



**PATIENT**

Jack Chorney

**SPECIES**

Feline

**BREED**

DSH

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

11.8 Years

**WEIGHT**

12.4 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Seen on 10/19 for acute vocalizing and a single episode of vomiting. CBC - WBC 46k, of which 43k were neutrophils. BG 352 (but no glucosuria). Chemistry, T4, U/A and FPL all wnl. Vomited one more time, but overall seems better. Received convenia and started hypoallergenic diet pending ultrasound

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with mild primarily suspended echogenic debris present. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or calculi. Echogenic debris of this type can be associated with small crystals, cellular debris and proteinaceous debris.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.21 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.76 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.4 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.37 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size, echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is homogenous echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of 0.21 cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.



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The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal to slightly increased. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering, but some areas display a prominent muscularis layer which does not display the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum wall measures 0.25, 0.33 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.23, 0.37 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering. Wall measures 0.10 cm.

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**Pancreas**

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The pancreas is normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

**Free Abdomen**

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Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There is mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy present with mesenteric lymph nodes measuring 0.85 cm and 0.62 cm. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of generally of normal echogenicity.

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**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- Prominent muscularis layer to the small intestine – The small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease) with a low possibility of emerging lymphoma.
- Mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Mild echogenic urine in the dependent portion of the urinary bladder

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The ultrasonographic abnormalities reported are relatively mild. In some views, there is a prominent muscularis layer, which can be an indicator of small intestinal inflammation. This is supported by the prominent mesenteric lymph nodes visualized, but unfortunately the leukocytosis noted is not clearly explained, and is not really typical for IBD. If not already done, recommend thoracic radiographs to evaluate the esophagus and to look for concurrent intrathoracic disease.

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There is very mild dependent debris in the urinary bladder, but the urinalysis is reported as normal, so pain on urination seems unlikely. If symptoms persist despite diet change, consider a GI panel to better evaluate the pancreas and small intestine, and possibly a fine needle aspirate of a mesenteric lymph node. Additionally, obtaining GI biopsies can be considered, particularly if vomiting becomes more of a feature.

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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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