


**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/16/26

**PATIENT**

Lily Core

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Frenchie

**SEX**

Intact Female

**AGE**

10/3/22

**WEIGHT**

26 lbs

**INTERPRETED BY**
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**Patient History:** P presented on 4/9 as a new patient with the complaint of decreased appetite of about 2 weeks duration. She has had intermittent vomiting which was usually in the morning after not eating dinner but she has since vomited during the day. P usually eats ground beef/chicken/turkey/pork w veggies. She also eats people food. O got her to eat some when feeding her a pork chop, chicken nuggets and fries. He says her last heat cycle ended two weeks prior to presentation. No vulvar discharge. Consistently on Trio. On presentation on 4/13 O noted she might have aspirated some vomitus yesterday. Lung sounds were harsh on auscultation on 4/13. 3/6 murmur, bnp wnl

**Current Medications:** Dispensed pepcid, denamarin, cl not giving. Dispensed Entyce today.

**Labwork Results:** Labwork not attached, reported as: CBC/chem/UA on initial presentation showed mildly elevated ALT. CBC/chem WNL today, 4dx neg, Abdominal rads wnl. Thoracic rads show cardiomegaly. Difficult to assess lung fields, rad report pending.

**Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound:** No previous.

**Sedation:** Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

**Stat Report:** Requested.

**Imaging Performed by:** Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

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

The urinary bladder is adequately 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.

The right kidney is normal is size (5.03 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. A subtle hyperechoic band parallel to the corticomedullary border is present.

The left kidney is normal is size ( 5.28 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. A subtle hyperechoic band parallel to the corticomedullary border is present.

**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.47 cm at cranial pole and 0.52 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.52 cm at cranial pole and 0.59 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

Spleen is subjectively large 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. The spleen is folded upon itself, which is a positional non-pathologic variant.

### ***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.

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 visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The stomach is moderately distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. If patient was appropriately fasted, delayed gastric emptying could be considered. Non-shadowing foreign material is considered less likely but cannot be definitively ruled out.

If clinical signs are consistent (vomiting, etc.), recommendations include supportive medical care, 24 hours fasting and re-image.

The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering. Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta/chyme. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. The colon is mildly distended with soft stool, especially proximally.

### ***Pancreas***

The pancreas that is observed appears appropriately isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. Visible pancreatic parenchyma is homogenous and unremarkable. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

### ***Free Abdomen***

There is no visible free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

No ovarian or uterine pathology is noted in these images at this time.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Splenomegaly- can be associated with congestion caused by sedation (if sedated) but can also be associated with diffuse infiltrative disease. Both benign conditions such as extramedullary

hematopoiesis, lymphoid hyperplasia, as well as infiltrative neoplastic diseases such as round cell neoplasia should be considered.

- Subtle bilateral medullary rim sign - This finding is of unknown clinical significance and can be a normal variant, often idiopathic. Medullary rim sign can be present with renal disease including lymphoma, hypercalcemic nephropathy, Leptospirosis, tubular disease, other and should be interpreted in combination with other more specific indications of kidney disease such as isosthenuria, proteinuria, azotemia, etc. This is a common incidental finding in patients with diabetes mellitus.
- The gastrointestinal contents are most consistent in appearance with normal ingesta. Having said that, this finding should be interpreted in combination with when patient last ate and potentially in combination with reevaluation following an additional 12-24 hours of fasting, as non-shadowing, non-fully obstructive foreign material, while thought less likely can't be definitively ruled out.

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

A routine fecal/giardia exam is recommended if not recently evaluated.

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.

A baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.

Pending results of above, fine needle aspirates of the spleen could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

In the meantime, supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs is recommended, including anti-emetics, gastroprotectants (+/- sucralfate, especially with any history of hematemesis), an appetite stimulant and fluid therapy if indicated, etc.

Additionally, empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur is recommended as is a full course of empirical Helicobacter triple therapy.

Finally, if tolerated, a transition in diet could be considered, based on trial-and-error response with some options to consider including a gastrointestinal biome diet vs a hydrolyzed protein diet (sometimes several trials with different brands are necessary) vs an easy to digest, bland or low-fat diet vs other.



