

**DATE**

6/14/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Patient presented with recent onset of loss of muscle mass along spine/back. Behavior change - recently became very skittish about feeding, will grab 1 kibble of food, run off and hide to eat. This all started about the same time that owner brought a previously outdoor only cat into the house. Physical exam NR other than evidence of muscle atrophy/weight loss and severe dental disease. Labwork generally non remarkable other than decreased albumin and elevated globulins.

PATIENT

Kinny Richardson

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: See attached.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

SPECIES

Feline

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

BREED

Domestic Shorthair

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

Neutered male

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

AGE

4/16/09

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some age-related loss of curvilinear patterns regarding the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for this age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex. The right kidney measured 4.28 cm. The left kidney measured 4.56 cm with minor pyelectasia that measured up to 0.26 cm.

WEIGHT

9.13 lbs

Adrenal Glands

Both **adrenal glands** were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient.

INTERPRETED BYEric Lindquist, DMV
DABVP, Cert. IVUSS**Spleen**

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes was noted.

HOSPITAL NAME

Hickory VH

REFERRING VET

Dr. McNesby

Liver

The **liver** images from right and left intercostal as well as subcostal views revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Some age-related parenchymal remodeling was noted but likely not clinically significant at this time. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume and no evidence of congestion was noted. The gallbladder presented some dependent debris with essentially normal contour. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No overt evidence of active inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was noted but should be paired with current or past LE elevations regarding any clinical significance to this presentation. The hepatic lymph nodes were unremarkable.

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Gastrointestinal

The **gastrointestinal** presentation revealed mild uniform prominence of the gastric mucosa as well as areas of "ropey" small intestinal wall. The muscularis layer was hypertrophied inverting the normal ratio (1:3). Intestinal wall thickness measured up to 0.3 cm. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular, thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic inflammation. No evidence of obstruction was present. Chronic inflammatory bowel disease is probable with a low possibility of an early neoplastic event such as lymphoma or, less likely, dry form FIP can at times be found on biopsy of these presentations. Full thickness tissue biopsies via open laparotomy, ideally guided by intraoperative ultrasound in order to obtain the most representative mural sample, would be necessary to rule more significant disease than IBD.

Pancreas

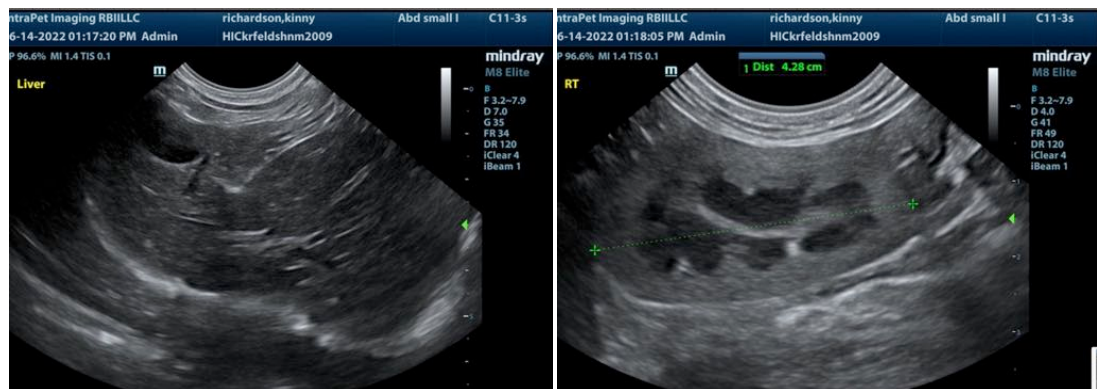
The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Some parenchymal remodeling, however, with mild deviation from curvilinear normalcy was observed. Pancreatic duct and capsular irregularities were present consistent with age related changes. If pain upon imaging (+ Murphy sign) was present or if the patient is focally painful in subxiphoid palpation then low-grade smoldering chronic pancreatitis should be suspected.

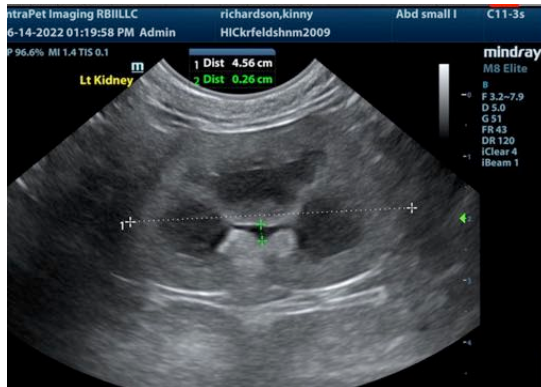
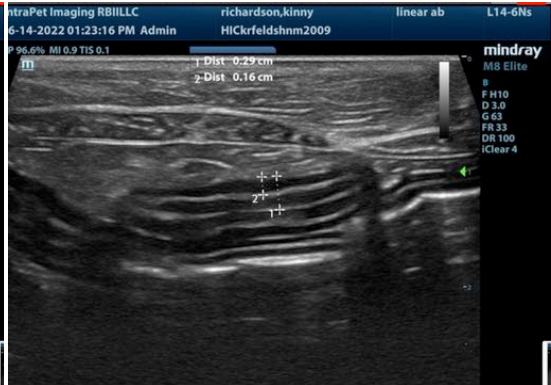
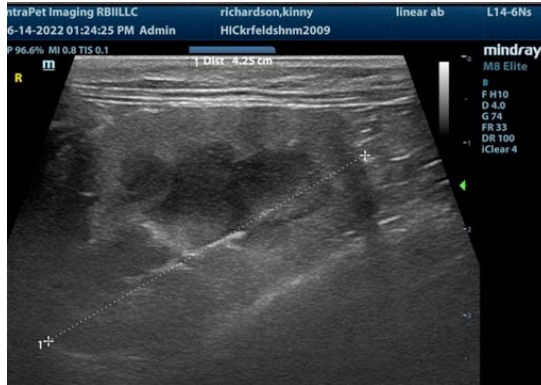
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Geriatric abdomen with diffuse intestinal thickening, no neoplastic criteria.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Inflammatory bowel with intestinal protein loss is suspected. Underlying infectious agents is a strong potential. Protein electrophoresis would be ideal. GI intestinal parasites should be considered. Broad spectrum anti-parasitic protocol is warranted. Zithromax or Clindamycin trial could be considered given the elevated globulins to cover for chronic infectious disease. No neoplasia is noted at this point. However, the GI presentation may represent a precancerous state.





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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