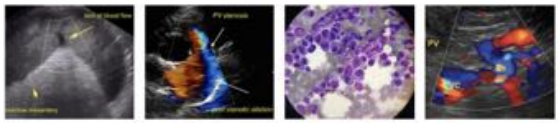

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Chronic, intermittent vomiting with hyporexia

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. A small 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.

The left kidney is normal size (4.64 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.

The right kidney is normal size (4.59 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.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.39 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.43 cm width). Normal shape and glandular echogenicity. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

Spleen

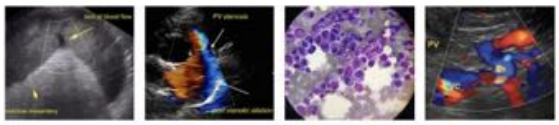
The spleen is normal in size (0.81 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. Using the high frequency probe, the parenchyma appears subtly mottled. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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. Luminal contents are anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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 diffusely thickened (up to 0.37 cm). There is disruption in the normal 1:3 muscularis: mucosal ratio with a >1:1 ratio in some 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 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 mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 0.99 cm in length. Surrounding mesentery is hyperechoic.

Other

A brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion or obvious right atrial/auricular mass.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings:

- Bowel pattern consistent with inflammatory bowel disease or emerging lymphoma.
- The abdominal lymphadenopathy could be consistent with lymphadenitis, lymphoid hyperplasia or emerging neoplasia.

Secondary Findings:

- The splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a low possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A GI panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI is recommended along with a fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia.
- Consider transitioning to a limited antigen or hydrolyzed protein diet.
- Also consider initiation of a probiotic.
- Ultimately, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis. If biopsies are not pursued, consider empirical treatment for inflammatory bowel disease (i.e., corticosteroids, limited antigen diet) as long as the client understands the risk of treatment without a definitive diagnosis. Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended if the patient is to undergo anesthesia or if corticosteroids are initiated to help determine cardiopulmonary status.

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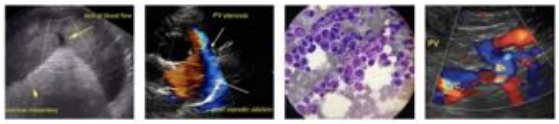

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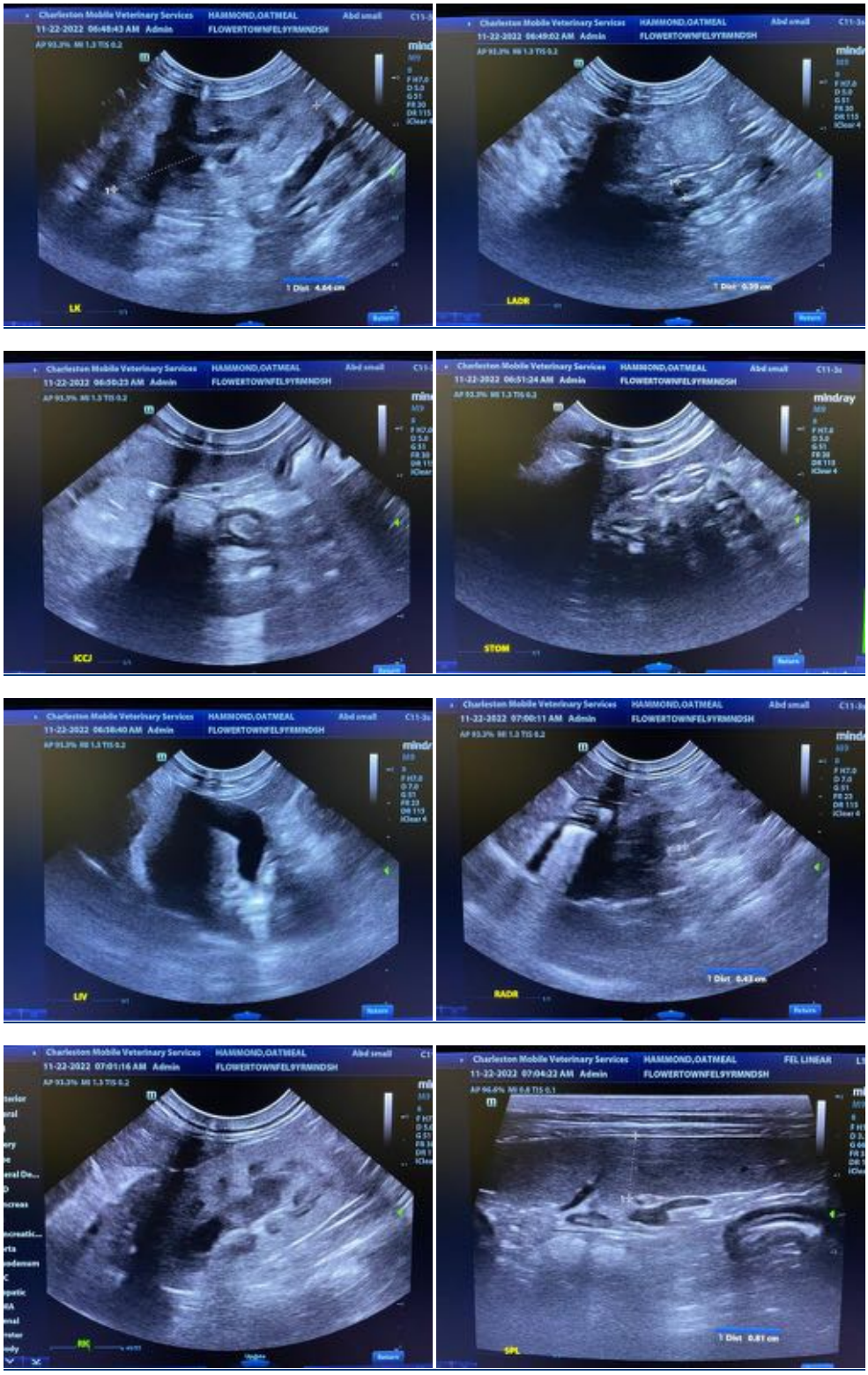

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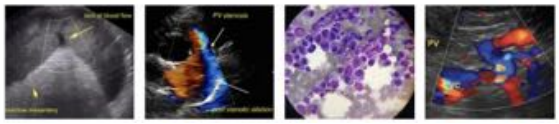

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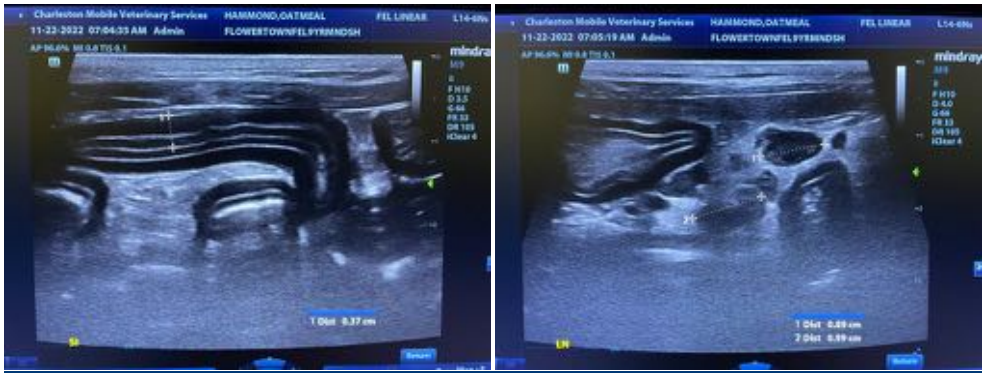

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