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**DATE**

6/30/22

**PATIENT**

Scout Alexander

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

1/15/10

**WEIGHT**

8 Pounds

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Dr. Alexander

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Two pound weight loss and partial anorexia for 4 months with partial alopecia along ventrum and flanks.

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: Amylase 1493, Prec PSL 27, T4 3.7 (HR normal).

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

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 were noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

The **kidneys** presented a relatively uniform cortical hyperechogenicity when compared to the renal medulla, spleen and liver. No overt masses were noted. Corticomedullary definition was nebulous and the ratio favored the cortex slightly. The ureters were not visible and assumed to be normal. These changes are most consistent with chronic interstitial nephritis yet infiltrative disease could not be entirely ruled out without biopsy though neoplasia is not suspected. The left kidney measured 3.91 cm. The right kidney measured 4.02 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

The **left adrenal gland** was 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. The left adrenal gland measured 0.40 cm.

The **right adrenal gland** was mildly enlarged, uniform, measuring 0.62 cm.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** was mildly enlarged with uniform, but subtly micronodular parenchyma, and undulating capsular contour. The spleen measured up to 1.0 cm in width. This is consistent with reactive spleen owing to immune stimulus or early infiltrative disease such as mast cell disease or lymphoma. 25-gauge FNA would be ideal if weight loss is an issue to differentiate early round cell neoplasia versus splenitis or reactive spleen all of which can present in this manner.

**Liver**

The **liver** images submitted revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Parenchymal echogenicity was naturally coarse and hypoechoic to the spleen. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gallbladder presented acceptably thin walls with primarily anechoic content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy was evident. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was evident.

**Gastrointestinal**

A minor amount of non-shadowing, non-obstructive ingesta was noted in the **stomach**. Transit of chyme into the small intestine was normal. The small intestine was unremarkable. The colon revealed minor mural thickening with increased submucosal echogenicity and thickness. A colic lymph node was mildly enlarged, reactive, measuring 0.95 cm.

## 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 subxyphoid palpation then low-grade smoldering chronic pancreatitis should be suspected.

## PRIMARY FINDINGS

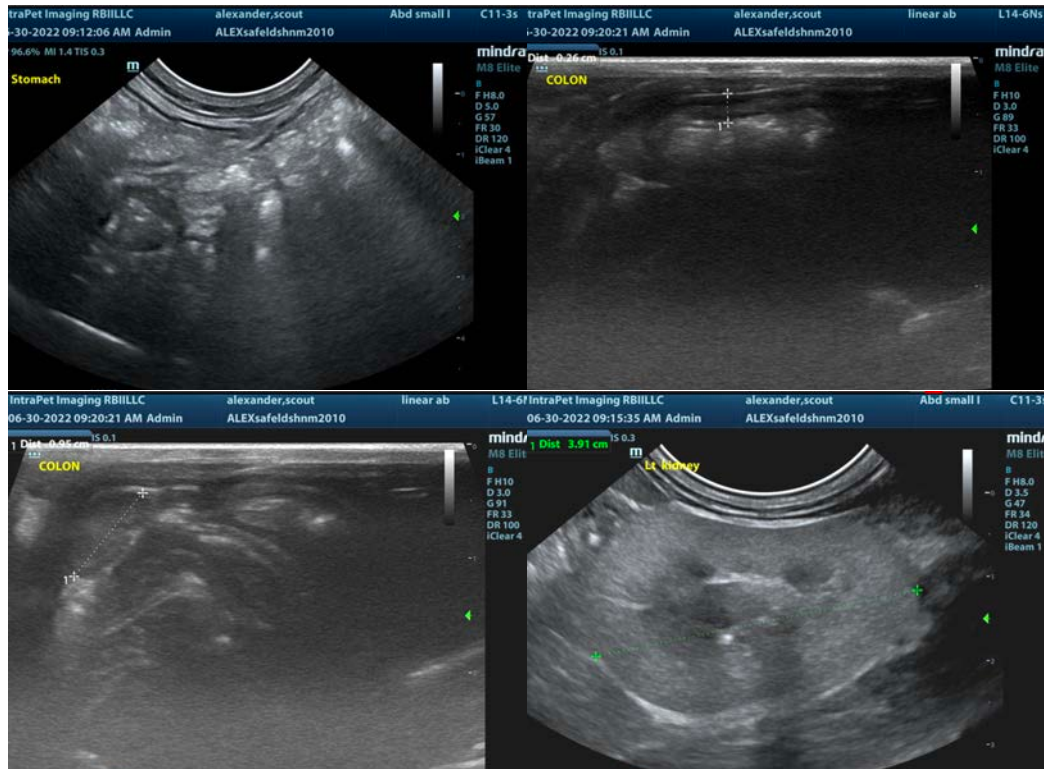
- Colonic thickening and colic lymphadenopathy, neoplastic criteria is not met
- Mildly enlarged right adrenal gland
- Mild splenic enlargement

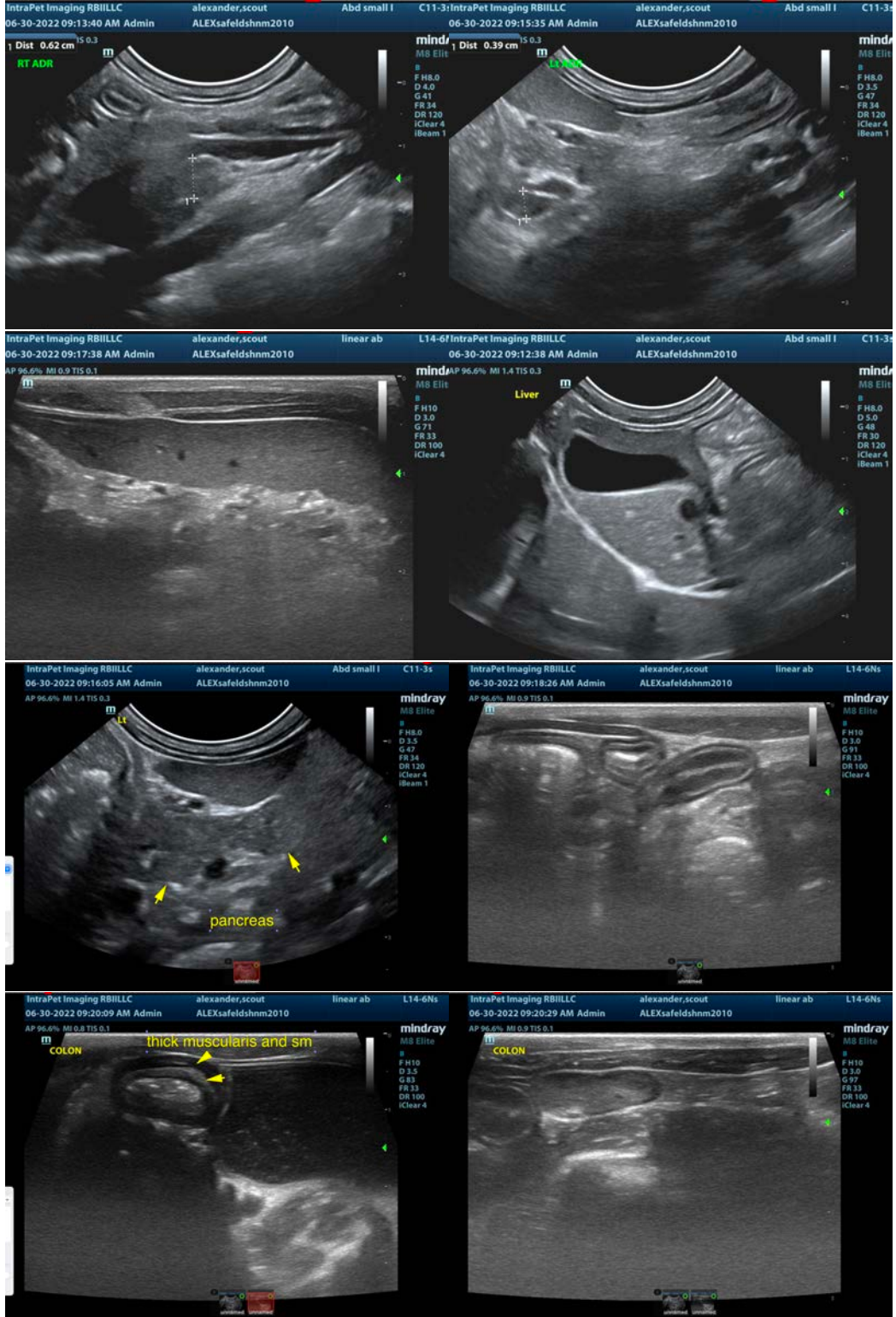
## SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Gastric ingesta
- Interstitial nephrosis
- Age related pancreatic changes

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Colonoscopy would be ideal in this patient. Screening FNA of the spleen +/- colic lymph node (if accessible) would be indicated. Maldigestion panel, three view chest radiographs and full CNS examination is recommended to examine for occult disease that could be responsible for the weight loss. Evaluation for competitive eating environments should also be considered.





**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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