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Chloe Sweeney

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: 1 pound weight loss noted at annual exam. New puppy in house so not quite herself CBC - wnl Chem - Creat 1.9, SDMA 16 else wnl T4 2.2 U/A - SpGr 1.036, 20-30 RBC

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with echogenic 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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Domestic Shorthair

SEX

Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.11 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. A non-obstructive nephrolith was noted and measured 0.3 cm. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

10 years

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.15 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 are two non-obstructive nephroliths that measured 0.41 cm and 0.39 cm. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

6.3 lbs

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.25 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 0.29 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. The spleen measures 0.8 cm in width at the hilus.

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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.

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Gastrointestinal

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The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm 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 (0.29 cm) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.22 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

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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 a mild lymphadenomegaly present. The mesenteric lymph nodes measured 0.42 cm and 0.48 cm. 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

PRIMARY FINDINGS:

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- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with non-obstructive nephroliths. Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis. The hyperechoic mineralized foci observed at the corticomedullary junction of the left/right kidney are consistent with small, non-obstructive nephroliths.
- Mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy. The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.
- Echogenic debris in the urinary bladder. The echogenic debris in the bladder lumen could be consistent with cells, crystals, and/or mucus. Recommend urinalysis and culture

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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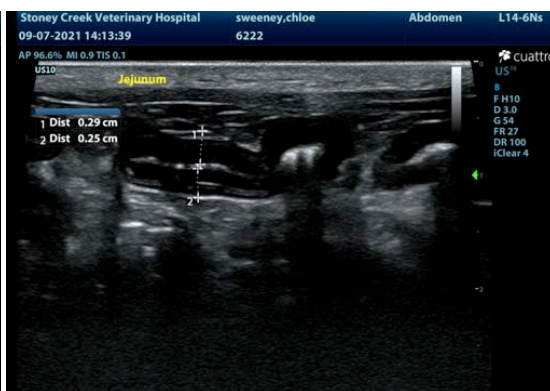
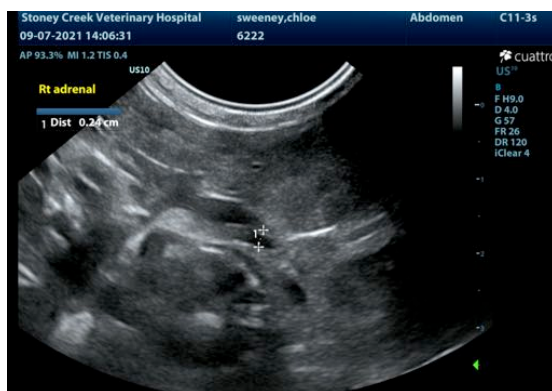
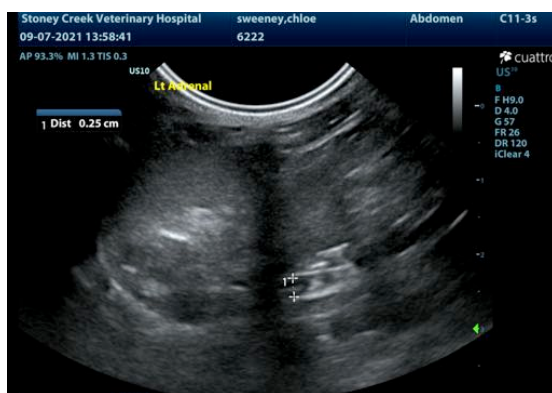
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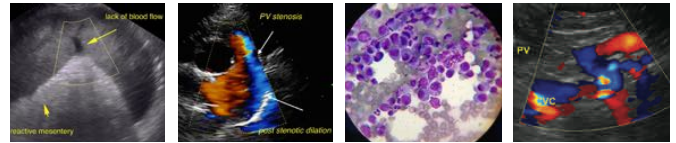
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stones present, but I do not suspect that they are causing any significant issues. No other significant lesions are observed. Consider:

1. Blood pressure evaluation to look for systemic hypertension.
2. Recommend urinalysis and culture to look for any evidence of pyelonephritis and to evaluate the echogenic urine.
3. If well tolerated consider transition to a renal diet.
4. If there is significant protein in the urine, I recommend a urine protein to creatinine ratio.
5. I recommend thyroid evaluation.
6. I recommend regular reevaluation of the renal values.

The mesenteric lymph nodes are prominent, but not overtly enlarged. If gastrointestinal signs develop or weight loss continues beyond what you would expect for the renal disease then there could be concurrent GI disease without significant ultrasonographic lesions. You can consider a GI panel to look into the further.





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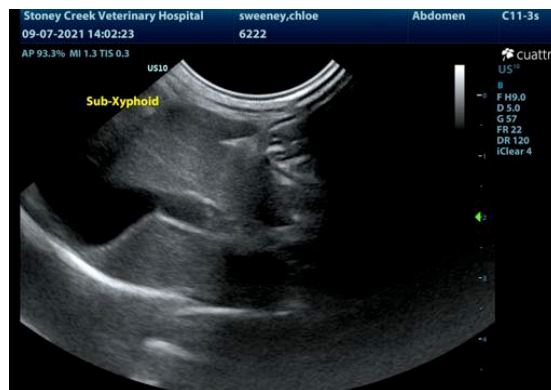
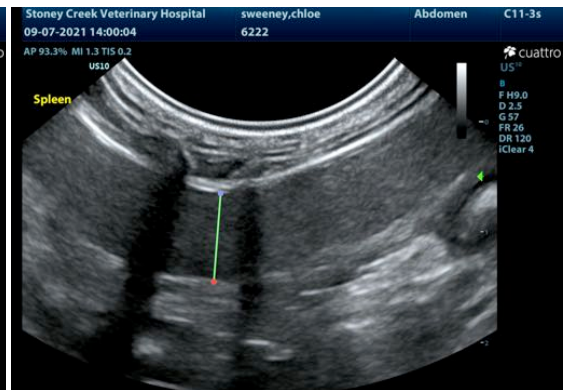
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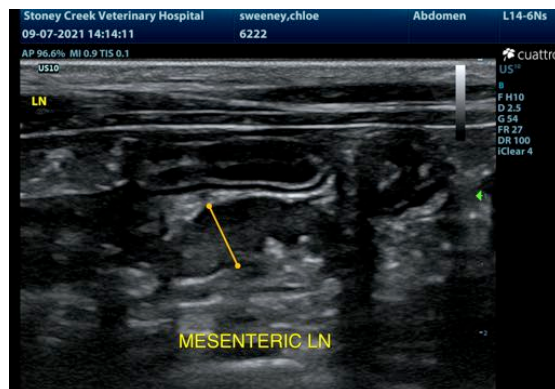
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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