



## PATIENT

Anita Castaneda

## SPECIES

Feline

## BREED

Domestic Shorthair

## SEX

Spayed Female

## AGE

1 Year

## WEIGHT

9 lbs

## INTERPRETED BY

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Pulse: Pet Ultrasound

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Presented as a referral for an abdominal ultrasound to evaluate history of vomiting, diarrhea and slightly lethargic. Pt started vomiting 5 days ago and it has been about 4-5 times sometimes clear, or yellow. Also, pasty stool and watery stools and has been gassy. O mentioned that pt since rescued as kitten has had recurrent diarrheas. Eating Purina Kibble.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Radiographs and Bloodwork attached as supporting documents.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder, trigone, and visible pelvic urethra were of normal thickness. The ureters were not visible which is normal. There was normal wall layering with no masses, uroliths or abnormal thickening visualized. Urine was anechoic. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

The kidneys were both normal size and structure, with smooth capsule and normal corticomedullary definition and ratio. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Left kidney measures 3.64 cm. Right kidney measures 3.61 cm.

### *Adrenal Glands*

Both adrenal glands were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed and age. The visible phrenic vasculature was unremarkable. Right adrenal gland measures 0.46 cm in thickness. Left adrenal gland measures 0.32 cm in thickness.

### *Spleen*

The spleen was normal with age appropriate homogeneous parenchyma and a smooth capsule with normal splenic vasculature with no signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarct changes were noted.

### *Liver*

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is age 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.

Gall bladder is moderately distended with normal wall thickness and anechoic contents. Common bile duct is non-distended and tapers normally.

### *Gastrointestinal*

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal and wall layering is distinct with a prominent muscularis layer. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.



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Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

### **Pancreas**

The visible pancreas was observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat.

### **Lymph Nodes**

Mesenteric lymph nodes are prominent with maintenance of normal width to length ratio and normal echogenicity.

### **Free Abdomen**

No masses or free fluid were noted.

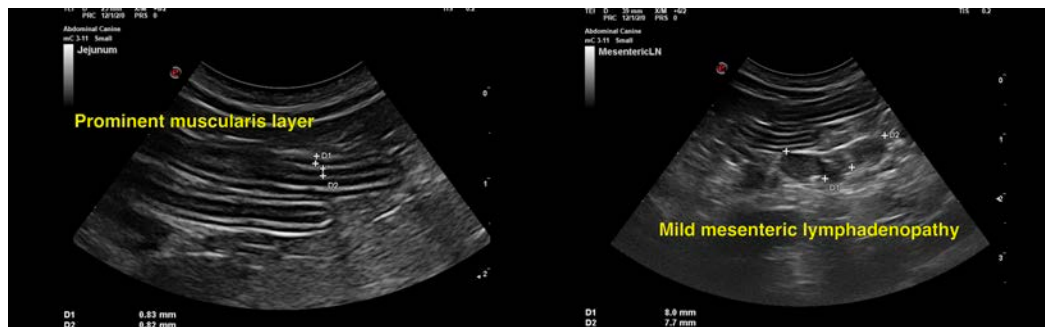
## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Prominent muscularis layer throughout small intestines.
- Mesenteric lymphadenopathy.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Small intestinal changes together with mesenteric lymphadenopathy are most consistent with infiltrative disease of the small intestine with inflammatory bowel disease or GI lymphoma being the top differentials. No overt neoplastic criteria present in the bowel given that curvilinear layering is still intact. Given the patient's signalment, neoplasia is less likely. Ultrasound cannot differentiate between small cell lymphoma and inflammatory bowel disease and GI biopsies are recommended for definitive diagnosis, especially if there is a poor response to empirical efforts or recurrence of clinical signs after initial control. Endoscopic biopsy is less invasive but may miss lesions due to inability to obtain samples from all sections of the GI tract, especially the jejunum which is the most common site of development of disease. Surgical biopsies are more likely to be diagnostic but are more invasive. A GI panel (PLI/cobalamin/folate) will help determine the severity of SI dysfunction, and need for vitamin supplementation.

Empiric treatment for IBD includes diet trial with either hydrolyzed or select protein diet, vitamin b-12 supplementation, GI support as needed (anti-nausea, appetite stimulant). Treatment with steroids (budesonide vs prednisolone) is often required – biopsies should be acquired prior to treatment with steroids. Steroids may ultimately be tapered to the lowest effective dose or discontinued in some cases.





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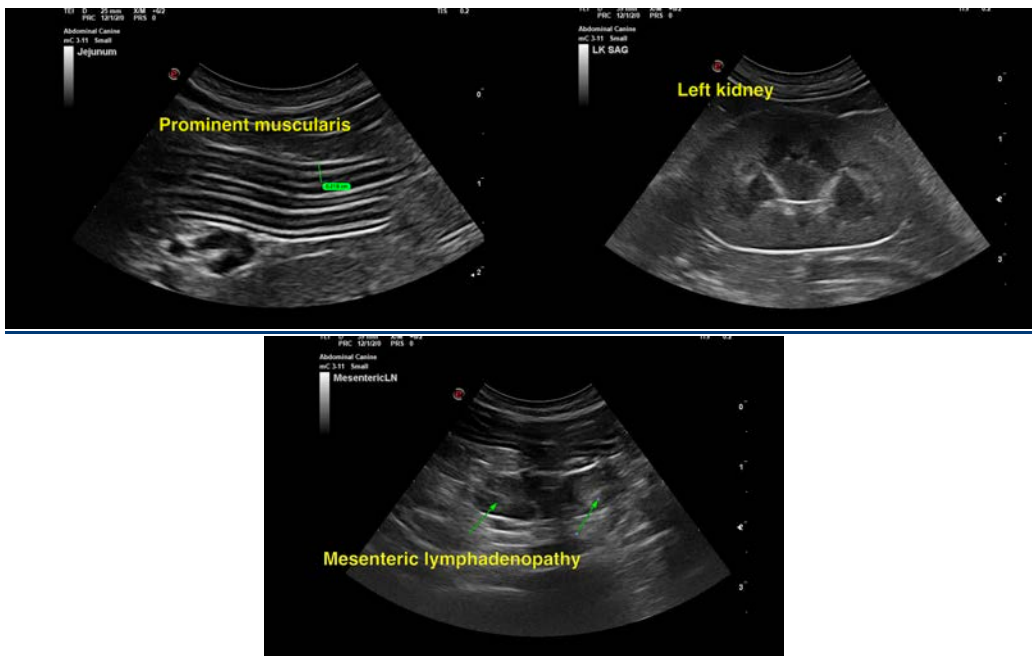
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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