
**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**PATIENT** Lucy Mode Patient had radiographs performed today due to vomiting frequently at home. Owner also noticed increased "wet" sounds when patient was breathing. Concerned for thoracic mass or abdominal mass

**SPECIES** Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Patient is diabetic - well controlled at last BG in house  
 Feline Heart Rate and Respiratory Rates 134-HR; RR-16 Blood Pressure Measurements not performed

**BREED** Current Medications Glargine insulin Radiographic Findings Radiographs had multiple radio-opaque areas - concerned there are masses present

**DSH ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN AND HEART**

SEX	FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm)	LVIDd (cm)	LVWd (cm)	FS (%)	EF (%)
FS	NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.3-0.6	1.0-2.1	0.25-0.6	35-67	80-100
AGE	PATIENT		NM	0.51	1.65	0.52	50	85
12yr								
WEIGHT	FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA/AO (Boon)	LA/AO HEART BASE (Sisson)	LA 2D 4-chamber long axis AS to FW (Sisson) (cm)	LVOT VEL. (m/s)	RVOT VEL. (m/s)	IVRT (m/)	
14.6lb	NORMAL PARAMETER	<1.5	0.88-1.79	0.7-1.7	<1.6	<1.3	40-60	
	PATIENT	1.0	1.15	1.5		1.2		
	Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998 Sisson D et al. JVIM 1991; 5: 232, Jacobs et al. Am J Vet Res 1985; 46:1705							

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**Cardiac Presentation**

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal left atrial size based on 2 separate LA measurements. The cranial and caudal mitral valve leaflets presented normal linear structure and kinetics. The left ventricle presented normal thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The myocardium presented mild non-uniform hyperechoic endocardium suggestive of mild myocardial remodeling associated with age. Contractility of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions and angles of the myocardium. The left ventricular outflow tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The right atrium and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. Tricuspid valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology and kinetics. The right ventricle was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. Pulmonic tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible pericardial or free pleura fluid was noted or extra cardiac pathology in the visible planes. The cranial mediastinum, pericardial regions and pericardial pulmonary parenchyma were free of overt masses in the visible window.

**Urinary System**



**PATIENT**

Lucy Mode

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 2 cm exhibited normal thickness and tone. Anechoic urine was present in the lumen with no uroliths or sediment. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

**SPECIES**

Feline

Normal size and margination were present in the kidneys. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio was maintained. The medulla and cortices were uniform in texture with some increased echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary symmetry and definition expected for the age of the patient. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 4.5 cm in length. The right kidney measured 4.3 cm in length.

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The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.51 cm width. No overt pathology in the area of the right adrenal gland.

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**Spleen**

The spleen exhibited primarily finely textured parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. Discrete small hyperechoic nodules likely consistent with benign myelolipomas were present. Mild generalized parenchyma heterogeneity was present without evidence of nodular changes. The capsule was smooth and regular without apparent expansion. The splenic vasculature at the hilus was normal in volume with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis. The parenchymal heterogeneity is likely consistent with benign changes such as extramedullary hematopoiesis or age-related remodeling with minor potential for inflammatory or neoplastic disease. The spleen measured 0.9 cm in width at the level of the hilus.

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**Liver**

The liver was subjectively normal in size, structure, and contour. The liver parenchyma was mildly nonuniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a moderate coarse echotexture and subjective mild to benign parenchymal remodeling. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion.

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The gallbladder was non-distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

**Gastrointestinal**

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The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material. The gastric body wall measured 0.24 cm in width.

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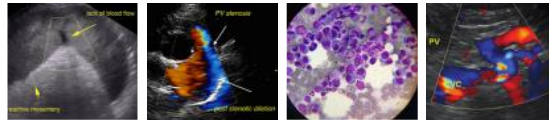
The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. The lumen of the small intestine was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material. The duodenum wall measured 0.22 cm width. The jejunum wall measured 0.21 cm width.

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Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent formed feces in lumen.

**Pancreas**



**PATIENT** Lucy Mode  
The parenchyma of the left limb, body and right limb of the pancreas presented isoechoic to the adjacent omental fat. A normal curvilinear capsule contour of the pancreas was present. The visible pancreatic duct was normal. No signs of active inflammation or neoplastic disease was evident.

**SPECIES** *Free Abdomen*

Feline No omental masses, overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Overtly normal cardiac structure and function
- Mild chronic renal changes
- Sonographically unremarkable GI tract
- Sonographically normal pancreas-no sonographic evidence of active inflammation

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**AGE** 12yr  
A largely mid geriatric abdomen without evidence of cardiac or pericardial pathology. The cardiac presentation was not consistent with cardiogenic pulmonary edema. No indication for cardiac medications. Potential considerations for the reported frequent vomiting may include dietary intolerance / food hypersensitivity, low grade to mild GI inflammatory process or low grade to chronic pancreatitis both of which may appear sonographically normal are all possible. As needed GI support +/- hydrolyzed may prove beneficial. A spec fPL could be considered to assess for evidence of low-grade pancreatitis.

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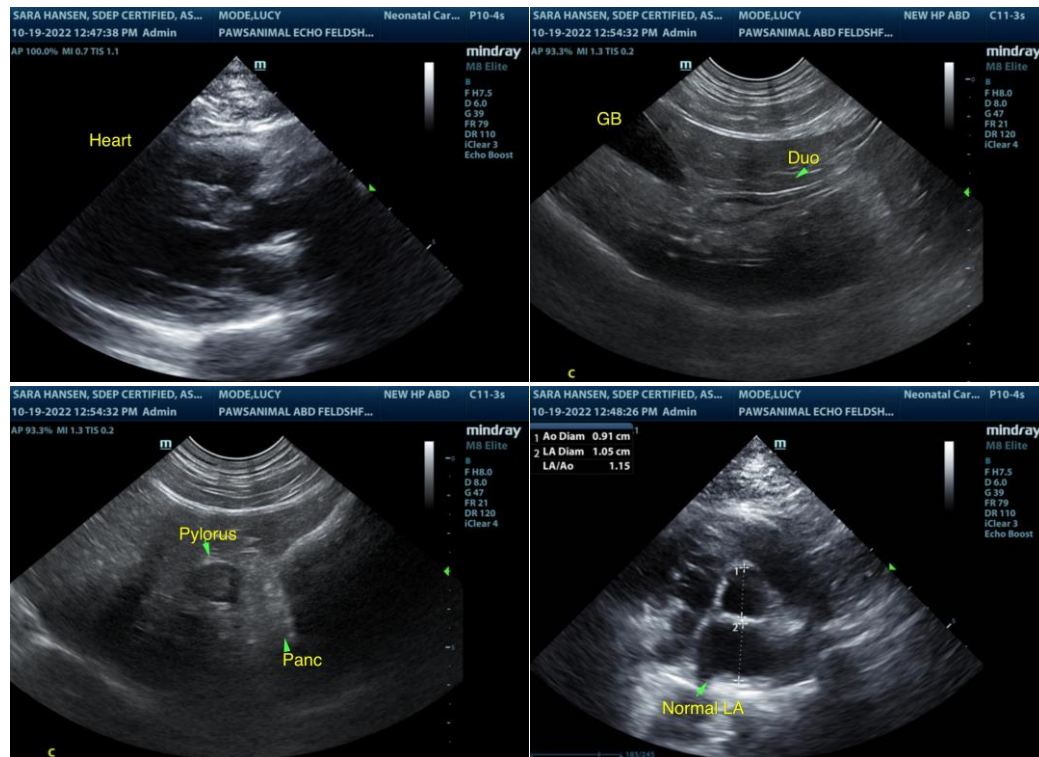
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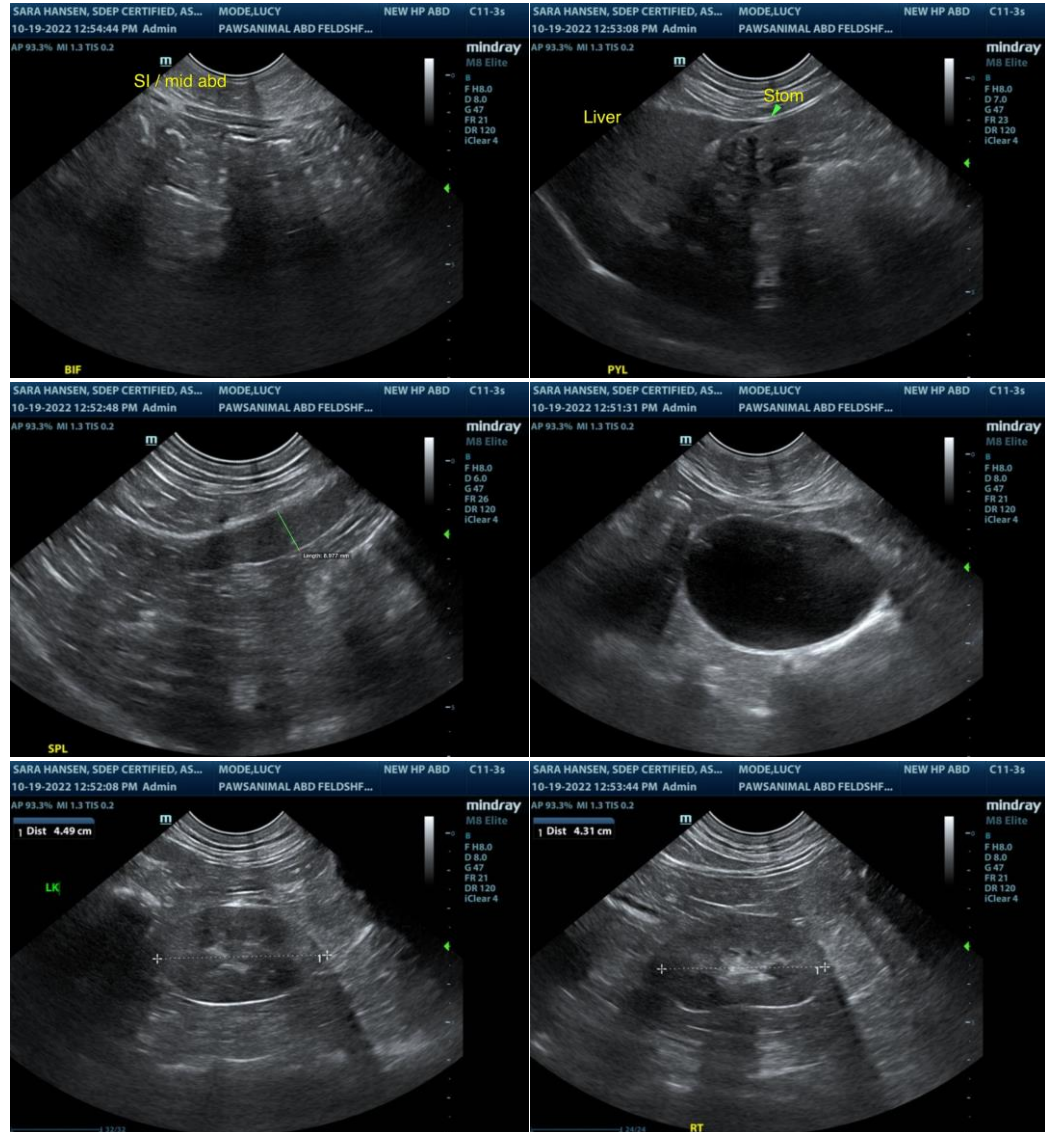
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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