

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

2/8/23 Previous AUS in 2018 indicated inflammation suggestive of IBD, pet never treated no chronic diarrhea recently softer stool. Recently over the past 2 month on/off coughing radiographs suggest asthma. Pet has eosinophilic plaques diagnosed at previous vet controlled with zyrtec daily.

**PATIENT**

O.B. Smith Current Medications: Zyrtec, Propectalin Gel

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

**SPECIES**

Stat Report: Not requested.

Feline

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

**BREED****ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

DLH

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic contents. No masses, inflammatory changes, echogenic sediment or cystoliths are observed. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

SEX

Neutered Male

The right kidney is normal in size (4.45 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination.

AGE

There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

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WEIGHT

The left kidney is normal in size (3.8 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

10.14 Pounds

**INTERPRETED BY****Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.57 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.54 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Frederick Road VH

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size with a normal smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is appropriately finely textured and homogenous with normal echogenicity relative to surrounding tissue (hyperechoic to liver). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Cannon

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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The gallbladder is non-distended in size. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The lumen of the stomach is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

The visible small intestine demonstrates areas of thick muscularis layer relative to mucosa (disruption of the normal 1:3 muscularis:mucosa ratio). Small intestinal submucosa is slightly irregular, thick and hyperechoic, without evident loss of layering appreciated. The lumen is empty with no evidence of obstruction or foreign material.

The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

### ***Pancreas***

Pancreas is prominent (enlarged) in size, hypoechoic to surrounding tissue and has a mildly irregular undulating contour. Parenchyma is coarse with mixed echogenic remodeling noted. Pancreatic duct dilation is noted.

### ***Free Abdomen***

There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

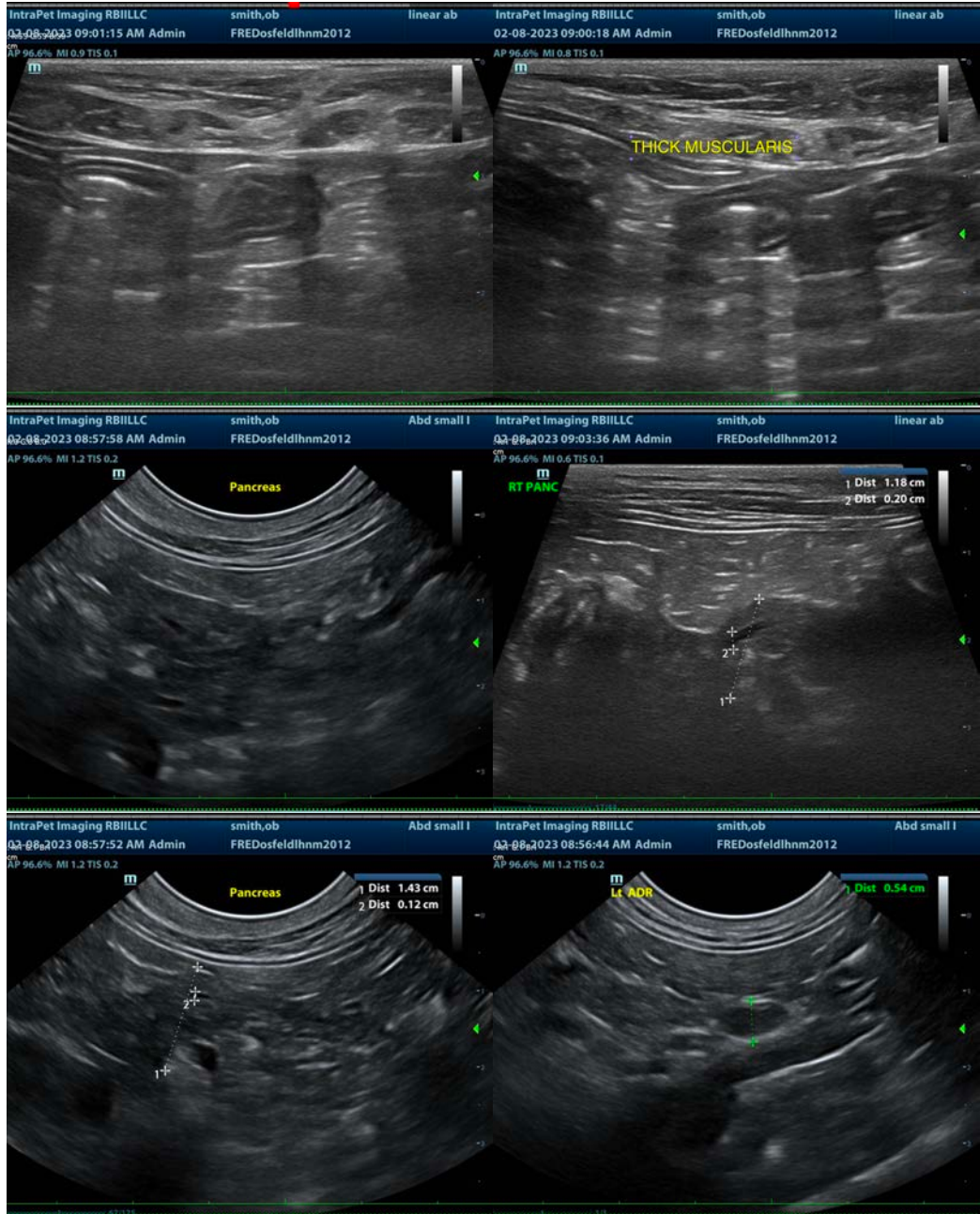
- **Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) pattern** – Thick muscularis has been reported with infiltrative bowel disease including both benign inflammatory disease as well as infiltrative neoplasia such as lymphoma. No aggressive lymphadenopathy, loss of layering, etc. is noted to make lymphoma more probable, but lymphoma cannot be definitively ruled out without tissue sampling.
- Chronic active pancreatitis

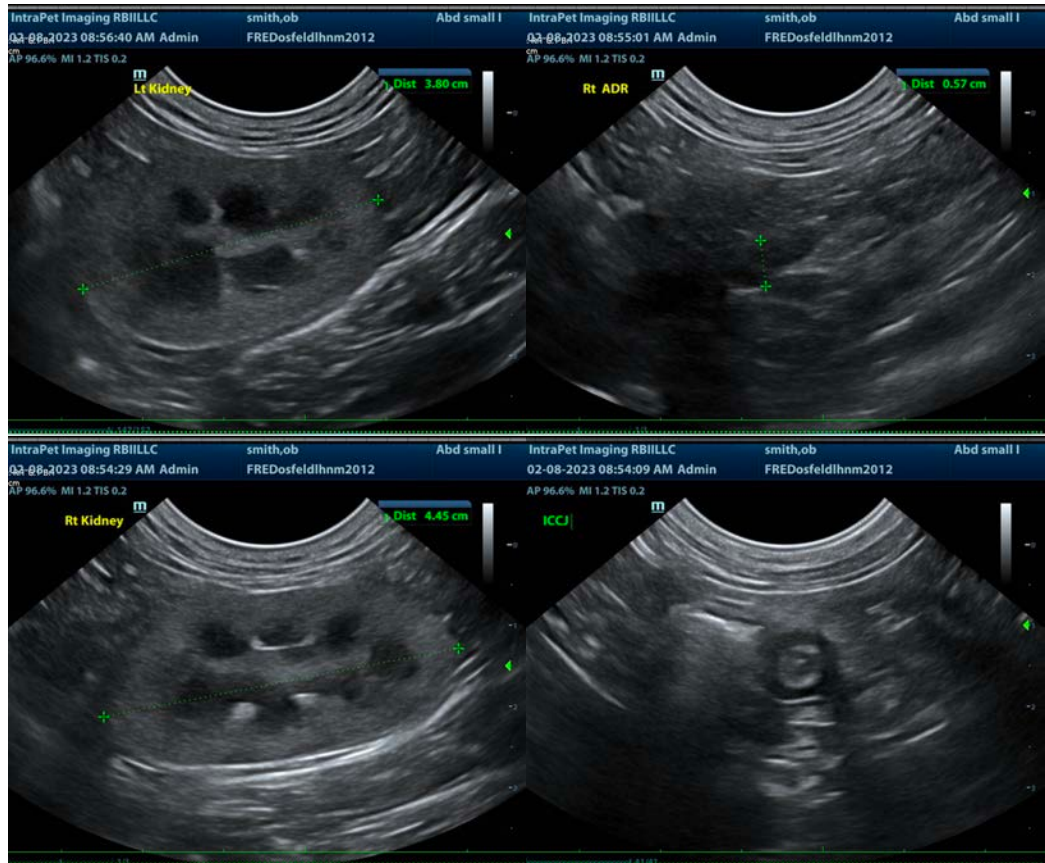
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Given this patient's reported history of eosinophilic plaques combined with the new onset of suspect asthma and soft stool, the top differential for the bowel changes is a concurrent eosinophilic inflammatory bowel disease most likely. Therefore, recommendations include:

A gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory is recommended for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function, followed by ideally biopsies of the GI tract, being sure to include ileum, if possible, to definitively diagnose and therefore manage the infiltrative bowel disease.

In the meantime, or if biopsies cannot be obtained, empirical therapies could include a diet change based on trial and error response, beginning with a hydrolyzed protein diet, and trying a different brand of hydrolyzed protein diet if the first one doesn't result in improvement, as some patients response better to one versus the other, and empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur and cobalamin supplementation (unless not warranted based on GI malabsorption panel results). Additionally, a probiotic such as Visbiome or Provable may be helpful.





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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