

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

1/20/2022 History: Increased vomiting in the week leading up to presentation on 1/14/22 up to several times a week. Soft stools noted. Workup 1/14/22 found radiographs wnl and bloodwork except for a non-regenerative anemia at 22%.

**PATIENT**

Mrs. Tiddles Ottey

Current Medications: Cerenia 8 mg PO q 24 h. Hx of long-term prednisolone use, has been off for several months now.

Lab Results: HCT 22.3% 1/14/22. Urine specific gravity dependent 1.040. Trace proteinuria

**SPECIES**

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.

Feline

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**BREED**

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, RDMS.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**SEX**

**Urinary System**

Spayed Female

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is mildly to moderately distended. A small to moderate amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

**AGE**

1-22-2010

The left kidney is normal size (3.83 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

**WEIGHT**

11 Lbs.

The right kidney is normal size (3.83 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.43 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The region of the right adrenal gland is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Eastern Animal  
Hospital

**Spleen**

The spleen is upper limits of normal size (0.99 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal curvilinear peripheral contours. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

**Liver**

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Michelotti

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative, or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

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The gall bladder is moderately distended. The wall is normal in thickness. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are visible/tortuous, but not overtly dilated. The common bile duct measures 0.23 cm distally and can be followed to the duodenal papilla. There is no evidence of an intraluminal obstruction.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract is patent. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall is normal to borderline thickened (up to 0.28 cm) with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio in some segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

### ***Pancreas***

The pancreas is visible/prominent, with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is slightly hypoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No focal lesions are observed. The pancreatic duct is dilated (0.30 cm in diameter).

### ***Free Abdomen***

The mesentery in the cranial abdomen, adjacent to the stomach, is hyperechoic. Trace free fluid is observed. A 0.57 cranial abdominal lymph node is visualized. Several prominent irregular hypoechoic lymph nodes are observed adjacent to the ileocecolic junction, the largest measuring 1.45 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is hyperechoic .

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **Primary Findings**

- The pancreatic changes are consistent with chronic +/- active pancreatitis.
- Small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with inflammatory bowel disease. However, there is some potential for emerging lymphoma.
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, reactive lymphadenitis or infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma).
- There are multifocal areas of peritonitis, likely secondary to bowel, pancreas and/or lymph node pathology.

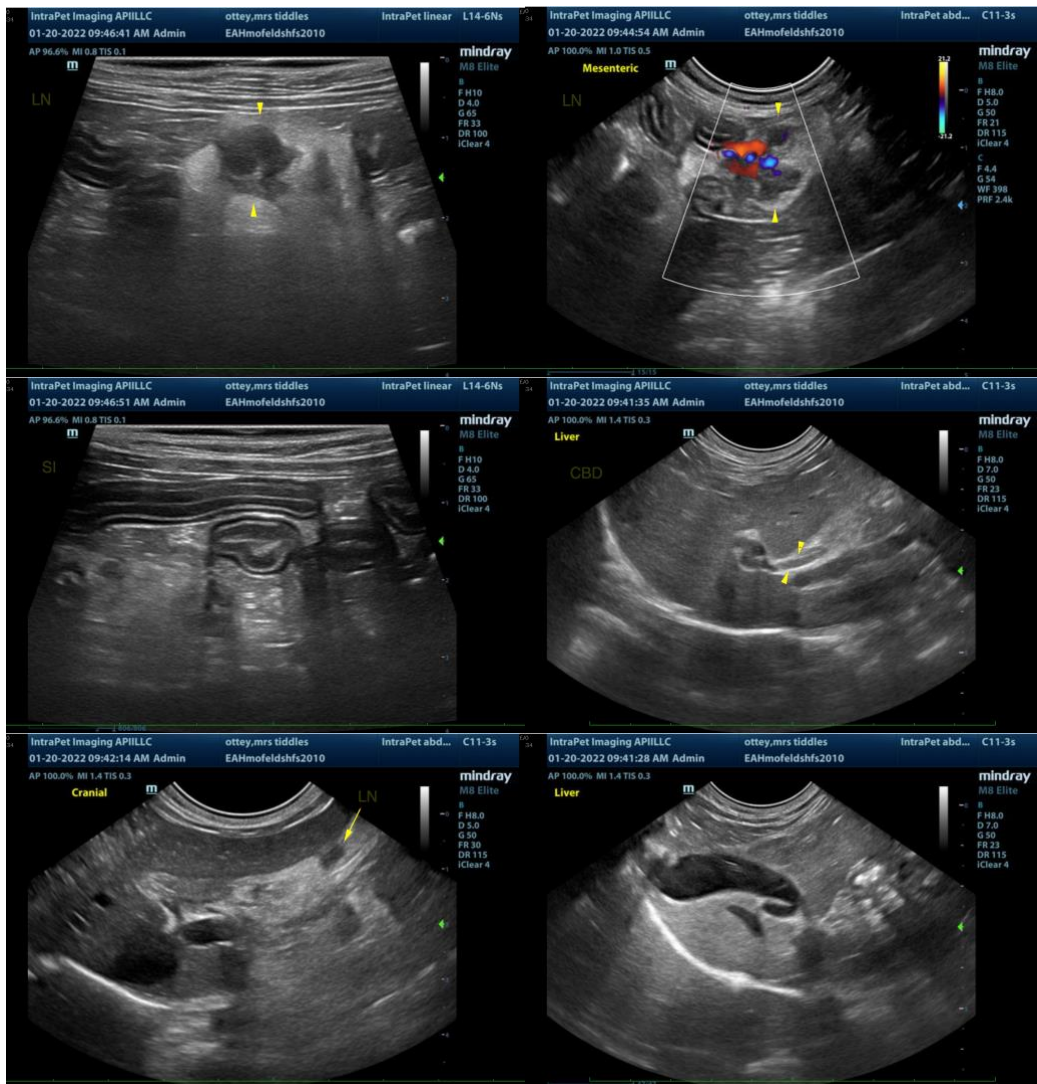
### **Secondary Findings**

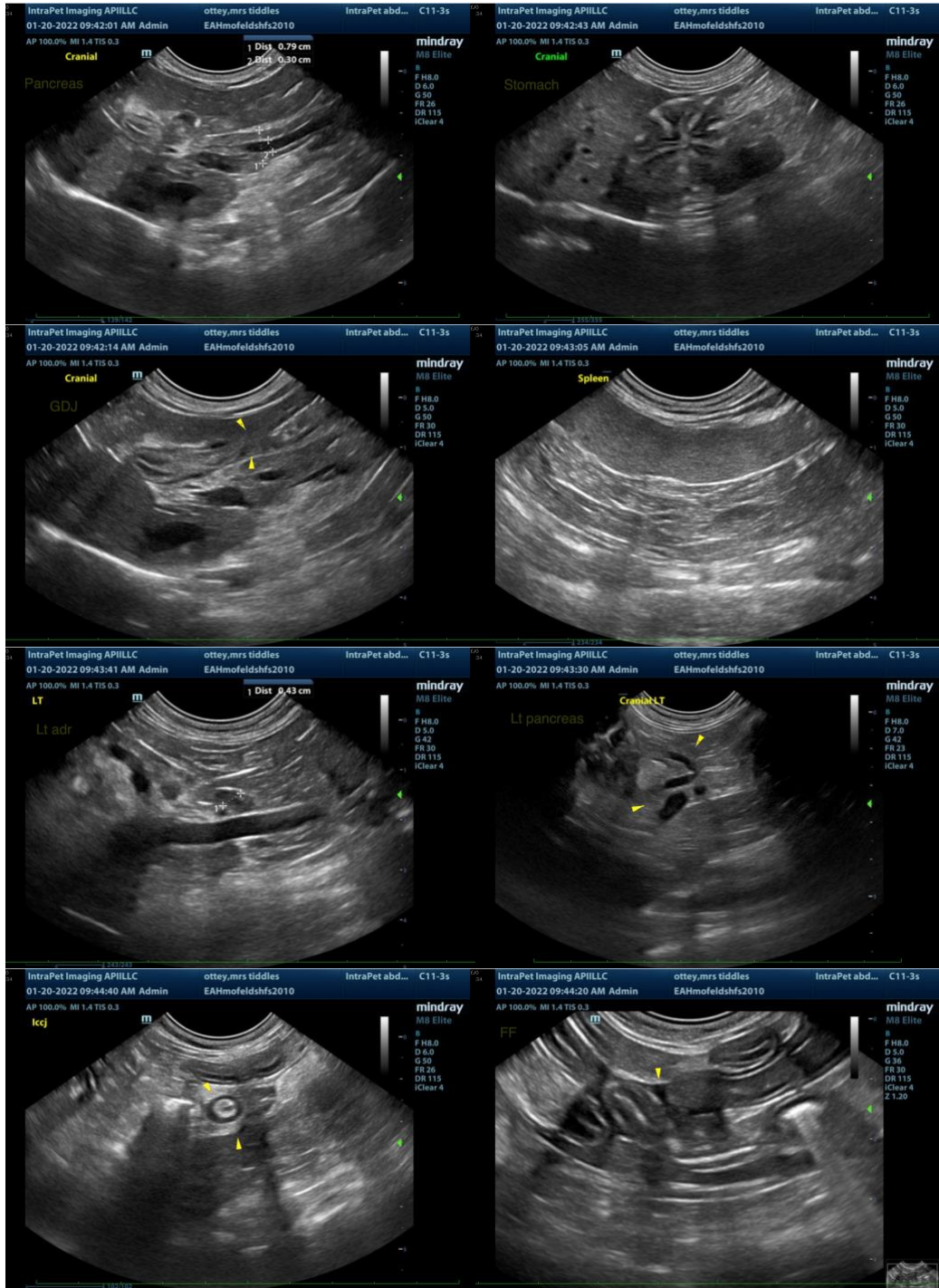
- Bilateral age-related renal changes

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A fine-needle aspirate of a prominent abdominal lymph node can be considered, if accessible and if clotting status is appropriate.
- The following diagnostic/treatment recommendations can be considered:
  1. Serum cobalamin, folate, PLI and TLI
  2. A fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia
  3. A 6-week limited antigen diet trial to assess for food allergies

4. Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for esophageal disease
5. If the above diagnostics/therapeutics are inconclusive, consider GI biopsies (endoscopic or surgical)
6. Also consider heartworm antigen and antibody testing as heartworm disease can be a cause of chronic vomiting in cats





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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