



**PATIENT**

Bella Moss

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: small amount of blood noted at end of urinating off and on since January, acts hungry but doesn't want to eat, hyperthyroid that is difficult to regulate  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: WNL other than urine SP Gravity of 1.010

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is distended with anechoic urine, and no luminal sediment is present. The ureteral papillae, trigone and pelvic urethra are of normal appearance, and the ureters are not visible (normal). There is a 1.6 cm mineralized, soft tissue, mass effect near the trigone with no evidence of urethral obstruction.

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Spayed Female

Both kidneys are hyperechoic, and exhibits poor cortico-medullary differentiation. There is no evidence of nephrolithiasis, mineralization, pyelectasia or hydronephrosis. The proximal ureter is not visible (normal). The left kidney measures 3.85 cm. The right kidney measured 4.08 cm.

**AGE**

16 years

**Adrenal Glands**

The adrenal glands are both identified in their normal locations. They are normal in size and shape with appropriate parenchymal echogenicity and normal phrenic vasculature. The left adrenal gland height is (0.41) cm at the cranial pole and (0.4) cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland height is (0.58) cm at the cranial pole and (0.35) cm at the caudal pole.

**WEIGHT**

8.4 lbs

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**Spleen**

The spleen is of appropriate size and has a normal, homogenous parenchyma with a smooth, continuous capsular surface. The splenic vasculature is normal with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis, and blood flow through the splenic hilus appears normal. The spleen measures 0.89 cm at the hilus.

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**Liver**

The liver is of appropriate size and shape, with sharp borders and a mildly coarse parenchymal echotexture that is hypoechoic to the spleen. The portal and hepatic vasculature are of normal size and appearance with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis.

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The gallbladder is distended with anechoic contents. The wall was thin and continuous with no focal lesions. A mildly dilated and tortuous common bile duct is noted. This is typical for the patient's age.

**Gastrointestinal**

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The stomach is empty. The gastric wall is normal with deviations due to rugal folds, and exhibits appropriate wall layering. The pylorus is of normal appearance.

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The visualized portions of the duodenum, jejunum, and ileum are of normal thickness with intact wall layering that exhibits the appropriate 1:3 muscularis to mucosa ratio. Intestinal motility appears normal.



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The visible portions of the colon are of normal thickness with intact wall layering. The ileocecal junction is visualized and appears normal.

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**Pancreas**

The entirety of the pancreas is swollen and hypoechoic, surrounded by hyperechoic mesenteric fat. The pancreatic duct appears mildly dilated.

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**Free Abdomen**

There is no evidence of free fluid within the peritoneal cavity. The omentum and intra-abdominal fat are of appropriate echogenicity. Enlarged abdominal lymph nodes are not observed. The aortic trifurcation has normal blood flow with no evidence of thrombosis.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**PRIMARY FINDINGS:**

Soft tissue bladder mass.

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Hypoechoic pancreas, consistent with acute pancreatitis.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS:**

Age related renal and common bile duct changes.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The mass in the bladder is concerning for neoplasia such as transitional cell carcinoma. Urinalysis with cytology may provide additional information. Consultation with an oncologist could be considered, alternatively cautious use of an NSAID with careful monitoring of renal values may provide some relief of symptoms. Recent studies show that 0.05 mg/kg of Meloxicam s.i.d. can be tolerated in many older cats with chronic renal disease.

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The changes in the pancreas are consistent with acute pancreatitis. Concurrent pancreatic neoplasia, while less likely, cannot be ruled out. Recommendations include:

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- ❖ an fPLI, or preferably a full GI panel, are indicated for confirmation and to screen for concurrent intestinal disease.
- ❖ supportive care including fluid therapy, anti-emetics, analgesics, appetite stimulants (if needed) and cobalamin supplementation are warranted.
- ❖ a highly digestible intestinal diet is recommended.
- ❖ if the patient is not responding to medical management, fine needle aspiration with a 25G needle for cytology could be considered after first checking a coagulation profile.

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The changes in the kidneys are consistent with chronic renal disease. Recommendations include:



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- ❖ a CBC, chemistry panel, urinalysis, urine protein creatinine ratio and blood pressure measurement are recommended
- ❖ urine culture should also be considered, particularly if urine sediment is active
- ❖ dietary and supportive care recommendations can be made, based on the staging of the disease as outlined in the IRIS guidelines

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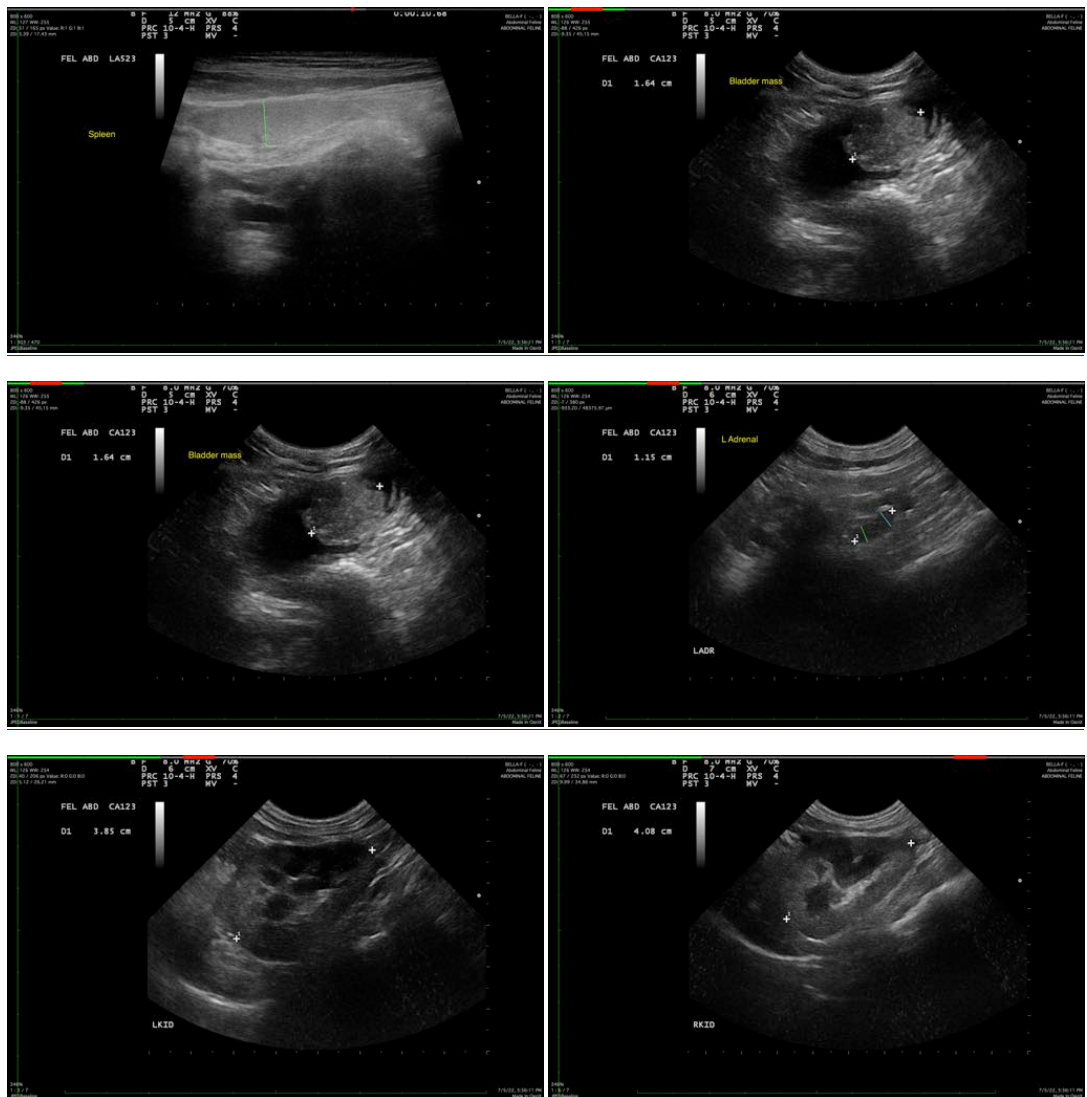
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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