



PATIENT

Dude Murphy

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Feline

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AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Gallop rhythm , irregular kidneys , IRIS stage 3.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Pending

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART & ABDOMEN

FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm)	LVIDd (cm)	LVWd (cm)	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.3-0.6	1.0-2.1	0.25-0.6	35-67	80-100
PATIENT		199	0.47	1.48	0.45	35.2	68.5
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/)	
NORMAL PARAMETER	<1.5	0.88-1.79	0.7-1.7	<1.6	<1.3	40-60	
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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							

Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 separate LA measurements. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented normal linear structure and kinetics. No overt MR was noted on Doppler. The **left ventricle** presented normal thicknesses with maintained linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The **myocardium** presented mild increased echogenicity suggestive of minor age-related LV myocardial changes without evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. **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 and pericardial regions** were free of masses in the visible window. No overt arrhythmia was present.



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Urinary System

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The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 2.0 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 was noted.

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The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

Normal size and maintained symmetrical margination were present in the left kidney. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio was maintained. Mild nonuniform increased cortex echogenicity was present with moderate loss of corticomedullary symmetry and definition expected for the age of the patient. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 3.8 cm in length.

The right kidney was borderline subnormal in size exhibiting asymmetrical margination and marked loss of corticomedullary border demarcation with reduced medullary volume and pinpoint dystrophic medullary mineral. The right kidney measured 3.3 cm in length.

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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 0.46 cm width. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 0.52 cm width.

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Spleen

The spleen exhibited a finely textured and homogenous parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. 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. Acute to chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or benign parenchyma changes were not noted.

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Liver/ Gallbladder

The liver was subjectively normal in size, structure, and contour. The liver parenchyma was uniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a mild coarse echotexture. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was non-distended in size with thin walls and primarily anechoic luminal content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

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The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach contained mild, nonshadowing ingesta sonographically consistent with food without signs of obstruction or foreign material.

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The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. Minor segmental similar appearing nonshadowing ingesta / chyme was present to the level of the ileocolic junction with no evidence of loss of intestinal wall layering.

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


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Pancreas

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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 were evident.

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Free Abdomen
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A large, solitary midabdominal lymph node adjacent to the ileocolic junction was present measuring ≈5.6 cm x 3.8 cm. Subtle peripheral hyperechoic omentum was noted with no evidence of peritoneal effusion or additional lymphadenopathy. Potential for ill-defined unspecified mass is possible.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS
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- Normal echocardiogram
- Bilateral chronic degenerative kidneys - more prominent in the right kidney
- Intact gastrointestinal wall layering with mild gastric and segmental intestinal ingesta / chyme
- Solitary marked midabdominal / peri ileocolic lymphadenopathy, possible unspecified mass

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
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Assuming normal clotting status, FNA cytology of the suspected lymph node vs. unspecified mass mid-abdomen is recommended for further clarification. The suspected lymph node vs. unspecified mass did not appear to overtly originate from the intestinal tract.

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No evidence of echocardiographic structural or functional cardiomyopathy. ECG assessment is suggested if persistent arrhythmia.

Further renal staging to include urine C/S and protein: creatinine ratio on sterile urine sample may be considered. CKD therapy with monitoring of systemic BP going forward is suggested.

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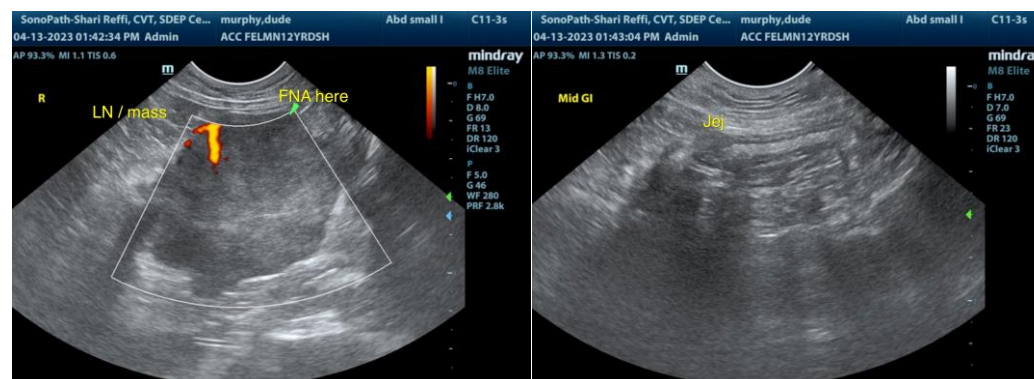
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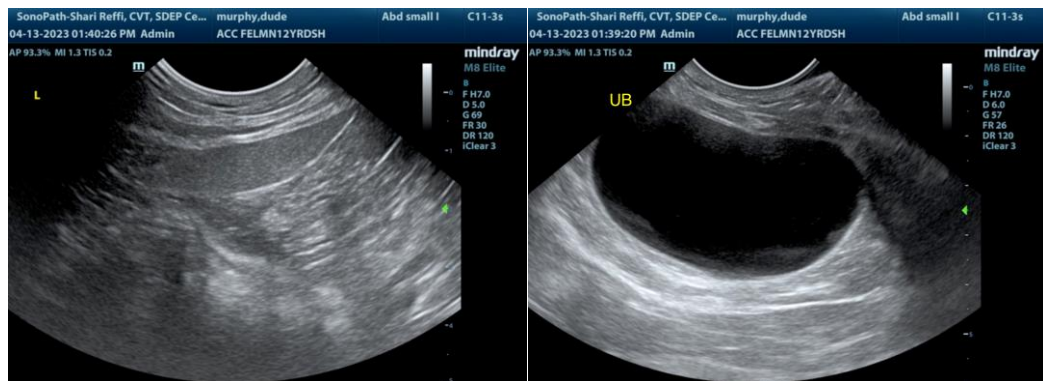
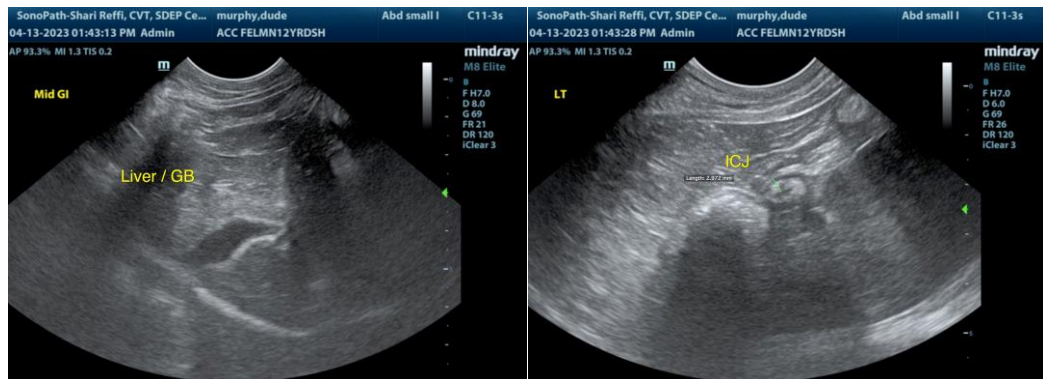
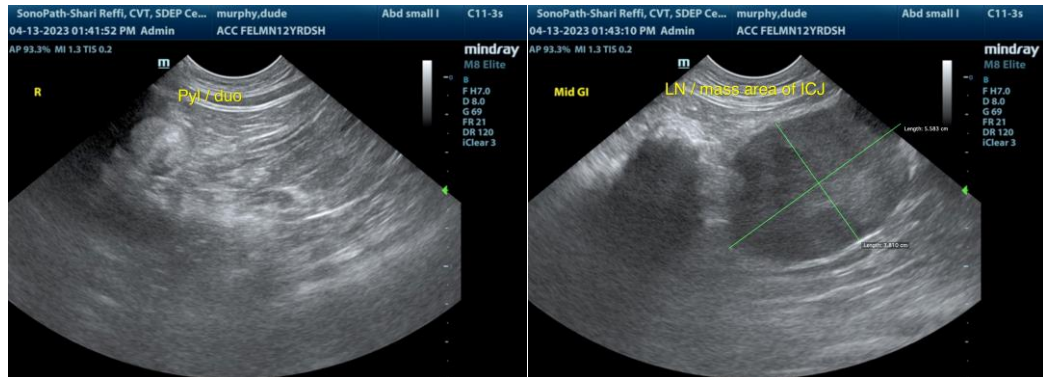
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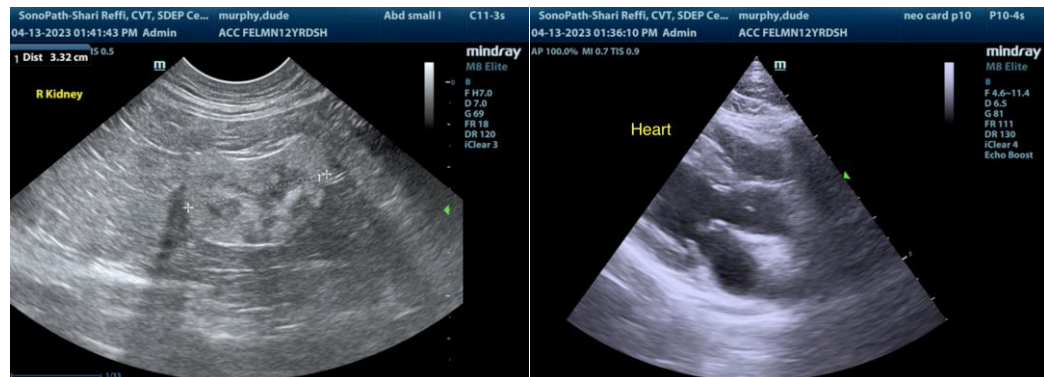
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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