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IT'S YOUR CASE

Species: Feline Breed: Domestic Shorthair (DSH) Sex: Female Neutered Age: 6 years

Clinical History:

She presents for a large wound on the left side of the abdomen. She was in the garden 7 days ago while the owner was using a hand held lawn edger and may have gotten too close. She has been hiding since then.

Details of study and technical comments:

Opposite lateral and ventrodorsal views of the thorax and abdomen are available for interpretation. The study is of good diagnostic quality.

Diagnostic interpretation:

ABDOMEN:

The left inguinal region is swollen with a large defect filled with gas (red arrowheads). The skin margins are markedly irregular. Wet hair artifacts are present at that level.

The peritoneal and retroperitoneal serosal detail is normal.

The stomach is minimally distended with gas and contains a few, small, pinpoint to rectangular mineral opacities (green arrowheads). The small intestine is of normal diameter and distribution. The colon is unremarkable.

The liver, spleen, kidneys and urinary bladder are normal.

There is mild incidental spondylosis deformans of the lumbosacral junction. The skeletal structures are otherwise normal.

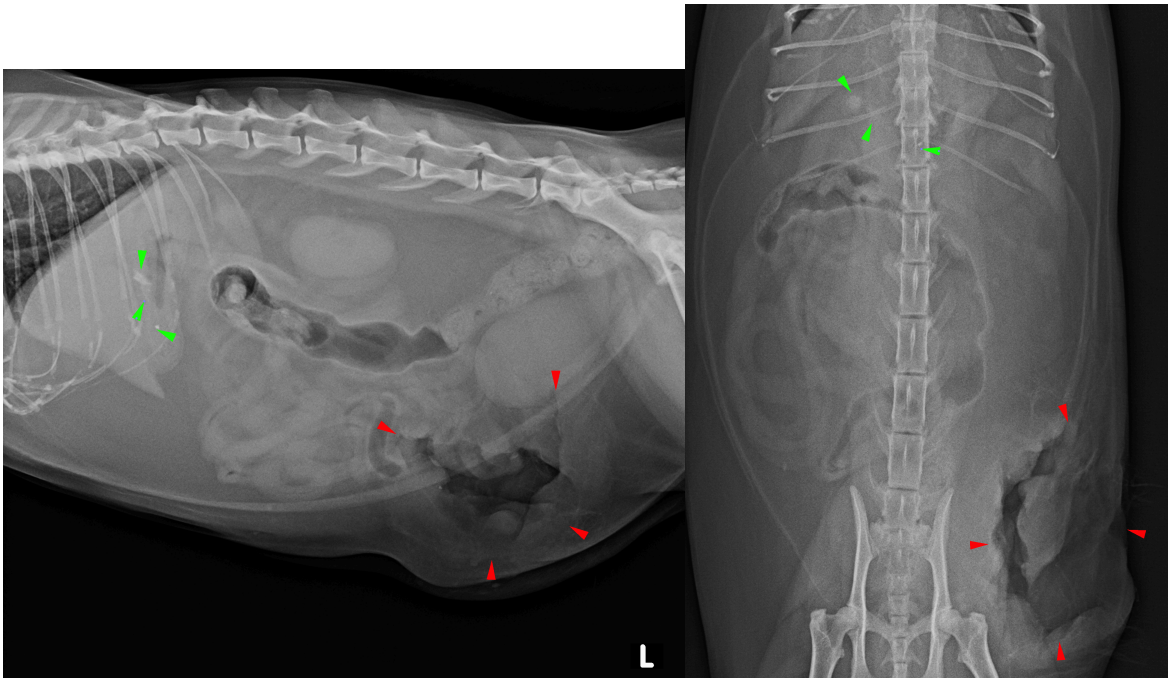


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Conclusions:

- Large left inguinal wound with no radiographic evidence of abdominal penetration.
- Small gastric mineral foreign bodies with no evidence of obstruction.

Additional comments:

There is no radiographic evidence of penetration of the abdomen by the large left inguinal wound. However, a small rent into the abdominal wall cannot be entirely excluded. An ultrasound of the area could be performed to try to assess the integrity of the abdominal wall and the presence of fluid/inflammation of the adjacent peritoneal cavity if clinically indicated. Extraluminal reverberant artefact within the abdomen can indicate pneumoperitoneum.



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