

**DATE**

12/1/21

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Lethargy, not eating or drinking, losing weight, intermittent vomiting and diarrhea.  
Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.  
Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.  
Stat Report: Not requested.

**PATIENT**

Yahzi Yoe

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****SPECIES**

Canine

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. 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 cystic calculi.

**BREED**

Greyhound

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (7.16 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.

**SEX**

Spayed Female

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (7.7 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.

**AGE**

11/09

**WEIGHT**

51.2 lbs

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.58 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.

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The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 1.0 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 large in size. The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and mottled, 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.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Advanced VC

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively large/normal in size with rounded margins. The parenchyma is hyperechoic and homogenous in 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 gallbladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Benson

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm 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 appears subjectively, mildly increased. The duodenum measured 0.39 cm and the jejunum measured 0.3 cm and there is significant mucosal speckling visualized. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed

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 and mottled compared to the surrounding isoechoic mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid. The pancreatic duct is prominent and measured 0.32 cm.

### ***Free Abdomen***

A scant anechoic free fluid is present. No lymphadenopathy is visualized and the omentum is generally of normal echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **PRIMARY FINDINGS:**

- Large mottled spleen. The diffuse splenic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Large, hyperechoic liver. The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, nodular hyperplasia, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, fibrosis, extramedullary hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (e.g., copper), infiltrative neoplasia (less likely) or other hepatopathy.
- Moderate small intestinal thickening. Bright mucosal speckling has been proposed to represent dilated lacteals or focal accumulation of mucus, cellular debris etc.. in the mucosal crypts of the small intestine.

### **SECONDARY FINDINGS:**

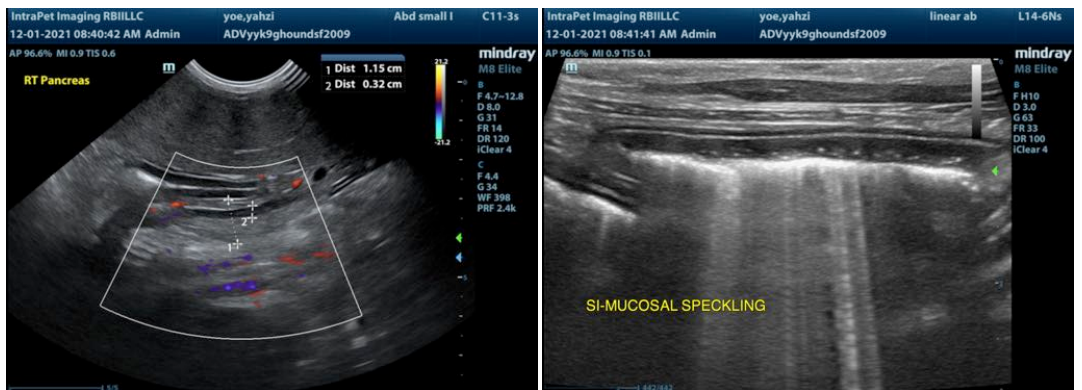
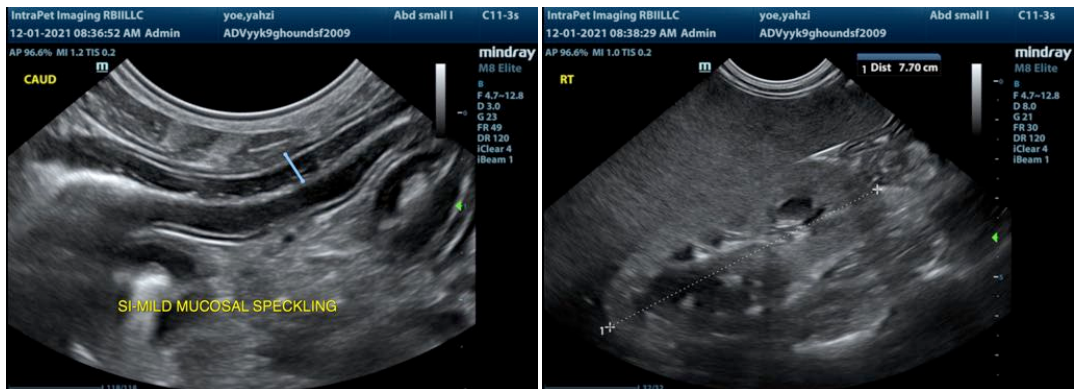
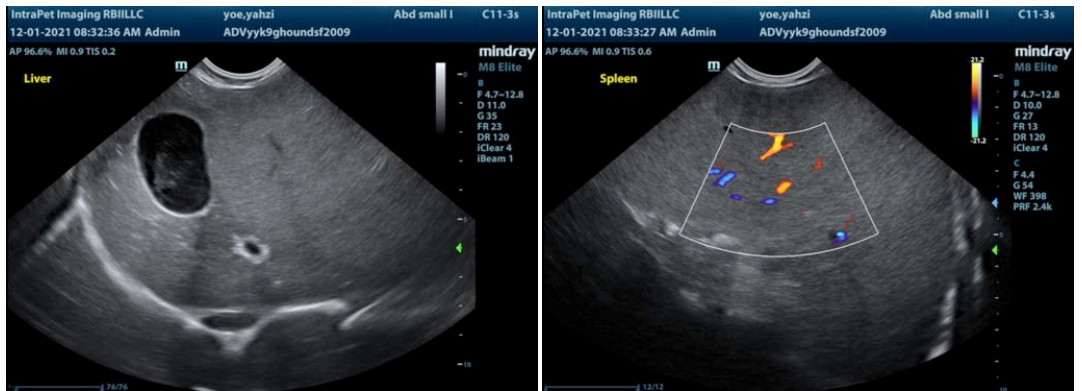
- Mottled prominent pancreas. The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- Scant free fluid.

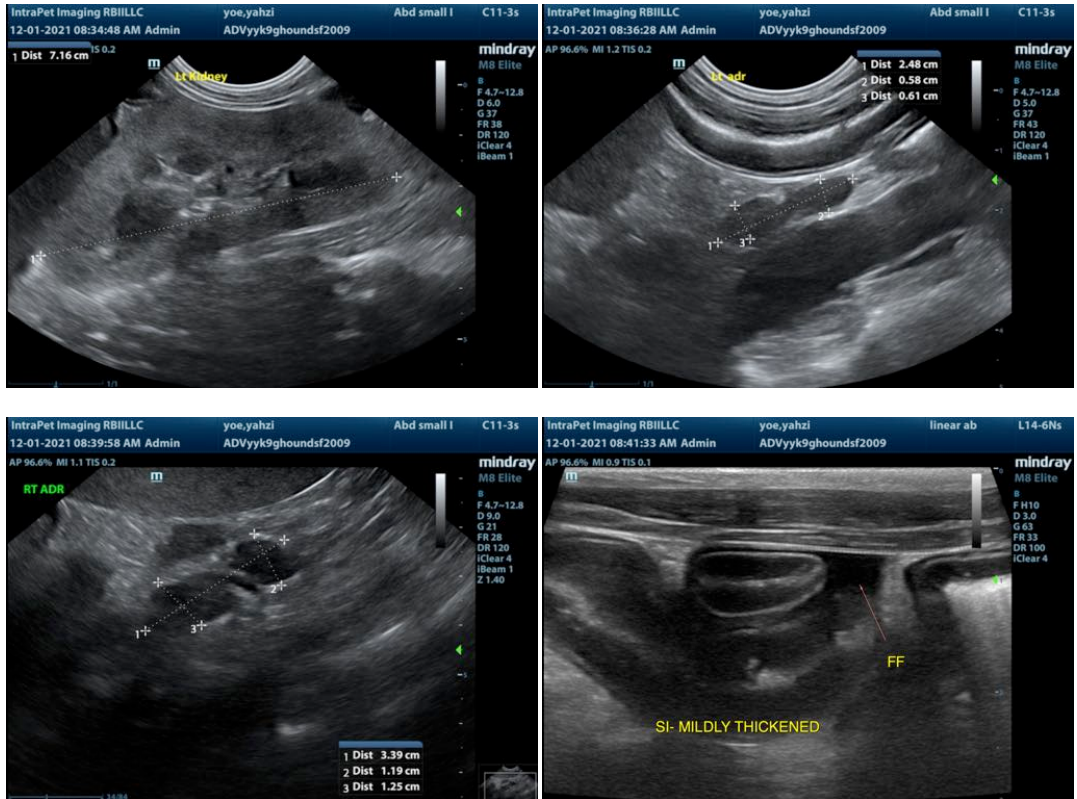
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The liver and spleen both appear enlarged with somewhat rounded borders. Correlate with blood work findings and consider a FNA of the spleen +/- liver. Additionally the small intestine appears subjectively thickened with a large amount of mucosal speckling. This can be seen best with small intestinal disease.

- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M University for a quantitative PLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine.

- Consider hydrolyzed or novel protein prescription diet.
- Recommend probiotic therapy
- If symptoms persist and FNA are non-diagnostic consider obtaining GI biopsies.
- I recommend three view thoracic radiographs to look for concurrent intrathoracic disease.





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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