



PATIENT

Simba Marshall

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Domestic Shorthair

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

2.56 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Not eating, painful abdomen, indoor cat with no known toxin ingestion. Lethargic. No vomiting noted. No BM. Given Mirtazapine, Cerenia, Famotidine, Ampicillin, IVF. Has not been to the vet in years.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The bladder wall is largely normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi. There is one focal area that appears slightly prominent and measures 0.39 x 0.65 cm, which is mildly irregular. The trigone, ureteral papilla and visible urethra to a depth of 2.0 cm appear normal with no evidence of masses or cystic calculi.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.85 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. Significant pyelectasia was noted at 0.58 cm. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.01 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. Significant pyelectasia was noted at 0.26 cm. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.3 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 0.36 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 gallbladder lumen is moderately distended.



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The wall of the gallbladder 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 is moderately dilated with fluid and irregular shadowing material most consistent with normal ingesta and gas. 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 layering 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.) 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

PRIMARY FINDINGS:

- Increased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with bilateral pyelectasia. Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis. Pyelectasia of both kidneys could be consistent with pyelonephritis, chronic renal disease, secondary to PU/PD or fluid therapy (if applicable), other.

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- Shadowing material in the gastric lumen, correlate with feeding history. This could be normal ingesta or could be consistent with foreign material such as a hairball, etc. I recommend abdominal radiographs.

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- Focal, irregularity in the urinary bladder wall. There is a mild, focal irregularity in the urinary bladder wall. This could be exaggerated due to lack of luminal distension with urine, but there is



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also concern for cystitis or focal mass effect. I recommend urinalysis and culture. Consider rechecking bladder ultrasound in 3-4 weeks as neoplasia cannot be ruled out.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The renal changes observed are consistent with the lab abnormalities provided in the history. There is significant pyelectasia present, so I recommend treatment for pyelonephritis, which may be causing abdominal/kidney pain. Additionally, there is a slightly irregular area in the urinary bladder, which should be monitored closely. This could be associated with cystitis or be imaging artifact, but should be monitored.

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There is shadowing material within the gastric lumen. Correlate this with feeding history and abdominal radiographs as this may be foreign material, hairball, etc. Additionally there is a lot of shadowing in the colon. This could be consistent with constipation, dehydration, etc, but foreign material cannot be excluded as a possibility.

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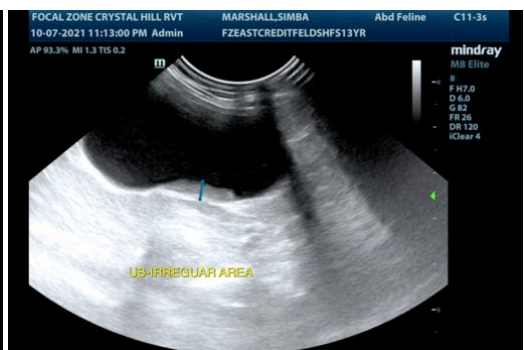
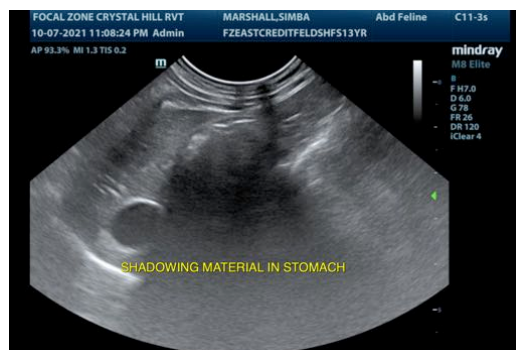
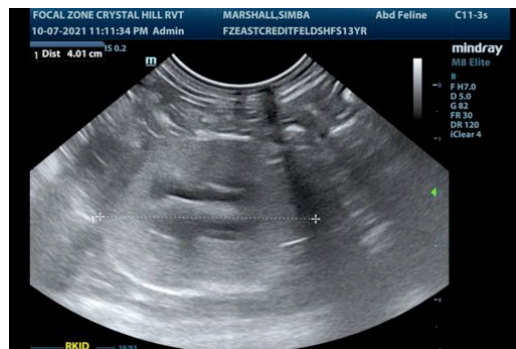
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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