

**DATE**

9/19/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**PATIENT**

Chela Schick

History: P presents as new client with no previous vet history for a 1yr history of weight loss and normal appetite. P has also had bouts of intermittent vomiting since June of this year (about 6-7 vomits in a few days, then nothing for a while, then vomit again). When P was younger she was about 15lbs per O; on PE was 8.7lbs. E/D well no changes

In urinations/bowel movements. PE has moderate muscle wasting and BCS 3-4/9, periodontal disease moderate, all else WNL.

SPECIES

Feline

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: superchem – NSF, CBC – NSF, UA -- USG 1.035, inactive sediment, T4 -- 2.5, WNL

BREED

DSH

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Gabapentin PO.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

SEX

Spayed Female

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**AGE**

7/19/11

Urinary System

Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with incidental suspended lipid in a cat, possibly combined with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

WEIGHT

8.6 Pounds

Left kidney is normal is size (4.14 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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Right kidney is normal is size (4.26 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.

HOSPITAL NAME

Everhart Wellpet

Adrenal Glands

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.3 cm), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity, and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Baumler

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.43 cm), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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Spleen

Spleen is subjectively large in size with a mildly swollen but smooth capsule. The parenchyma is normal and homogenous in echotexture but appears diffusely hyperechoic in echogenicity. No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

Liver

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.

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 lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction or foreign material.

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

Pancreas

The observed pancreas 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 evidence of free fluid. Mesenteric lymphadenopathy is present.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary 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.
- Hypersplenism – 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, amyloidosis (leave amyloidosis out if canine) as well as infiltrative neoplastic diseases such as round cell neoplasia should be considered.
- Mesenteric lymphadenopathy. Both reactive lymphadenopathy, as well as infiltrative neoplasia are differentials and cannot be differentiated without tissue sampling.

Secondary Findings

- Urinary bladder debris

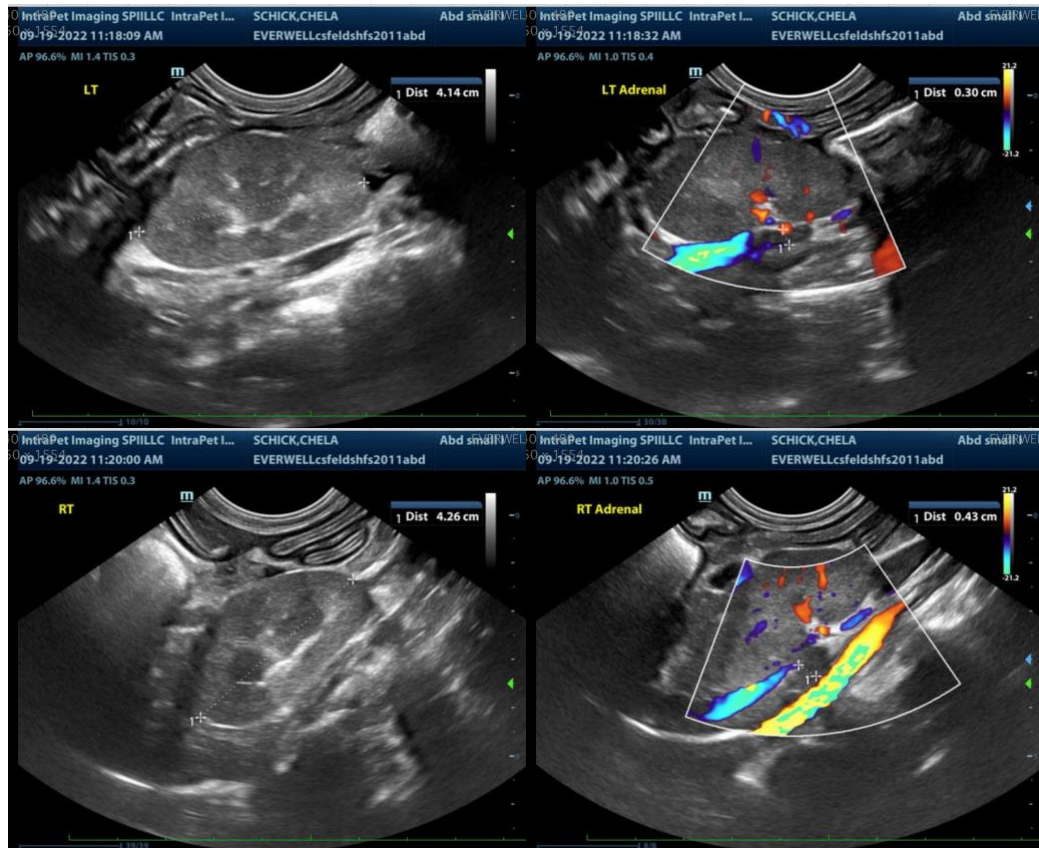
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

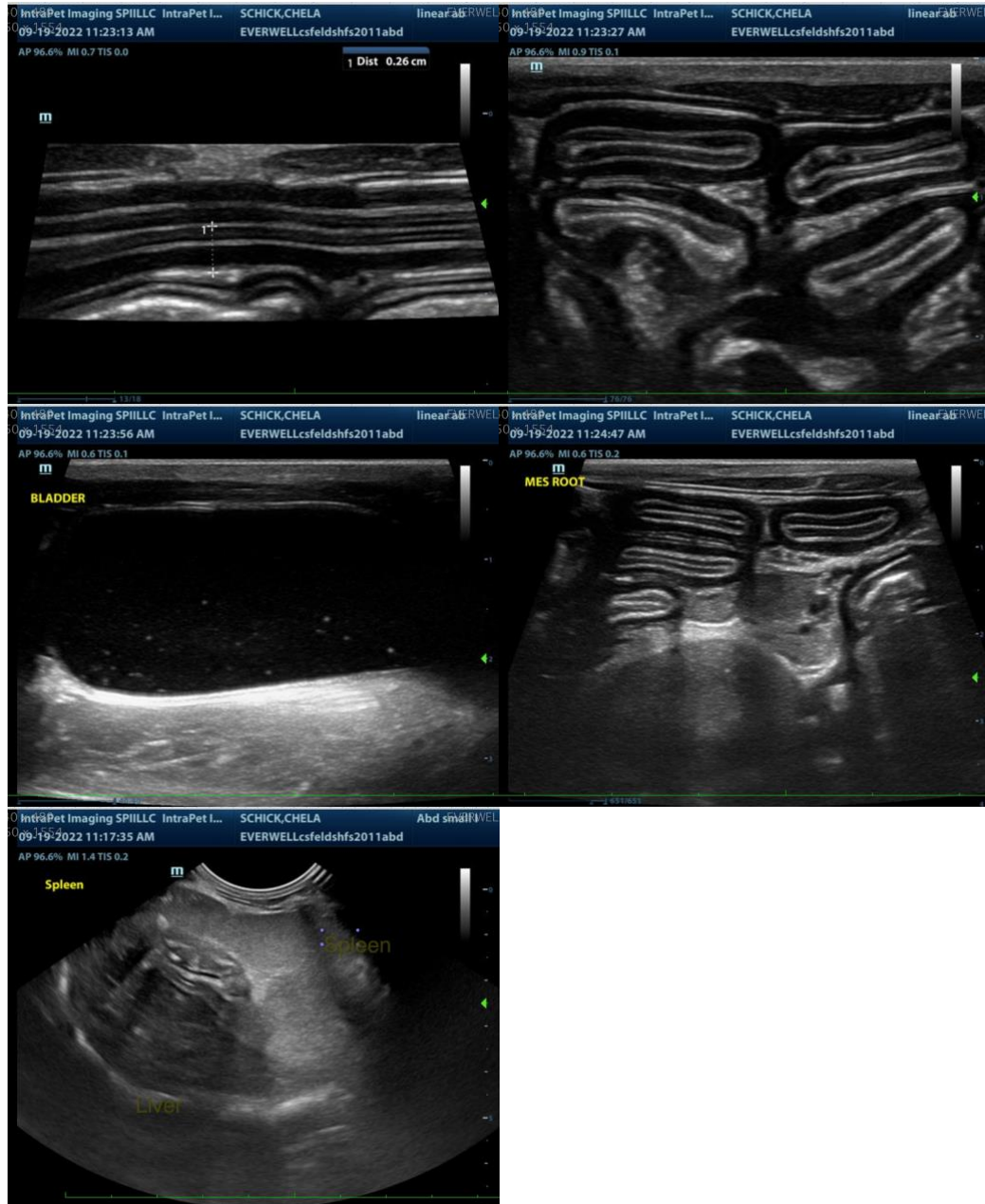
A fine needle aspirate of this patient's spleen is recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

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.

Ideally, pending results of splenic cytology (if performed), biopsies of the GI tract, being sure to include ileum if possible, are recommended to definitively diagnose and therefore manage the infiltrative bowel disease.

If biopsies cannot be obtained, empirical therapies could include diet change, empirical deworming with a 5 day course of Panacur, cobalamin supplementation (unless cobalamin level is evaluated and supplementation is not warranted) and prednisolone (if not contraindicated based on patient contraindications, co-morbidities, etc.).





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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