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## DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

12/20/22

For the past couple of weeks, has been gagging intermittently and occasionally bringing up clear fluid but not food. He does seem to be eating and keeping it down. He has been a bit lethargic. Owner had been asked to not feed overnight/Mon am so x-rays could be taken. There was about 1/4 cup of dry food left out that he might have eaten a little but there was still a bit of food left in the bowl. His stomach seems to have a lot in it for having had <1/4 cup of food overnight. Wondering about a large hairball/something else in the stomach. There is a possibility the material in the stomach is a red herring and he actually is having asthma coughs....

## PATIENT

Jasper Vecchioni

## SPECIES

Feline

Current Medications: None.

Radiographs: large amount of material in the stomach

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

## BREED

Maine Coon

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

## 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

6/4/17

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.34 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

24.25 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.35 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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### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.40 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 region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

## HOSPITAL NAME

Cat Sense Feline  
Hospital

### Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.89 cm in width at the level of the hilus), 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.

## REFERRING VET

Dr. Sinclair

### 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.

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

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach is somewhat distended and appears to contain a moderate amount of shadowing luminal material measuring approximately 4.0 cm in diameter. 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. Findings are most consistent with a hairball, although other intraluminal material/ingesta is possible.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Jejunum wall measures 0.23 cm. 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 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***

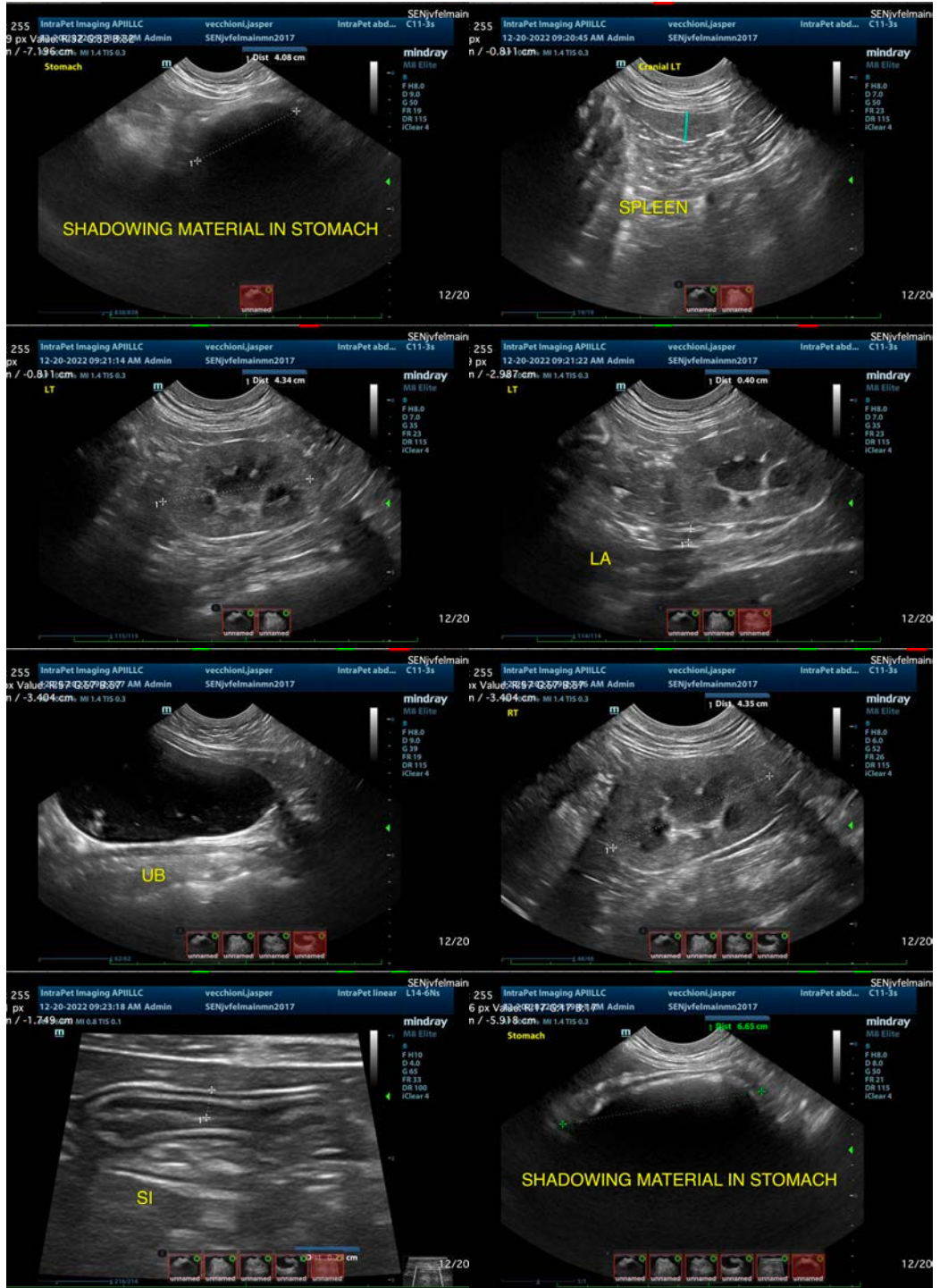
Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Mildly echogenic debris visualized in the urinary bladder – The echogenic debris in the bladder lumen could be consistent with cells, crystals, and/or mucus.
- Shadowing luminal material visualized within the stomach – Findings are most consistent with a hairball, although other luminal material/ingesta is possible.

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

There is shadowing material visualized within the gastric lumen. If the patient is adequately fasted as reported, this could be consistent with an intraluminal hairball. If this is likely based on the feeding history and clinical history, then options would include medical therapy or upper GI endoscopy to try and remove the abnormal material.





**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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