**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

2/21/22

Patient is rapidly losing weight in the last month. Owner reports that pet sits as if he is uncomfortable.

**PATIENT**

Sawyer Powell

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: CBC chem WNL. USG 1.050. Trace proteinuria, inactive sediment. T4 normal.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No Previous

Sedation: Declined.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, RDMS.

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

Domestic shorthair

**SEX**

Male, neutered

**AGE**

7/12/2015

**WEIGHT**

7.7 lbs.

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Lake Shore Pet  
 Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Prestia

**INVOICE**

12998

**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 moderately 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.

The left kidney is normal size (3.78 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.

The right kidney is normal size (3.90 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.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.44 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.46 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (0.59 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 amount of aggregated echogenic suspended debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is moderately distended with ingesta. 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 segmentally dilated with chyme. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic junction and colonic wall are normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

### ***Pancreas***

A portion of the pancreas is obscured by the gastric distention. In the visualized portions, no obvious pathology is seen.

### ***Free Abdomen***

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

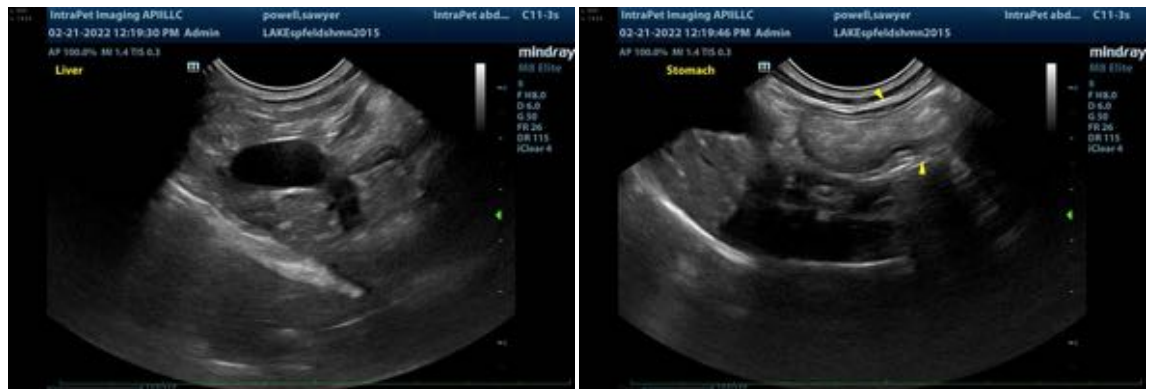
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- The presence of ingesta in the gastric lumen despite fasting is suggestive of delayed gastric emptying.

\*An obvious cause for the patient's rapid weight loss is not identified in this study. Considerations include occult neoplasia, maldigestion/malabsorption, underlying metabolic disease, other.

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

- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult neoplasia in the chest.
- A thorough neurologic examination should be considered to assess for deficits as weight loss is occasionally the primary clinical sign of brain tumors.
- A malabsorption panel, including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI, is also recommended.
- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, gastrointestinal biopsies (i.e., endoscopic or surgical) may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.





**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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