

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

12/19/22 11/10/22- Senior exam; doing well but increased drinking at home; weight stable, mild tartar. 2017- treated at Radiocat for hyperthyroidism (T4 WNL on bloodwork )

**PATIENT**

Little Girl Burchard

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: mild increase in SDMA (1), BUN (38), Mod. incr. in WBC's- 18705 (Neuts 18705, Monos 885); Mild decreases in ALT (23), AST (14).

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

**SPECIES**

Feline

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

**BREED**

Domestic shorthair

**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 with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

**SEX**

Female, spayed

The left kidney is normal size (3.88 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with poor corticomedullary distinction. Hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are visualized. The cortex is hyperechoic. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**AGE**

11/28/2010

The right kidney is normal size (3.34 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with poor corticomedullary distinction. The cortex is hyperechoic. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**WEIGHT**

7.1 lbs.

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.49 cm width). Normal shape and smooth peripheral contours. A few pinpoint hyperechoic to mineralized foci are visualized within the parenchyma. Glandular echogenicity and detail are otherwise normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.48 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Essex Middle River VC

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (0.69 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.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Hicks

**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 amount of aggregated, echogenic gravity-dependent debris/sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

**INVOICE**

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**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 thickness is normal

with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

### ***Pancreas***

The right limb of the pancreas is visible with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is largely hypoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and slightly mottled in appearance. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

### ***Free Abdomen***

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid. 1-2 prominent, rounded, hypoechoic lymph nodes are observed at the ileocecolic junction, the largest measuring 1.02 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is slightly hyperechoic.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **Primary Findings:**

- Bilateral degenerative renal changes with subtle left dystrophic mineralization.

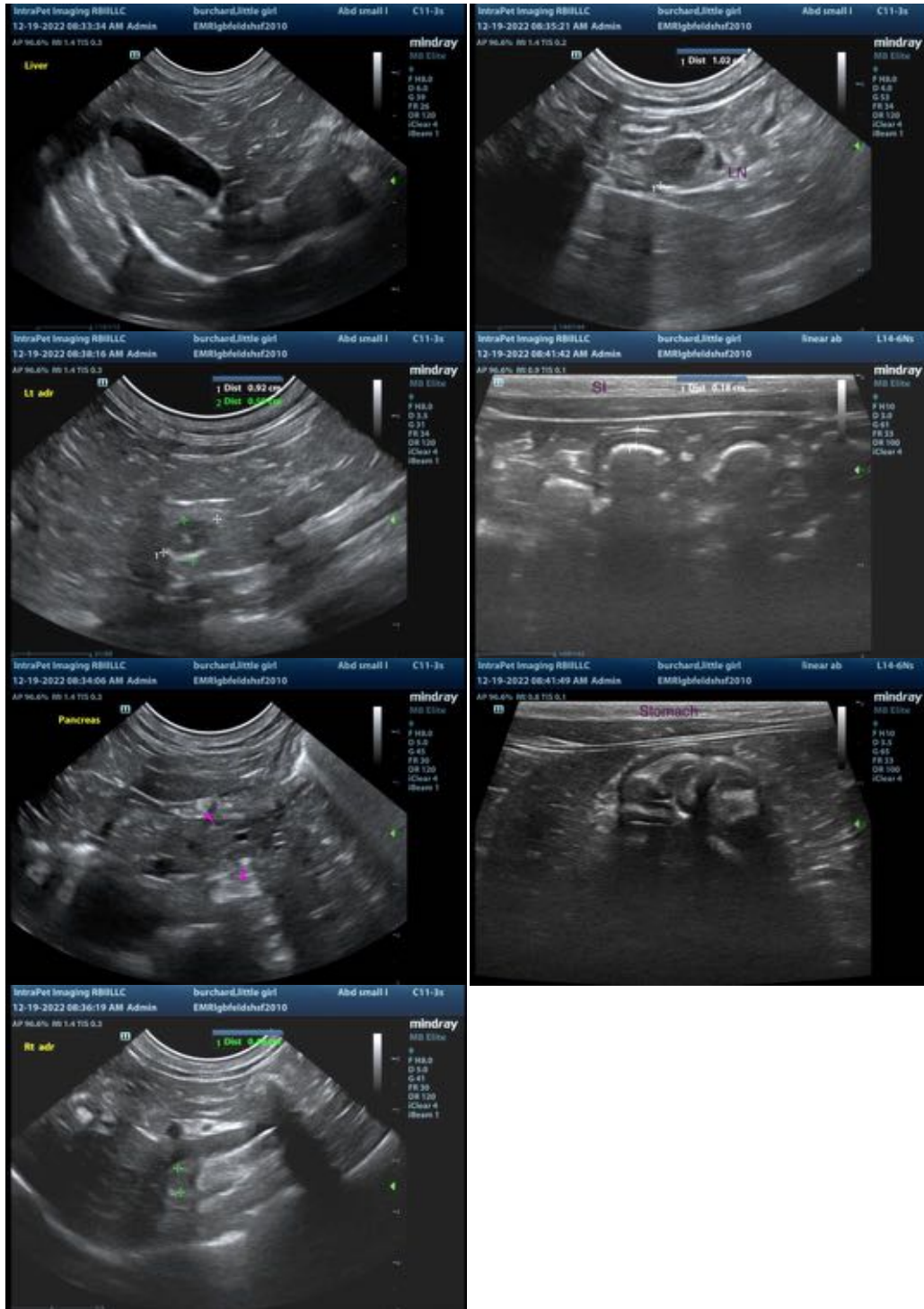
### **Secondary Findings:**

- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- The mineralized foci within the left adrenal gland are likely a benign age-related incidental finding.
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

\*The patient's polydipsia may be secondary to early renal disease, urinary tract infection, underlying metabolic issue, other.

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

- A urinalysis with a urine culture and sensitivity are recommended along with serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-6 months) of the patient's renal values to assess for progressive disease.
- Given the lymphadenopathy, consider rechecking an abdominal ultrasound in 4-6 weeks to assess for progression/resolution.



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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