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## DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

8/3/23

Patient of Dr. Key, transferred from another clinic for continued care. Hx of IBD with evidence of intestinal inflammation and LN enlargement, being treated with budesonide. Appetite has been hit or miss, losing weight, presented 07/18 for first occurrence of hematemesis. PE overall NSF other than pronounced gallop rhythm and arrhythmia.

## PATIENT

Legend Eeckhout

## SPECIES

Feline

Current Medications: Budesonide 1 mg BID (unsure duration), B12 250 ug when possible (owner has difficulty with injections), buprenorphine (unsure dose and frequency).

Lab Results: 02/2023- Chem WNL; CBC mild neutrophilia with monocytosis and eosinophilia.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

## BREED

DSH

## SEX

Neutered Male

## AGE

8/3/23

## WEIGHT

9.02 Pounds

## INTERPRETED BY

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## HOSPITAL NAME

Healing Paws VWC

## REFERRING VET

Dr. Klickman

## INVOICE

44652

## 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 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 his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 3.6 cm. The right kidney measured 3.76 cm.

### Adrenal Glands

The regions of the **adrenal glands** were unremarkable.

### 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 were noted.

### 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 was duplicated, which is a normal variant and not pathological.

### 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. Wall thickness measured up to 0.34 cm. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular, thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic disease. 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.

A reactive epigastric lymph node was noted at 0.50 cm.

### **Pancreas**

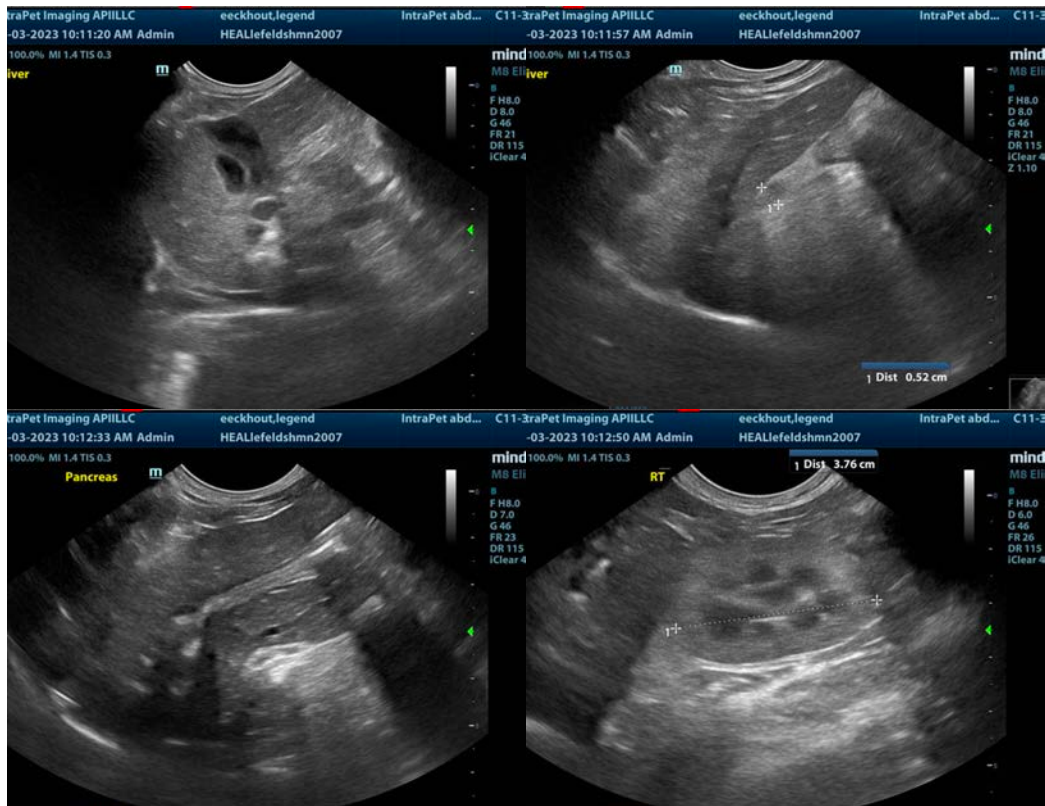
The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Some parenchymal remodeling, however, with mild deviation from curvilinear normalcy was observed. Pancreatic duct and capsular irregularities were present consistent with age related changes. If pain 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. Mild enlargement noted on the right at 1.3 cm.

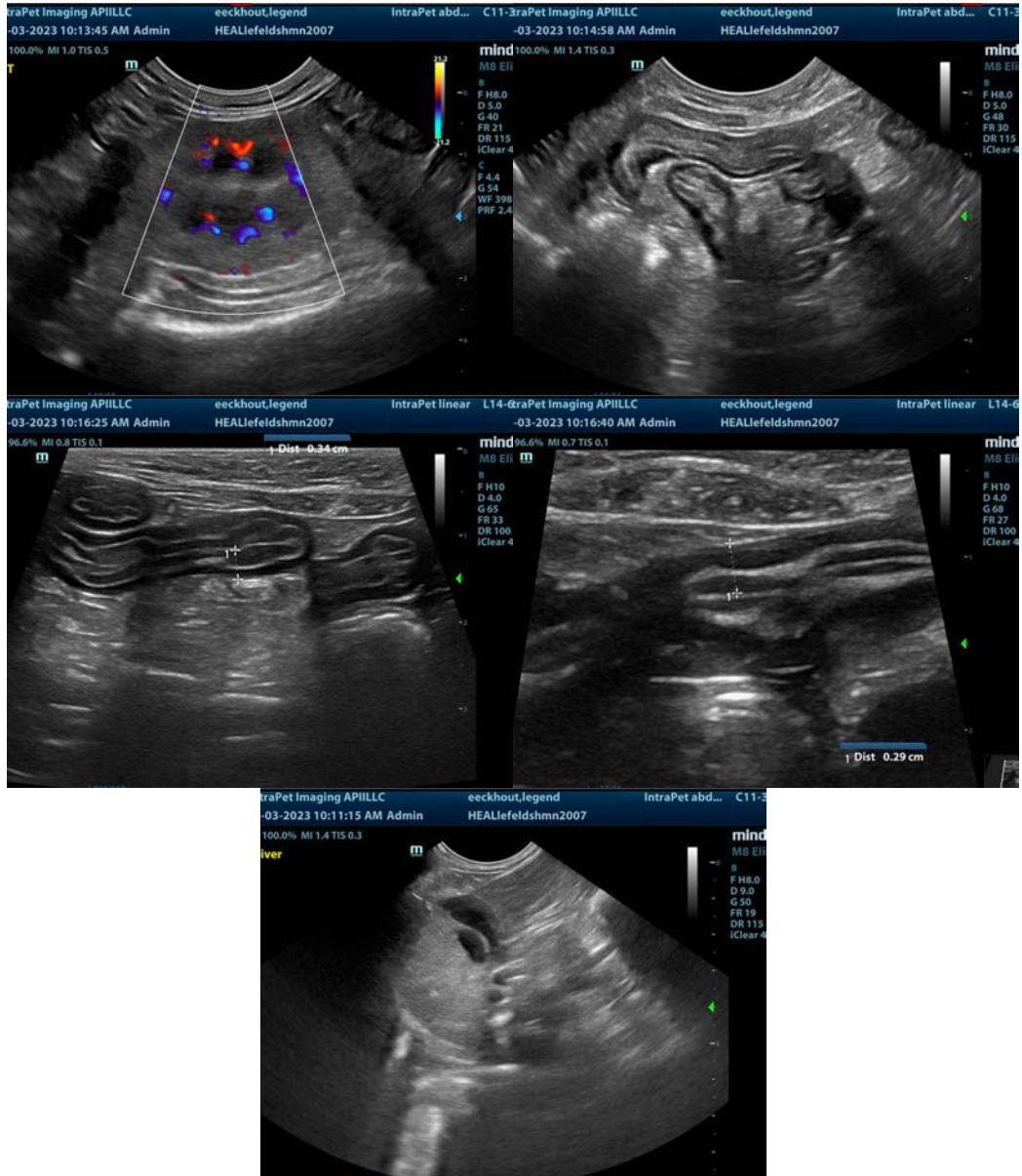
### **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Geriatric abdomen with diffuse intestinal thickening and slight epigastric lymphadenopathy – chronic inflammatory bowel likely. I cannot rule out the potential for conversion to round cell neoplasia.

### **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Full thickness GI biopsies would be ideal with management for inflammatory bowel. Hydrolyzed geriatric diet, fecal test, broad-spectrum anti-parasitic protocol all valid interventions.





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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