

**DATE**

9/9/22

**PATIENT**Penny Lane  
Cannington**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

9/9/10

**WEIGHT**

6.6 Pounds

**INTERPRETED BY**Eric Lindquist, DMV  
DABVP, Cert. IVUSS**HOSPITAL NAME**Animal Emergency  
Hospital**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Saubier

**INVOICE**

17226

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Referral for possible gastric foreign body. History of vomiting for past 4-5 day. Single large episode daily. Seen rDVM (Perry Hall) yesterday BW and X-rays. BW - hyperthyroid - started on methimazole Also started on Cerenia X-rays sent out to radiologist. Concern for possible gastric fb. Referral for abdominal US Has microchip feeder - owner uncertain when ate last.

Current Medications: None listed.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: IM sedation.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

**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 mild 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 3.34 cm. The right kidney measured 3.23 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

The regions of the **adrenal glands** revealed no evident pathology.

**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 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 "ropy" small intestinal wall with slight disruption of the normal 1:3 muscularis/mucosal ratio. The intestinal submucosa was slightly irregular, thickened and hyperechoic suggestive of low grade, chronic disease. No concerning lymphadenopathy was visible. 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.

### **Pancreas**

The **pancreas** was hypoechoic with undulating contour and minor duct dilation (0.1 cm). The left limb of the pancreas measured 0.67 cm.

### **Free Abdomen**

The mesenteric **lymph nodes** presented normal length to width ratio with slight, swollen contour. There was no loss of parenchymal detail. This is most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphatic hyperplasia. The mesenteric lymph nodes measured 0.78 cm to 1.22 cm. Some reactive mesentery was noted associated with the small intestine.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

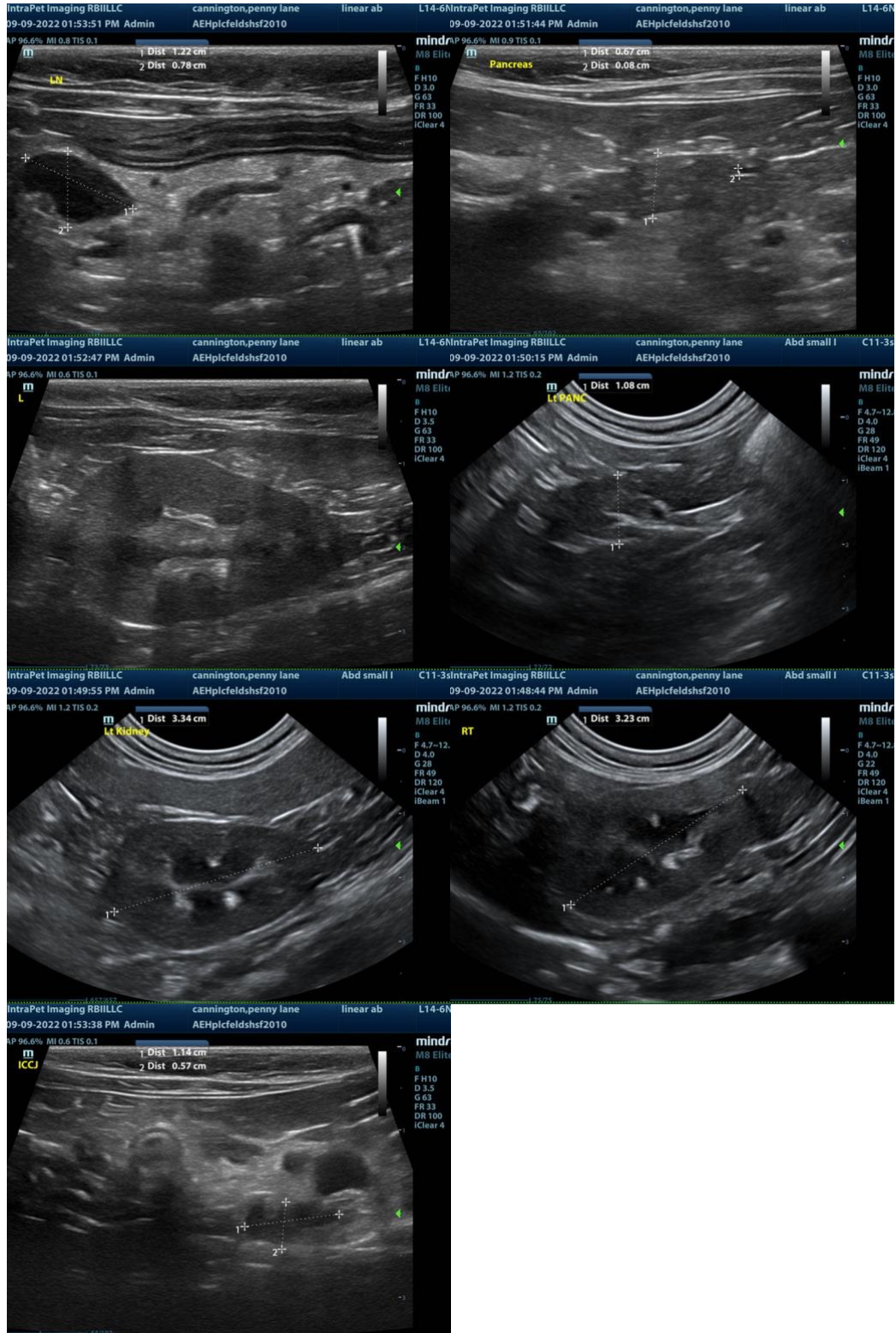
- Minor intestinal thickening, acute on chronic inflammatory bowel, minor potential for emerging round cell neoplasia
- Mesenteric lymphadenopathy
- Prominent irregular pancreas, suspect pancreatitis

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

No evidence of foreign bodies. A clinical trial of the following or similar may prove effective. Recheck sonogram in 72 hours if the patient is not responding clinically.

### **Triaditis/Pancreatitis protocol**

Part or all of this protocol may be considered based on your clinical impression of the patient: Recommend pain management when anorexic with **Buprenorphine** (0.01-0.02 mg/kg IM or SC), clinical trial of **Zithromax** (50 mg sid/cat x 10 days, 3 weeks if bartonella +), **Prednisolone** (0.5-2 mg/kg tapering over 1 week to minimal effective dose), and **B12 injections** if weight loss (Cyanobalamine 250 mcg sub-q once-weekly x six weeks, then every other week for six weeks and then once-monthly, long-term if necessary), **novel-protein or hydrolyzed diet** (*Hydrolyzed diets have been shown to be more effective in dietary intolerance case management compared to hypoallergenic diets*) or the **magical Purina DM** (changing protein source is crucial and may need rotation every 6 months if clinical signs recur) Diet trials is a whatever works phenomenon. If vomiting becomes a persistent issue then endoscopy would be warranted and/or recheck sonogram to assess more emerging disease. One diet does not work for all patients so different trials may be necessary or protein source rotation every 6 months as new sensitivities develop.



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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