

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

10/18/22

Intermittent anorexia and diarrhea. PE NSF. Adopted as adult cat with unknown history last year.

**PATIENT**

Molly Wilson

Current Medications: Prednisolone 5mg ½ SID, B12 .25mL SQ monthly, H/P diet.

Lab Results: Mild eosinophilia 1/22.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

Domestic shorthair

**SEX**

Female, spayed

**AGE**

6/1/2012

**WEIGHT**

8.3 lbs.

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Belvedere VC

**REFERRING VET**

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**INVOICE**

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is moderately distended. A scant amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (3.27 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

The right kidney is normal size (2.91 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

**Adrenal Glands**

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

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (0.86 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

**Liver**

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. The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small to moderate amount of aggregated, echogenic debris/sludge is observed within the lumen.

The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

**Pancreas**

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.

**Free Abdomen**

There is no evidence of free fluid. 1-2 prominent colic lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 0.58 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is mildly hyperechoic.

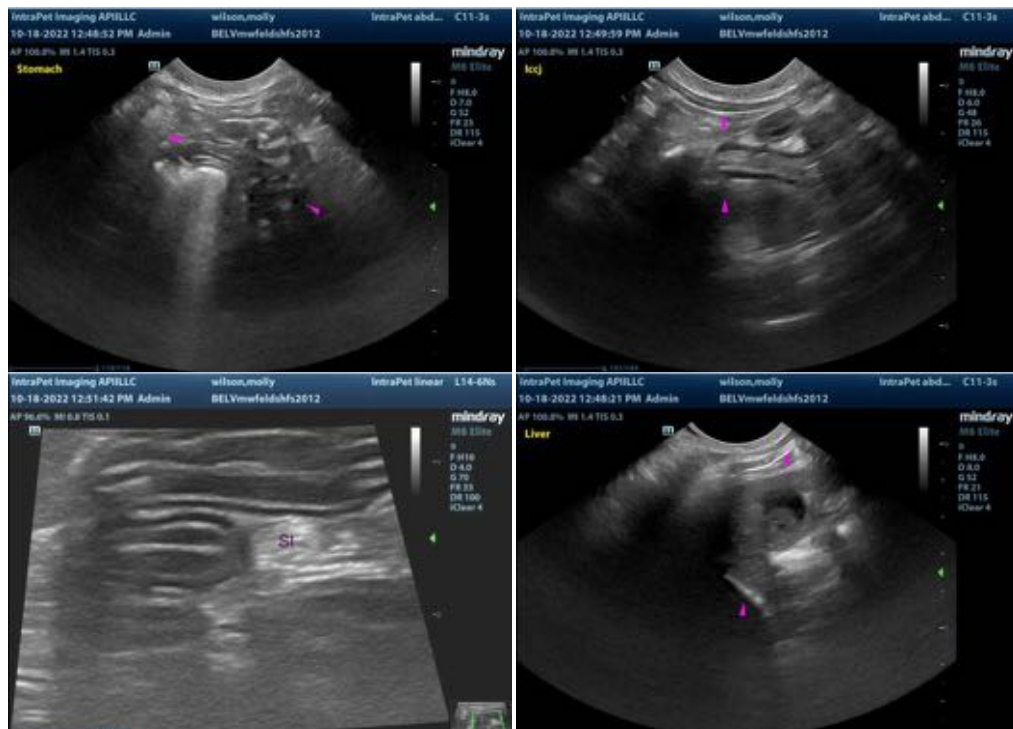
## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Bilateral, chronic age-related renal changes.

\*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Differentials include microscopic gastrointestinal disease (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease, food allergy, infectious/parasitic disease), underlying metabolic issue, mild pancreatitis, other.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Despite the negative fecal evaluation, consider prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole.
- A malabsorption panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI is recommended (send to Texas A&M).
- Consider transitioning to a hydrolyzed protein or limited antigen diet to assess for food allergies.
- Ultimately, GI biopsies (i.e., endoscopic or surgical) may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- In the meantime, consider initiation of a probiotic +/- a fiber supplementation (i.e., Metamucil or Konsyl). Empirical treatment for small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (4-week course of Tylosin) can also be considered.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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