

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

8.31.2022 Chronic weight loss, appetite WNL. Physical exam unremarkable, moderate dental tartar.

PATIENT

Current Medications: Gabapentin.

Lab Results: T4 grey zone (3), Free T4 WNL (2 ; 25.7). Otherwise, NSF on bloodwork.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

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Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

SPECIES

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

Feline

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

The **urinary bladder** is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is mildly to moderately distended. A small to moderate 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.

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Spayed Female

The **left kidney** is normal size (3.43 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

6/27/2010

The **right kidney** is normal size (3.54 cm in length); with an irregular shape. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. A cortical infarct is observed at the lateral aspect. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

12lbs

Adrenal Glands

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

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The region of the **right adrenal gland** is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed.

Spleen

The **spleen** is normal in size (0.83 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.

HOSPITAL NAME

Paradise Animal
Hospital

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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Pound

The **gall bladder** lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A scant amount of echogenic debris is suspended within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

Gastrointestinal**INVOICE**

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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 ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

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 obvious evidence of free fluid. A few prominent **lymph nodes** are visualized, the largest measuring 1.19 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is mildly hyperechoic.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

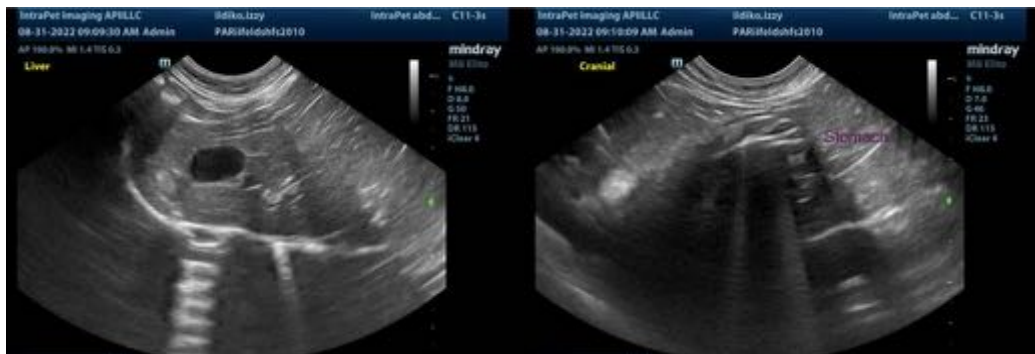
Primary Findings

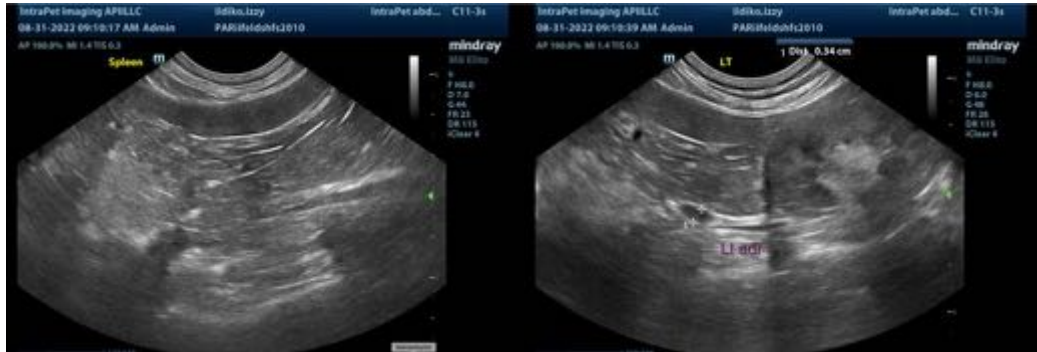
- Bilateral degenerative renal changes with a right cortical infarct
- The lymph node changes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia.

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

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Malabsorption, including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI (send to Texas A&M).
- Three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult neoplasia in the chest
- Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia
- A neurologic examination is also recommended, as weight loss can be the sole clinical sign in patients with brain tumors.
- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, GI 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/sonographer. 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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