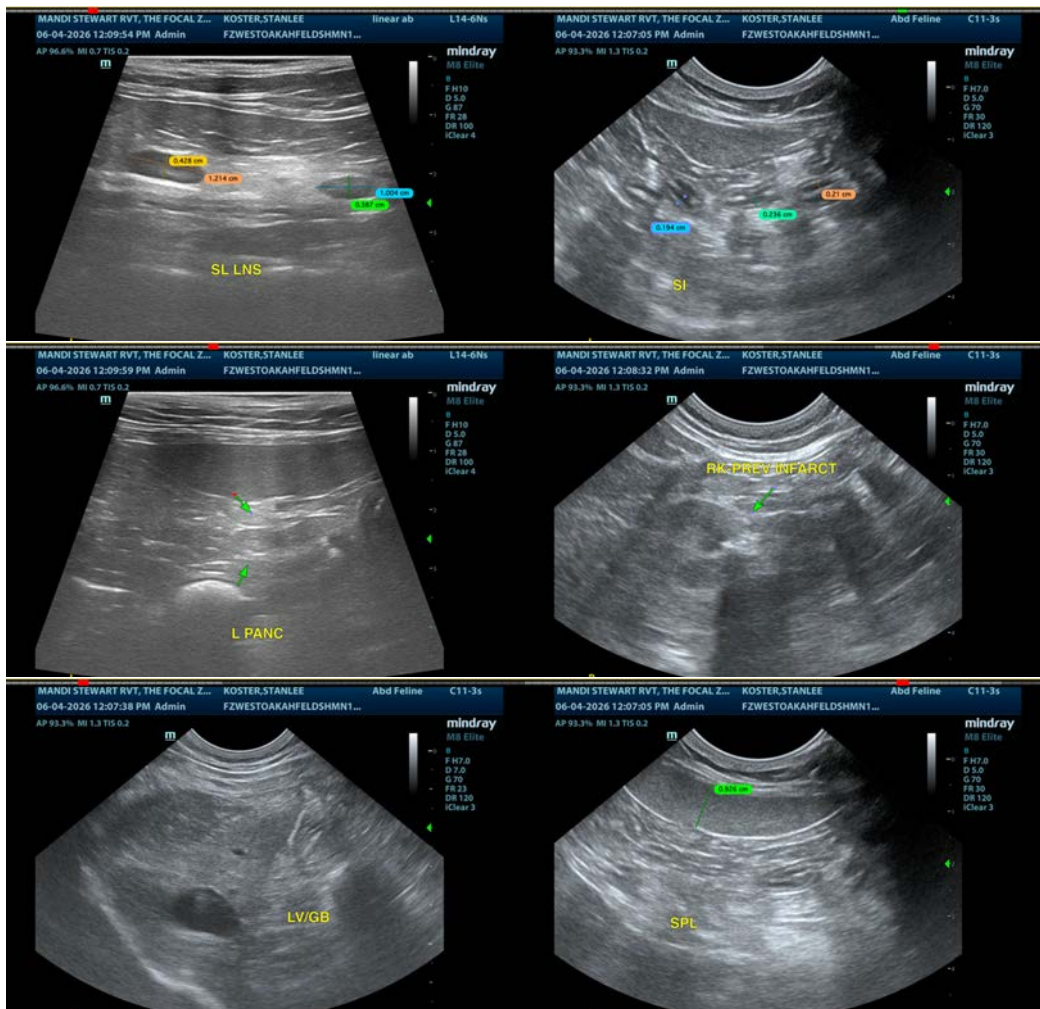
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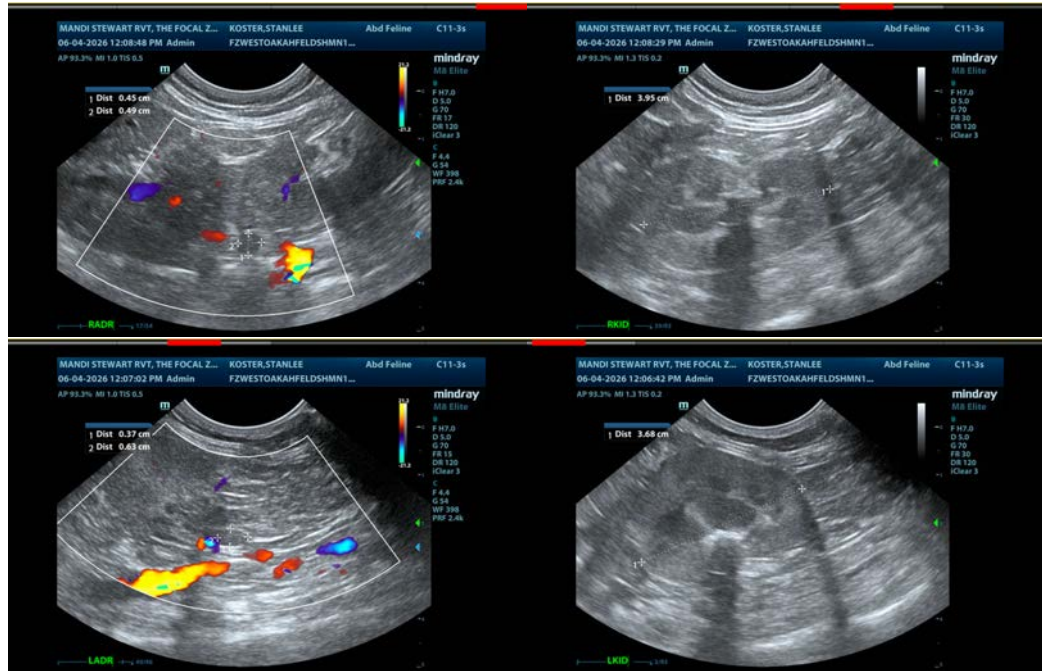
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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