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DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

3/17/22

Presented today for routine exam. O indicated she's eating less than usual and she's worried the cat may have a hardened hairball causing partial obstruction. Grooming herself more lately. Has had a gradual weight loss over the last few months. She does have chronic skin issues and is on a hypoallergenic diet.

PATIENT

Camille Gutwillig

Current Medications: Gabapentin- for arthritis, when cat will allow owner to medicate. Hydrolyzed protein diet.

SPECIES

Feline

Lab Results: CBC- PLT 74 - likely due to difficult blood draw and clotting sample. Chem 15- No significant abnormalities. T4 - 2.7 (normal), 3DX- all negative
Radiographs: gas dilation in area of pylorus, gas dilation of area of small intestine and distal colon, multifocal areas of mineral opacity in small intestine and colon, possible mass effect dorsal to pylorus on VD view and ventral to area of pylorus on lateral view - suspect possible mass in liver, arthritis of vertebral end plate and spondylosis of L6-L7, L7-S1, S1-S2.

BREED

DSH

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

SEX

Spayed Female

Sedation: oral gabapentin, no further sedation required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

AGE

6/16/09

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.

WEIGHT

8 Pounds

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.34 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.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.39 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

Banfield White Marsh

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.37 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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Gutwillig

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.

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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 gall bladder 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. Jejunum wall measured 0.28, 0.24, 0.33 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 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.

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

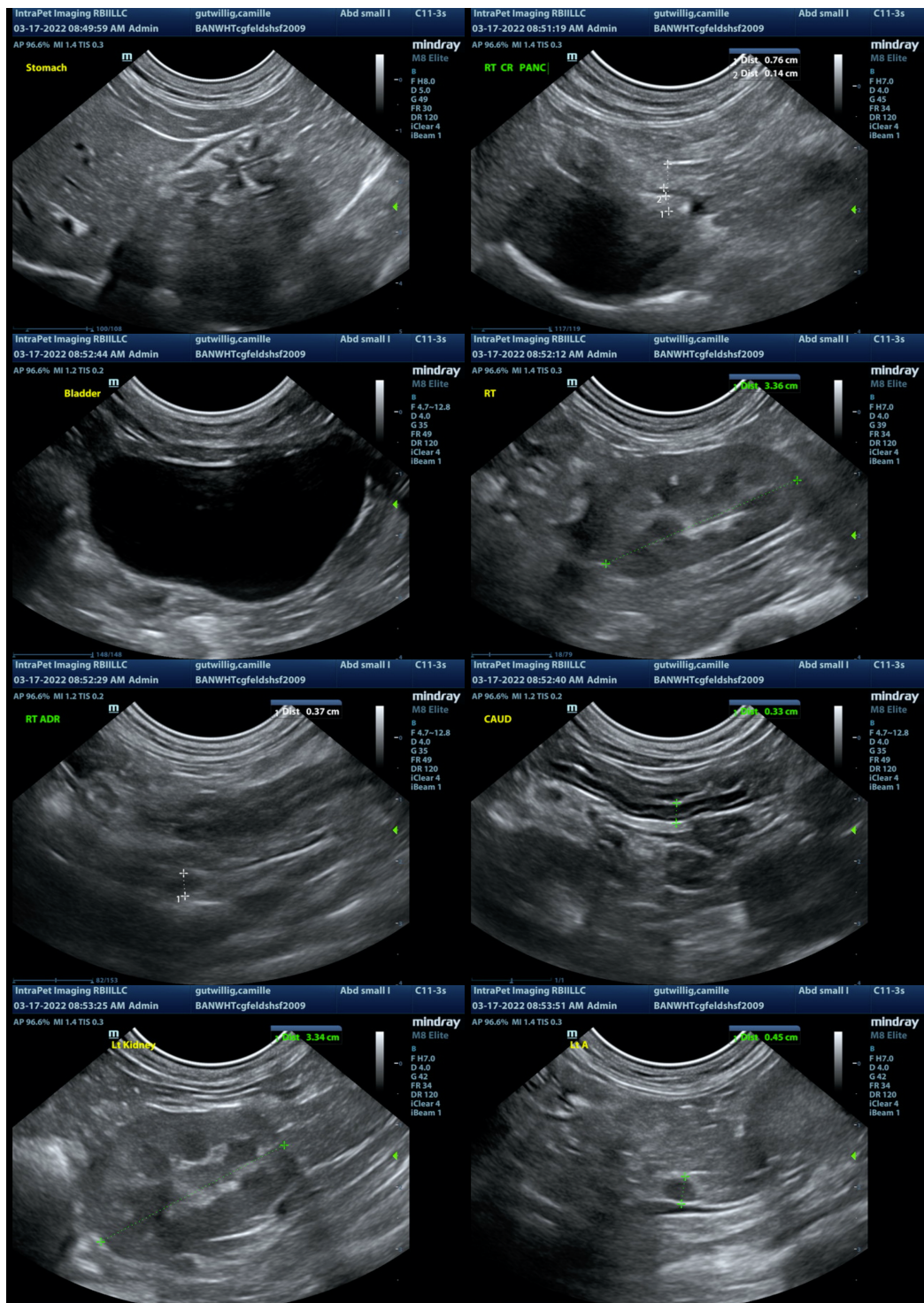
- Prominent, mottled pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with mild pancreatitis or a recent episode of pancreatic inflammation.
- Prominent muscularis layer to the small intestine – The small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease) with a low possibility of emerging lymphoma.

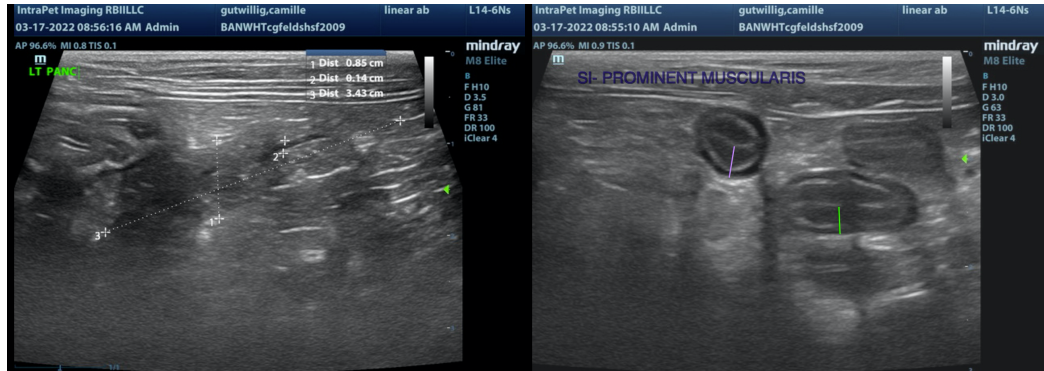
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No large focal lesions were visualized on today's exam. The pancreas is somewhat prominent. This could be consistent with current mild inflammation or a previous episode of inflammation. Additionally, the muscularis layer is somewhat prominent. This can be seen with inflammation, but can also be seen in some normal older cats.

- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to get further information regarding the pancreas and small intestine.
- Consider chronic probiotic therapy.
- Depending on the current diet you are using for the skin issues, you could consider a novel protein or hydrolyzed protein prescription diet (if not already doing this).

- Consider three view thoracic radiographs to rule out concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.
- If weight loss persists with a loss of appetite, and metabolic testing is normal, the consider obtaining GI biopsies.





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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