



DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

11/18/25

Patient History: Baba presented as a second opinion for diarrhea that started about 1 month ago. The stool varies from soft to complete liquid and often he runs ("zooms") when he has the diarrhea, getting the stool on everything. His appetite has been a bit decreased. On PE he had lost 2/3# since September when he was seen for this problem at the owner's primary vet hospital. Bloodwork was normal, a Key Screen PCR was negative for parasites. He has been tried on probiotics, metronidazole, diigel, and kaolin and there has been no improvement. His sister (Shirley) was just diagnosed with presumptive IBD and we are wondering if he has IBD r intestinal cancer.

PATIENT

Baba McCraw

SPECIES

Feline

Current Medications: Metronidazole 90mg BID.

Labwork Results: Diagnostics attached, reported as:X-ray - slightly "thickened" intestines?

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed by: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

BREED

DMH

SEX

Neutered Male

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.

AGE

3/16/11

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.53 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

13 lbs

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.52 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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HOSPITAL NAME

Cat Sense Feline
Hospital

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.44 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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Sinclair

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.49 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.

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Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.87 cm), 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 gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.36cm 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.

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 0.29 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.23 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. The muscularis layer appears diffusely mildly thickened.

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.

Pancreas

The pancreas is prominent, irregular and mottled in both limbs. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There are occasional prominent mesenteric lymph nodes, an example measures 0.29 cm. A lymph node at the ileocecal junction measures 0.35 cm. The omentum is generally of normal echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Suspended echogenic debris in the urinary bladder – The echogenic debris in the bladder lumen could be consistent with cells, crystals, and/or mucus.
- Pancreatic changes most consistent with chronic pancreatic remodeling. Mild chronic inflammation is possible.
- Diffusely “ropey” small intestine with a prominent muscularis layer – 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 reactive lymphadenopathy.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

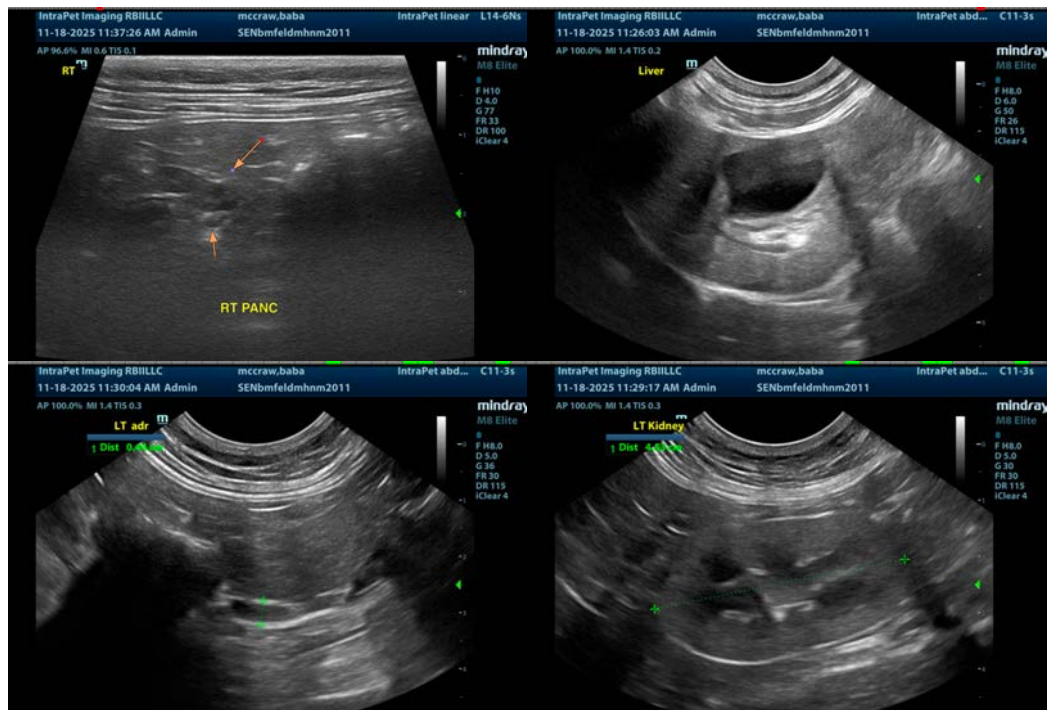
The muscularis layer of the small intestine appears diffusely prominent, most consistent with inflammatory type change. Consider the following:

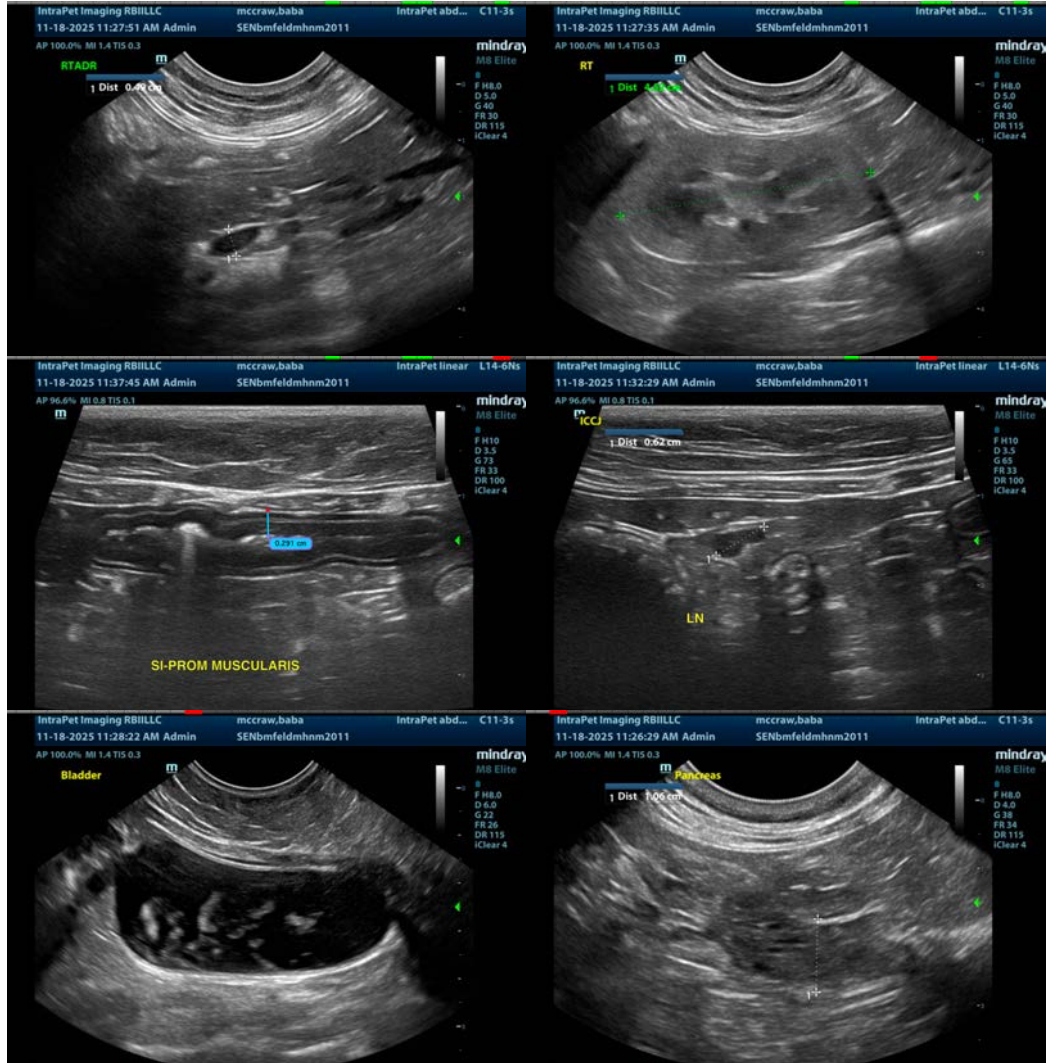
- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein diet (exclusively at least 4-6 weeks)
- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for evaluation of B12 levels, folate, PLI/TLI etc.. to further evaluate for pancreatic/small intestinal disease.
- Recommend chronic probiotic therapy.

If there is no improvement on a hydrolyzed protein prescription diet, and the GI panel is supportive of underlying small intestinal disease, then biopsies of the GI tract may be warranted to further evaluate.

The pancreas appears prominent and mottled. Correlate with a PLI level. If this is significantly elevated, treatment for chronic pancreatitis could also be considered.

If symptoms are persistent over time, you could consider repeat evaluation, looking for progression of today's lesions.





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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