

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

11/30/2021

History: Decreasing weight recently (past 2 months) = 15% of body weight; intermittent vomiting a few hours after eating (primarily food)

PATIENT

DX with IBD a few years ago. Has done well on i/d food and Prednisolone 2.5mg SID. Dental cleaning and 4 extractions on 11/5/2021. PE 11/26/21 thin topside, extraction sites healed, NSF otherwise.

Milie Winkler

Current Medications: Prednisolone 2.5mg SID.

Lab Results: 11/27/21 Chem/CBC WNL.

SPECIES

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Feline

BREED

Domestic shorthair

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth.

The bladder lumen is mildly distended with anechoic urine. 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.

SEX

Female, spayed

AGE

4/1/2009

The left kidney is normal size (3.54 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

14 lbs.

The right kidney is normal size (3.53 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

INTERPRETED BY**Adrenal Glands**

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

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Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.63 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with undulating peripheral contours. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

IMAGING PERFORMED BY

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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 gallbladder is of normal contours and contains some dependent echogenic debris. The wall is normal in thickness. No choleliths are observed. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

HOSPITAL NAME

Jacksonville VC

REFERRING VET

Dr. Thai

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 mildly thickened (up to 0.33 cm) with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio in most segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

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Pancreas

The right limb is prominent to enlarged with minimal deviation from the normal peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No distinct focal lesions are observed. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated (0.20 cm in diameter). The mesentery effacing the serosal surface is hyperechoic.

Free Abdomen

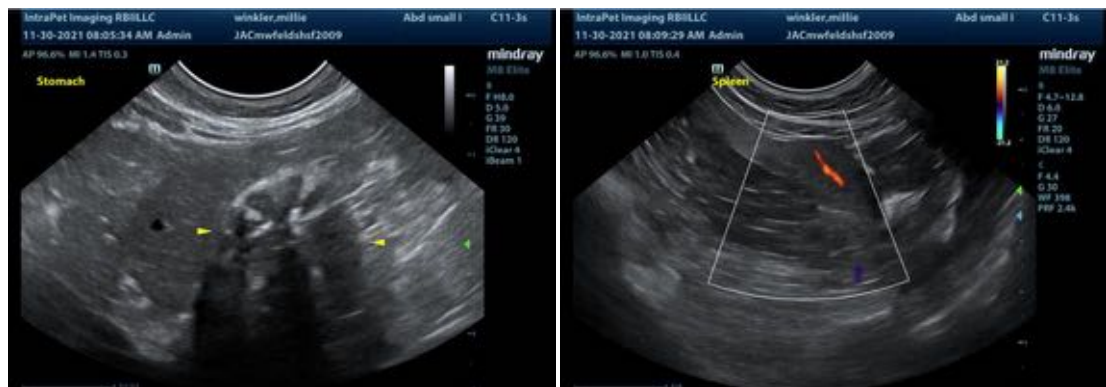
There is no evidence of free fluid. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Bowel pattern consistent with inflammatory bowel disease with potential for emerging lymphoma.
- The pancreatic changes are consistent with chronic active pancreatitis.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- GI panel (send to Texas A&M).
- Consider transitioning to a limited antigen diet as empirical treatment for inflammatory bowel disease.
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult neoplasia.
- Ultimately, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to distinguish inflammatory bowel disease from lymphoma. If biopsies are not to be pursued, adjustment in the Prednisolone dose may be warranted.





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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