

**DATE**

2/24/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Owner reports decreased appetite and weight loss. Patient was 7lbs 2oz on 12/13/21.

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: 2/12/22- >Globs (5.4), >BUN (43), rest WNL. UA- USG 1.028, pH 6, no other abnormalities.

PATIENT

Callie Staples

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Pearce RDCS, RVT.

SPECIES

Feline

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**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

Domestic Shorthair

SEX

Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.55 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor 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

7/15/09

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.19 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor 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.

WEIGHT

6 lbs

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.38 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 0.38 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, 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. Alexander

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 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.

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Gastrointestinal

The stomach is moderately distended with fluid and irregular shadowing material. This is most consistent with normal ingesta and gas. Some of the material appears hard shadowing so ingesta and foreign material or hairball cannot be excluded as a possibility. The visible areas of gastric wall appear normal with a thickness less than 0.36 cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. There is no impression of an obstructive process, but the significance of the intraluminal material is unknown.

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. The duodenum measured as normal and the jejunum measured as normal (0.22 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. Occasional prominent, mesenteric lymph node is visualized at 0.27 cm, 0.26 cm. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

PRIMARY FINDINGS:

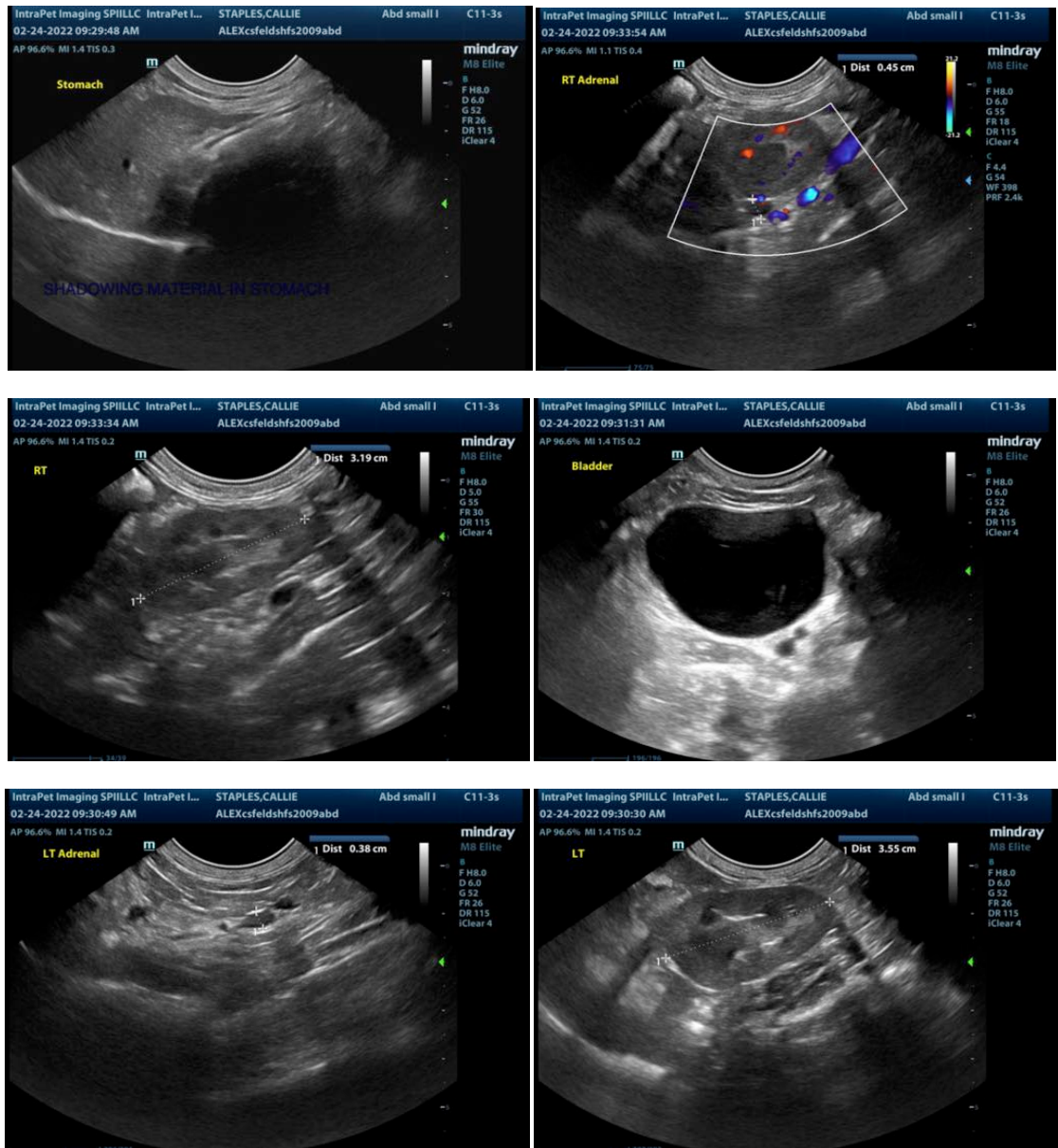
- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys. The bilateral renal findings are consistent with age-related change.
- Shadowing material and fluid in the gastric lumen. Shadowing material in the gastric lumen - correlate with feeding history and abdominal radiographs. If this patient was adequately fasted consider such differentials as delayed gastric emptying, ingested foreign material or a partial outflow tract obstruction (none observed.)
- Prominent mesenteric lymph nodes. The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

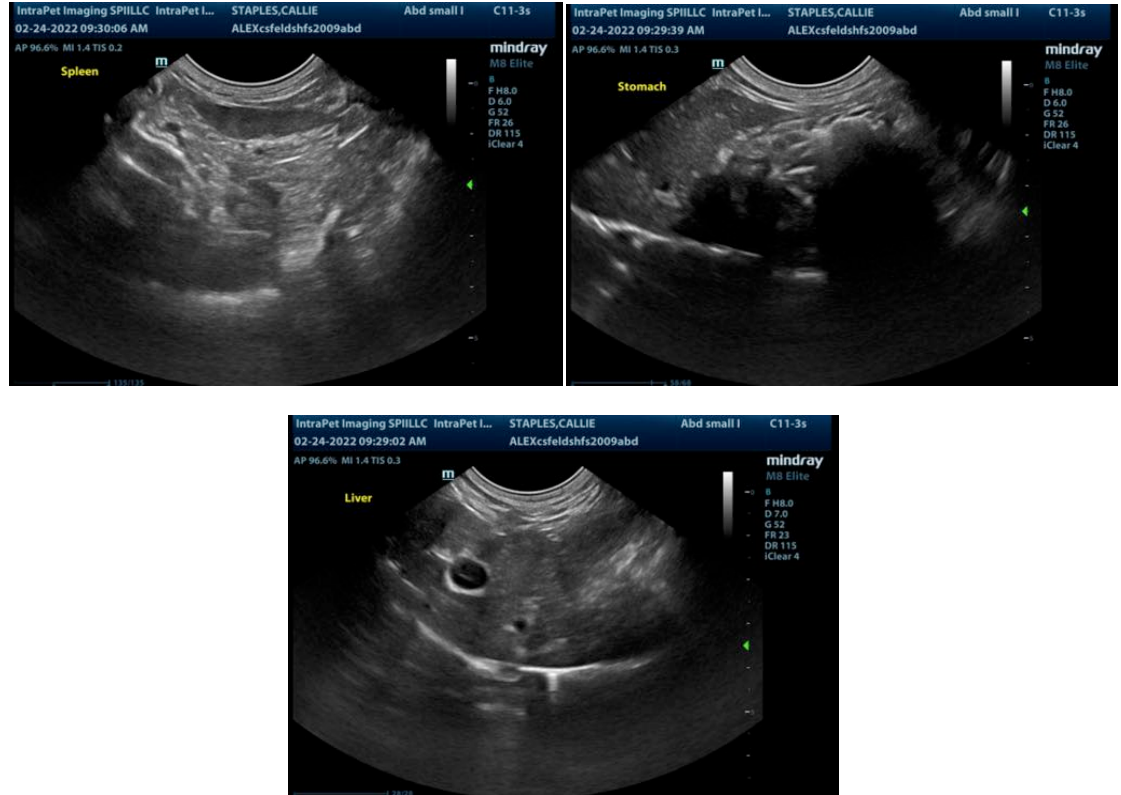
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No large focal lesion is visualized in the GI tract to explain the decreased appetite and weight loss reported. There is shadowing material in the gastric lumen that could represent normal ingesta or could represent foreign material, hairball, etc. Correlate these findings with feeding history and abdominal radiographs to determine the level of concern.

Unfortunately it is not uncommon to have relatively mild ultrasonographic findings with intestinal disease. You can consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine. If small intestinal disease is suspected you can consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet, probiotic therapy and GI biopsies if small intestinal disease is strongly suspected.

Consider three view thoracic radiographs to rule out concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.





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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