

**DATE**

6/24/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Hyperglycemia & inappetence -6/1/22. Not eating well for weeks.

PATIENT

6lb wt. loss over several months. Appetite not better after 2 weeks of 2 units glargine twice daily. BG at recheck 6/22 was 51. Insulin stopped

Dexter Lupton

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Current Medications: Mirtaz prn, Glargine 2 units BID 6/4-6/22, then stopped.

Lab Results: 6/1- hyperglycemia 400, gluc ++ in urine, no ketones. Mild ALT & AST elevations.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Feline

BREED

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

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SEX**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

Neutered Male

Urinary System

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.

AGE

5/12/2009

Left kidney is normal is size (4.1 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.

WEIGHT

11.56 Pounds

Right kidney is normal is size (4.27 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.

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Adrenal Glands

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.39 cm thick), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The area of the right adrenal gland is visualized without evident pathology.

HOSPITAL NAME

Timonium AH

Spleen

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. Kauder

Liver

Liver is subjectively enlarged (swollen contour) without disruption of architecture. It has a normal homogenous echotexture. Parenchyma is diffusely hyperechoic characterized by less prominent than normal portal vein walls and increased echogenicity relative to the spleen and falciform fat. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

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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 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 visible colon is normal in wall thickness and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

Pancreas

The observed pancreas is prominent (enlarged) in size, hypoechoic to surrounding tissue and irregular in shape with a swollen undulating contour. Pancreatic duct dilation is noted. Enhanced hyperechoic ill-defined surrounding fat is noted.

Free Abdomen

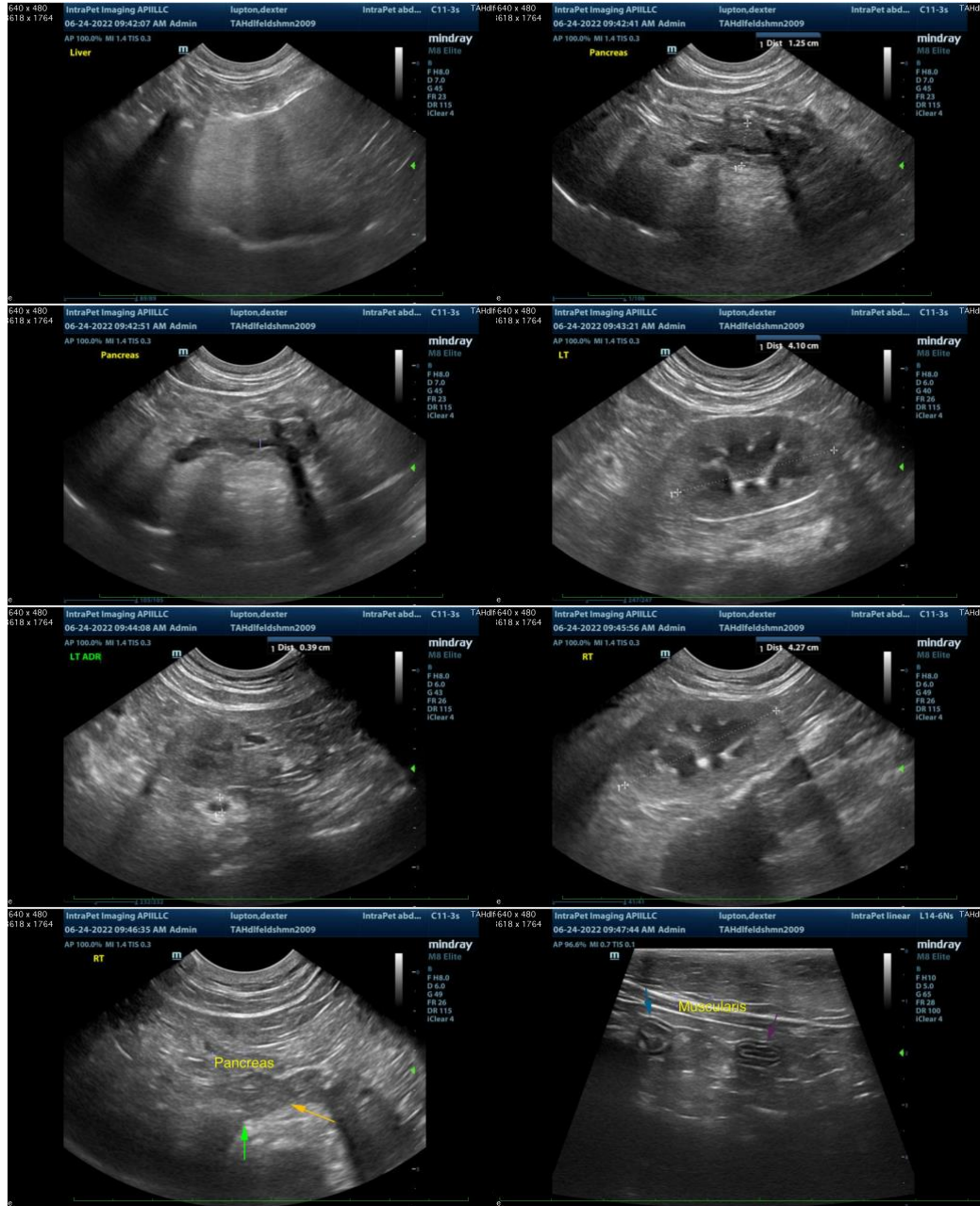
A scant amount of anechoic fluid was present around the spleen and pancreas.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Acute pancreatitis
- Inflammatory bowel disease pattern. This finding has been reported with infiltrative bowel disease including both benign inflammatory disease as well as infiltrative neoplasia such as lymphoma. No concurrent lymphadenopathy, loss of layering, etc. is noted to make lymphoma more probably, but lymphoma cannot be definitively ruled out without tissue sampling.
- Hyperechoic hepatomegaly. This appearance is most consistent with benign hepatic lipidosis. Infiltrative disease such as amyloidosis or round cell neoplasia, such as mast cell tumor or less likely, lymphoma, is also possible.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. 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.
2. In the meantime, medical management of pancreatitis with anti-emetics, gastroprotectants, appetite stimulants or nutritional support as needed, pain management, broad spectrum antibiotics, and fluid support is recommended. Monitoring of the pancreas with power doppler is recommended to identify possible necrosis as well as other potential sequelae such as abscesses, etc.
3. Given the hepatic lipidosis appearance of the liver, nutritional management (as a part of the medical management recommended above) is critical up to and including placement of a feeding tube, if appetite stimulants do not improve appetite.



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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