

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/18/22

Weight loss (lost 4 pounds since 2018 when she was last recently seen). Vomiting consistently- brown liquid. Loose stools.

**PATIENT**

Sweets Primm

Current Medications: Cerenia 1 mg/kg SQ, SQF 100 mLs. Gabapentin 50mg 2-3 hours prior to arrival. Lab Results: Cholesterol 55 (< 65), SDMA 15, Creatinine 0.6 T 1.3

Hct non regenerative anemia 27.2%. UA SG >1.050, pH 6.5, protein 1+, Bilirubin 1+, hyaline casts seen

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

**SPECIES**

Feline

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Pearce RDCS, RVT.

**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 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.

**SEX**

Female, intact

**AGE**

11/27/2013

The left kidney is normal size (3.99 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction.

There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**WEIGHT**

6.4 lbs.

The right kidney is normal size (4.05 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**

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.34 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.40 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Eastern AH

**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. Haviland

**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 portal vein: caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1:1. The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of aggregated echogenic partially dependent debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are visible/tortuous an borderline dilated (up to 0.24 cm) at the level of the duodenal papilla. Echogenic debris is observed in the cystic/proximal common bile duct lumen. The duodenal papilla is thickened (up to 0.82 cm in width).

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**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is mildly gas 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 segmentally dilated with

gas and chyme. The small intestinal wall is normal to moderately thickened (up to 0.33 cm). In some segments there is loss of the normal layering pattern. In other segments, there is disruption of the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecal colic 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*

Trace free fluid is observed. Several enlarged, irregular hypoechoic mesenteric and colic lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 2.80 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is hyperechoic.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **Primary Findings:**

- Small intestinal wall changes suggestive of emerging lymphoma or severe inflammatory bowel disease.
- The lymphadenopathy could be consistent with infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma), reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia.
- Trace ascites.

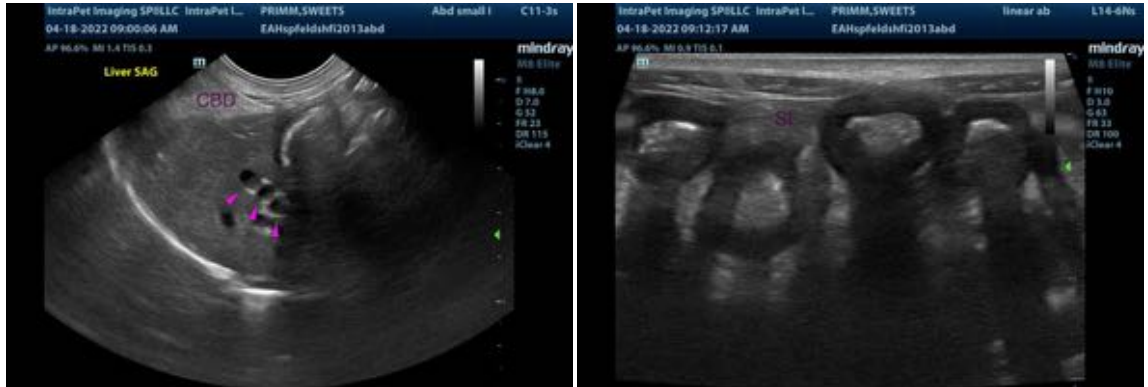
### **Secondary Findings:**

- Urinary bladder debris.
- Gallbladder/cystic/common bile duct luminal debris.

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

- If accessible, fine needle aspirates of the enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes is recommended (if clotting status is appropriate). If cytology results are inconclusive, an abdominal exploratory with gastrointestinal and mesenteric lymph node biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis. Thoracic radiographs (three-view) are recommended prior to anesthesia.
- Also consider a GI panel (i.e., serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI).
- If tissue sampling is not pursued in this patient, empirical treatment for inflammatory bowel disease (i.e., corticosteroids +/- a hypoallergenic diet) can be considered as long as the client understands the risk of treatment without 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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