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DATE

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PATIENT

Flynn Latta

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Bengal

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

3/4/16

WEIGHT

12.9 Pounds

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Chronic Vomiting, responsive to hypoallergenic diet initially. Sometimes coughing/gagging.

Current Medications: Ondansteron 4mg PO BID, Z/D Diet, Cerenia SQ SID

Lab Results: Bloodwork in April No major abnormalities.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: IM sedation.

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** revealed normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio for this age. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with normal echogenic relationship to liver and spleen. Medullary structure differed distinctly from the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The capsules were acceptably uniform without significant irregularities. The right kidney measured 3.44 cm. The left kidney measured 3.44 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 0.38 cm.

The region of the **right adrenal gland** was unremarkable.

Spleen

The **spleen** was mildly enlarged (1.0 cm) with uniform, but subtly micronodular parenchyma, and undulating capsular contour. 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

The **gastrointestinal** presentation revealed mild uniform prominence of the gastric mucosa as well as areas of "ropey" small intestinal wall with 1:1 muscularis/mucosal ratio. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular, thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic disease. Intestinal wall thickness measured up to 0.26 cm. No evidence of obstruction was present. Chronic inflammatory bowel disease is likely with a low possibility of an early neoplastic event such as lymphoma. 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 out this possibility.

Reactive mesenteric lymph nodes noted, measuring 2.75 cm x 0.40 cm.

Pancreas

The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

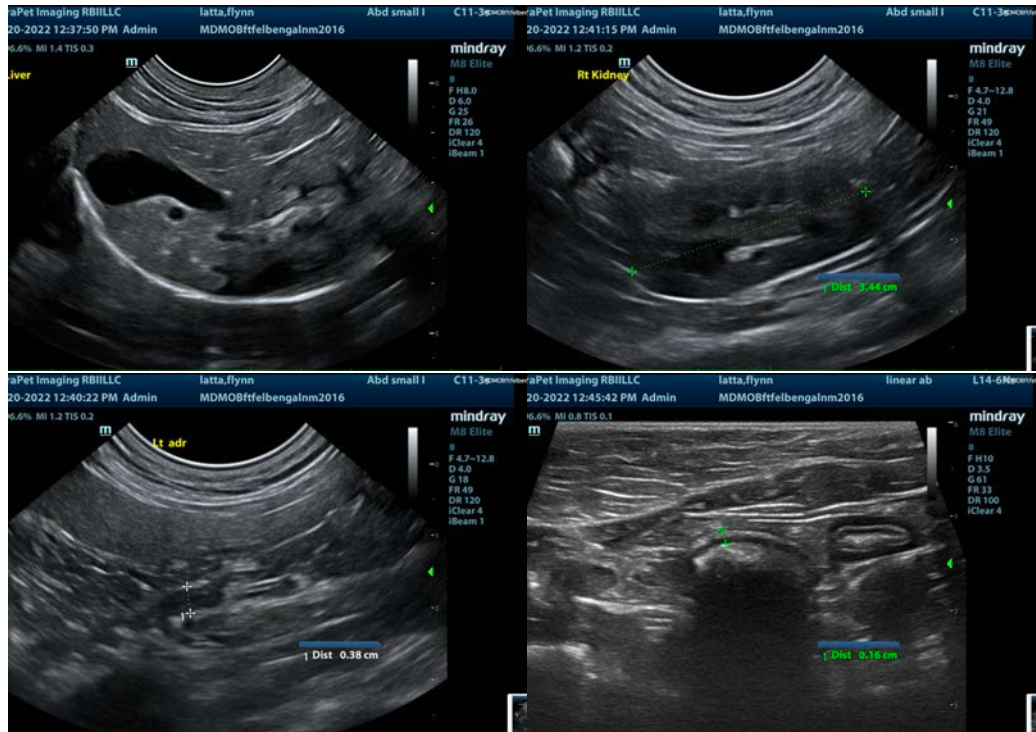
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

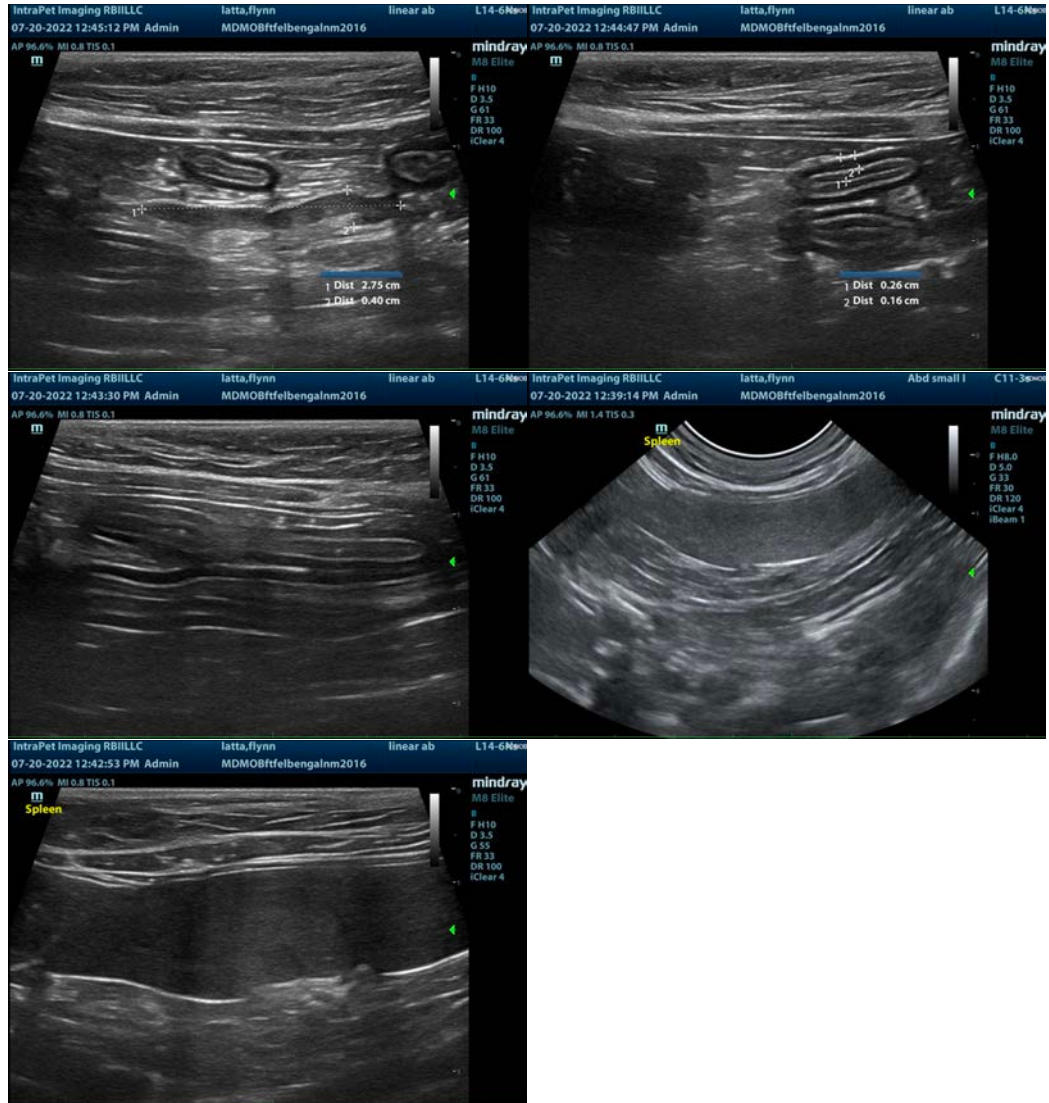
- Diffuse intestinal thickening, no neoplastic criteria present
- Reactive mesenteric lymph nodes
- Enlarged, micronodular spleen – likely reactive. Minor potential for emerging round cell neoplasia.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Inflammatory bowel, occult parasitism, food intolerance all possible. Full thickness intestinal and lymph node biopsies would be ideal in this patient. However, empirical trial of the following may prove effective. FNA of the spleen warranted to ensure early round cell neoplasia is not present. Reactive spleen likely. Diet change to hydrolyzed diet, fecal test, broad-spectrum antiparasitic trial, clinical trial of Zithromax/Metronidazole over a 5-10 day period could also be considered.

Radiographs: Minor hepatomegaly.





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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