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Spayed Female

AGE

7 Years

WEIGHT

6.4 Pounds

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

weight loss, clay-like stools, increased appetite

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: normal T4/FT4; increased WBC; FPL wnl; chem wnl; USPG 1.043

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.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.14 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.3 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.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.28 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 0.28 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.

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.

Liver

The liver is large in size with smooth peripheral 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 gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. The bile duct appears dilated and tortuous, measuring approximately 0.25 cm in diameter. This can be followed distal to the liver, but then is obscured by shadowing gas from the stomach. No obstruction is visualized.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach is dilated with a large amount of fluid and irregular shadowing material most consistent with normal ingesta and gas. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.36cm with some variability due to



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the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layering 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 and are moderately distended diffusely. 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 measured 0.32 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.27 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. The distal colon at the level of the urinary bladder is distended and shadowing with gas and non-formed fecal material. There is the suggestion of thickened, very distal colon/rectal wall, but this cannot be confirmed. Consider digital rectal exam.

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Pancreas

The area of 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.

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Free Abdomen

There is a small amount of free abdominal fluid. There are occasional prominent mesenteric lymph nodes visualized measuring 0.31 cm and 0.45 cm. The omentum is generally of normal echogenicity.

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PRIMARY FINDINGS

- Large, hyperechoic liver – Hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with hepatic lipidosis, inflammatory/infectious disease, infiltrative neoplasia, or other hepatopathy.
- Dilated tortuous bile duct – Dilation of the common bile duct could be consistent with a functional obstruction (i.e. primary hepatic disease resulting in hepatocellular swelling) or with an extrahepatic bile duct obstruction (ie. choledocholith, bile duct tumor, pancreatic disease, other).
- Large amount of shadowing material within the gastric lumen – Correlate with feedings history and abdominal radiographs. If adequately fasted then consider such differentials as delayed gastric emptying or a partial outflow tract obstruction (none visualized).
- Diffuse small intestinal fluid dilation 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.
- Small volume abdominal effusion with prominent mesenteric lymph nodes – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

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SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Possible distal colonic wall thickening – Recommend confirmation with rectal, as this cannot be confirmed visually.

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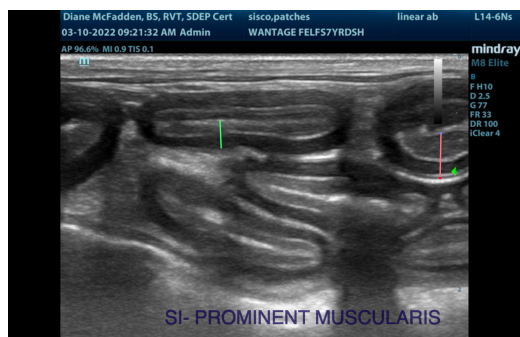
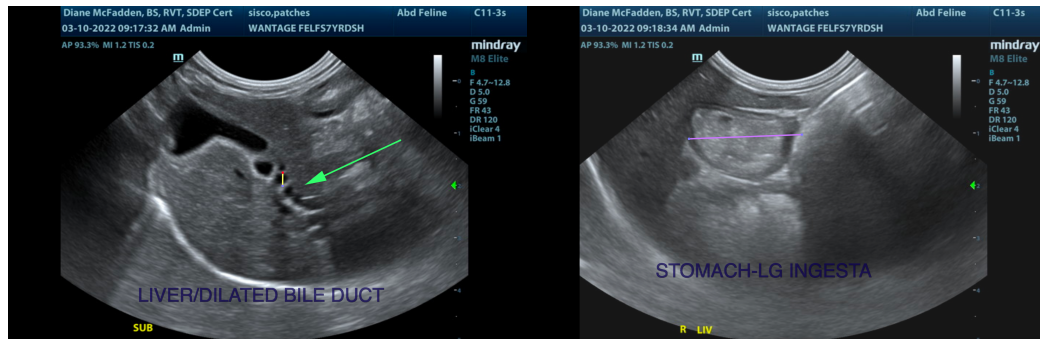
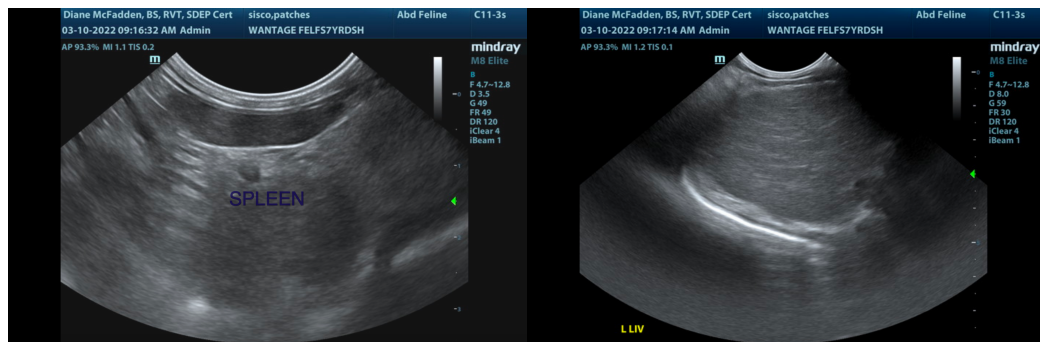
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a general impression of diffusely fluid dilated small intestine and stomach. Additionally, the small intestine appears somewhat thickened with a prominent muscularis layer, and prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized. These findings are most consistent with primary gastrointestinal disease such as dietary intolerance/food allergy, or intestinal neoplasia (less likely).

- Recommend a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine and to evaluate for exocrine pancreatic insufficiency in this pet.
- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet.
- Continue or start chronic probiotic therapy.
- If symptoms persist, recommended upper and lower GI endoscopy.

The liver appears somewhat large and hyperechoic. If liver values are normal, this could be an incidental finding. If liver values are elevated, consider such differentials as hepatic lipidosis, cholangiohepatitis, or infiltrative disease such as lymphomas. Recommend a liver function test and a fine needle aspirate of the liver.





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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.

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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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