

**DATE**

2/8/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: progressive weight loss, especially muscle loss (decrease of 2.5 pounds in 4 months), possible UTI (subclinical). No change in food. normal appetite, no vomiting or diarrhea.

Current Medications: 1.25 mg methimazole BID x 3 years.

PATIENT

Lilo Palanker

Lab Results: increased calcium 11 (8.2-10.8); BUN 25 (14-36) ; Creat 2.0 (0.6-2.4); Increased WBC 16.2; HCT 38%; Increased Neutrophils 9882. 2/1/22 U/A cysto: USG 1.018, protein negative, WBC 0-1; RBC neg; cocci > 100.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

SPECIES

Feline

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brilhart, RDMS.

BREED

Domestic Shorthair

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.

SEX

Spayed Female

The left 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. Mild pyelectasia was noted and measured 0.11 cm. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

1/1/06

WEIGHT

8 lbs

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.27 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. Mild pyelectasia was noted and measured 0.18 cm. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.32 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.

HOSPITAL NAME

Jacksonville AH

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.

Spleen**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Larsson

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. The spleen measures 0.88 cm at the level of the hilus.

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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.

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. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed. The jejunum measured 0.27 cm.

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. The colonic wall measured 0.23 cm in width.

Pancreas

The pancreas is prominent and mottled compared to the surrounding isoechoic mesentery. The pancreatic duct was prominent and measured 0.2 cm. 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 was noted. One visualized measured 0.71 cm. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

PRIMARY FINDINGS:

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with mild pyelectasia. Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis. Pyelectasia of both kidneys could be consistent with pyelonephritis, chronic renal disease, secondary to PU/PD or fluid therapy (if applicable), other.
- Prominent, moderate pancreas. The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- 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.
- Mildly 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

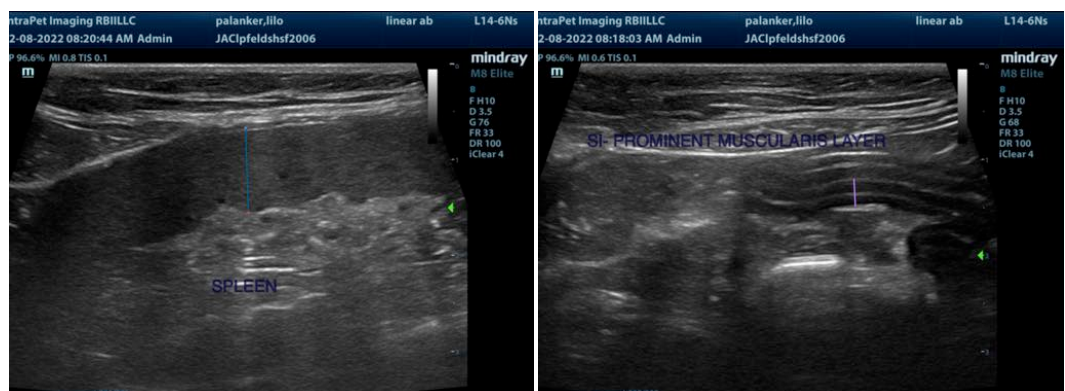
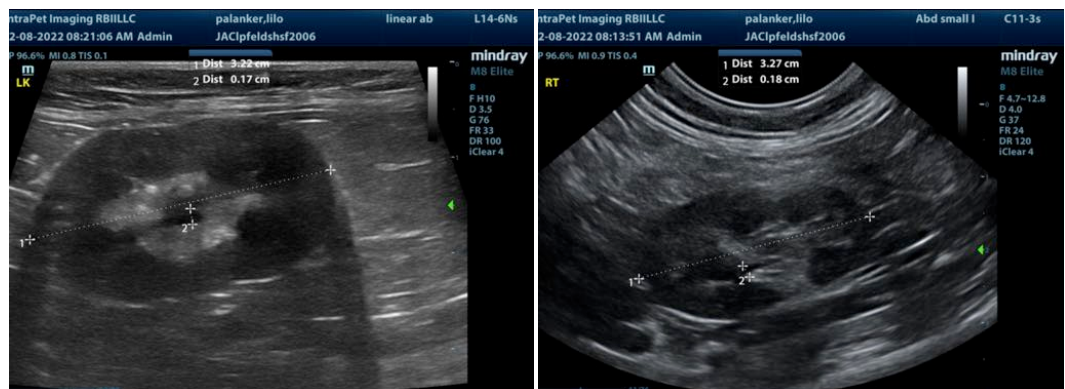
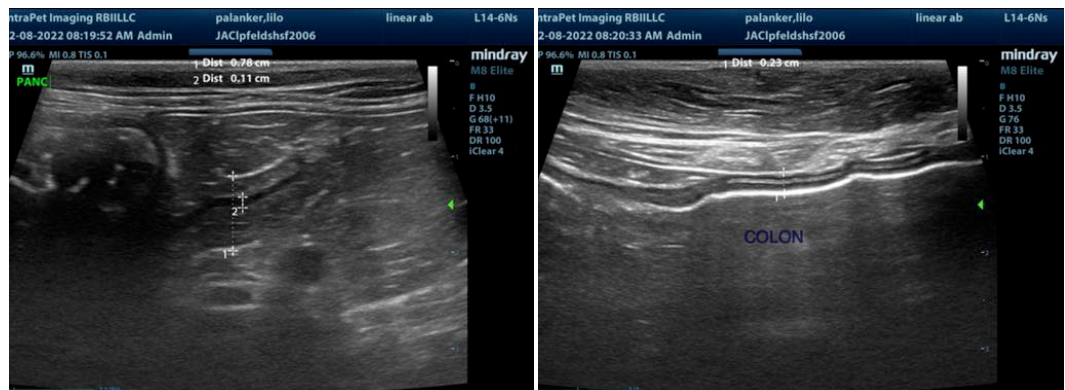
The ultrasonographic lesions visualized on today's scan were relatively mild. The changes associated with the kidneys were the most significant visually and are most consistent with chronic progressive kidney disease +/- pyelonephritis.

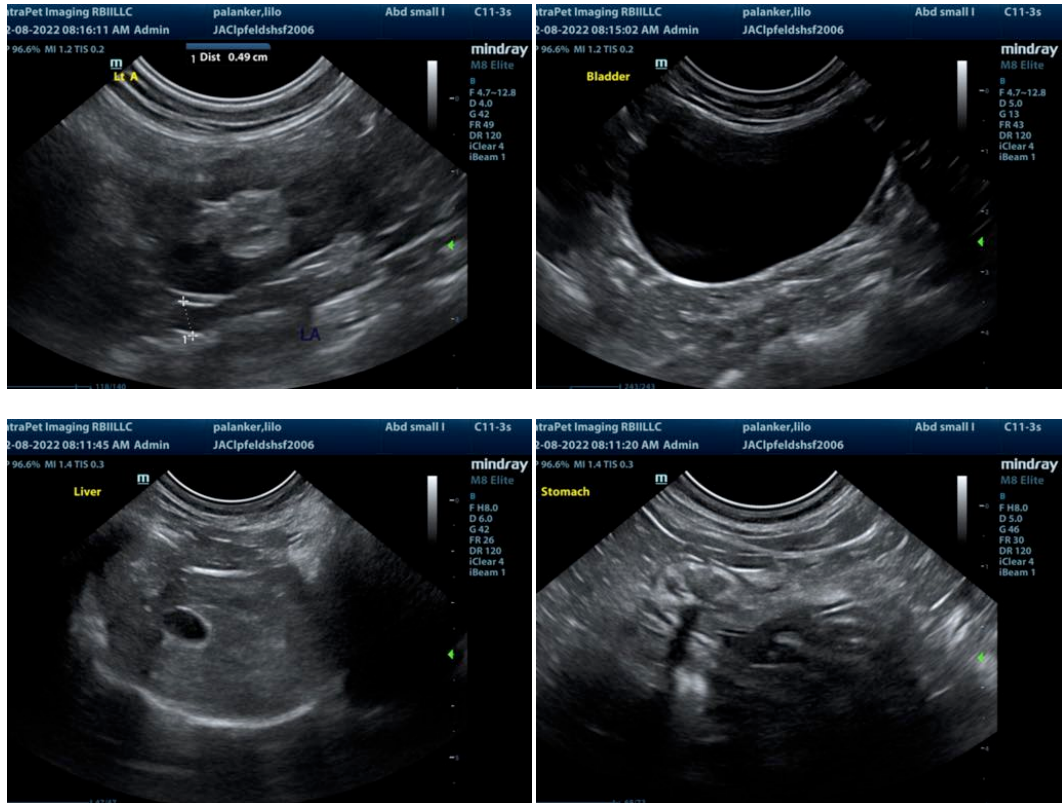
- Recommend blood pressure evaluation.

- Recommend culture to further evaluate the bacteruria present.
- Consider urine protein to creatinine ratio when the urine sediment is inactive.

In addition to the suspected renal disease present you can consider concurrent gastrointestinal disease although there are minimal symptoms noted associated with this. You can consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreatic and small intestinal changes observed.

- You can consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet if GI disease is suspected.
- Consider an ionized calcium and PTH to further evaluate the hypercalcemia noted.
- If concurrent small intestinal disease is strongly suspected and additional testing supports this you can consider obtaining GI biopsies.





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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