



PATIENT

Katy De Souza

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Vomiting, hyporexia, and weight loss
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE: NSF CBC: Leukopenia 2.3, Neutropenia 1.4, Monocytopenia 0.05 Chem: ALT 163 UA: NSF

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

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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.

SEX

Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.42 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate 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.

AGE

8 Years

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.81 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate 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.

WEIGHT

9.8 Pounds

Adrenal Glands

The region of left adrenal (Cranial to left renal artery) is unremarkable but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

The region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.9 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 primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains mild shadowing debris and fluid. 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 measured 0.23 cm. 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

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- Mildly echogenic debris visualized within the urinary bladder – The echogenic debris in the bladder lumen could be consistent with cells, crystals, and/or mucus.
- Small amount of fluid and shadowing material within the gastric lumen – I suspect this is most consistent with a small amount of ingested material, medication, or even hairball. Correlate with feeding history and abdominal radiographs. If this patient was adequately fasted, this could represent delayed gastric emptying or gastric foreign material.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Today's scan is relatively normal. There is a small amount of echogenic debris in the urinary bladder. Recommend urinalysis and culture to further evaluate.

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Additionally, there is a small shadow seen within the stomach. It does not appear obstructed, and there is no obstructive pattern in the small bowel. This could be consistent with a small amount of ingesta, a hairball, etc.

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Consider metabolic causes for vomiting including liver dysfunction, Addison's disease, etc.

If metabolic disease is thought unlikely, then consider primary gastrointestinal disease, as there are many causes for vomiting and anorexia that cannot be diagnosed by ultrasound alone. These could include food allergy/dietary intolerance, GI parasitism, mild pancreatitis, dysbiosis, IBD, and less likely intestinal neoplasia.

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- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet.
- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine.
- Recommend hairball remedy and continued monitoring of the shadowing material within the gastric lumen.

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- Consider three view thoracic radiographs to rule out concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.
- If symptoms persist, consider obtaining GI biopsies.

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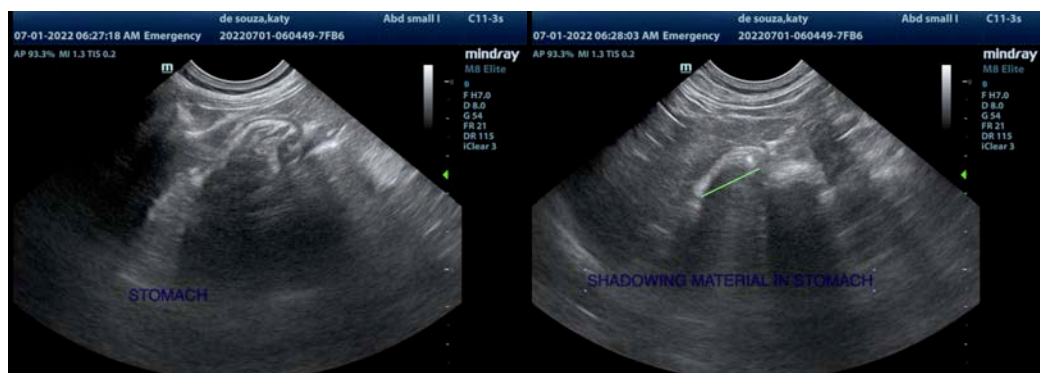
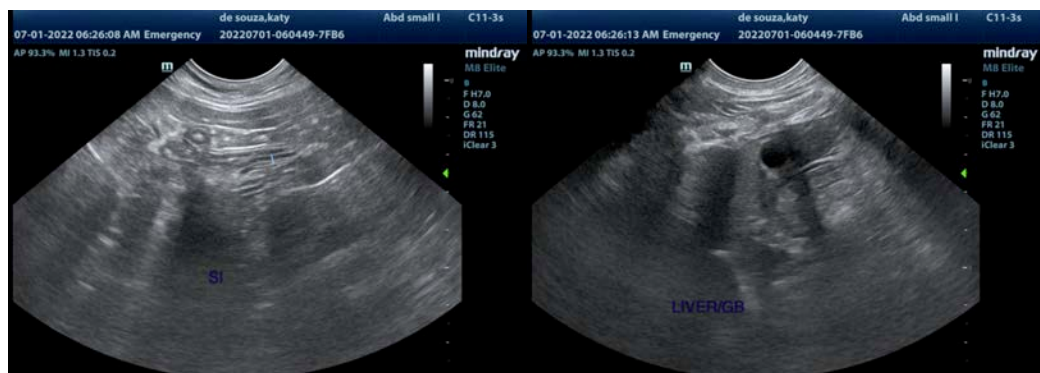
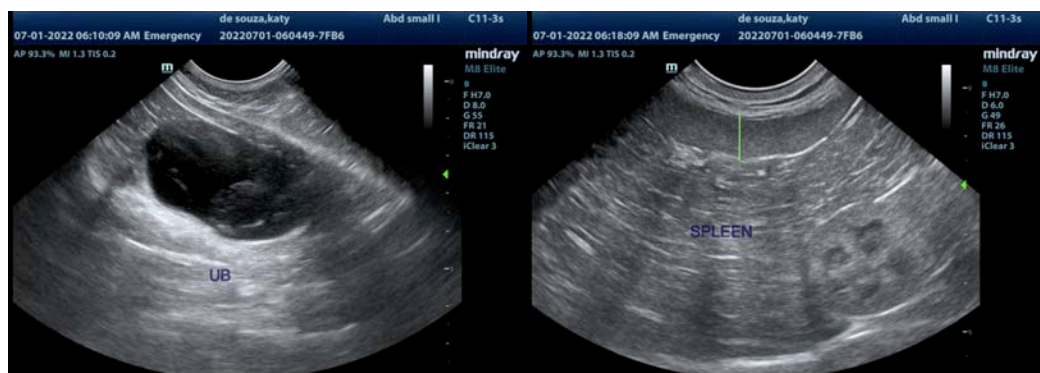
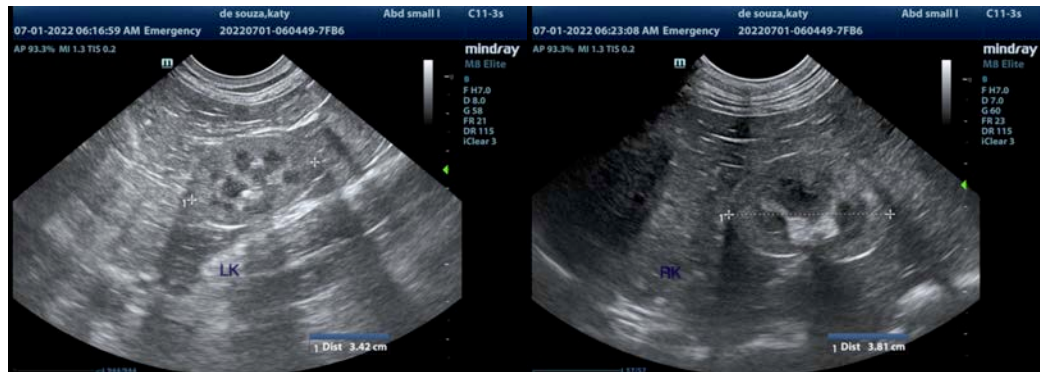
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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