

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

3/22/22

Distended abdomen, mass effect cranial abdomen. Chronic vomiting about once a week, almost every day the past 6 months. Vomiting undigested food, bile past 6 months. Mainly licks gravy from wet food.

PATIENT

Bella Reddy

Current Medications: Cerenia 10mg/mL given on 3/15/22.
Lab Results: Mildly decreased Albumin and increased RBCs.
Radiographs: See attached.

SPECIES

Feline

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.
Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.
Stat Report: Not requested.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**SEX**

Spayed Female

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.

AGE

3/14/11

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.56 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.

WEIGHT

7.44 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.4 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 0.29 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.

IMAGING PERFORMED BY

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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

Festival Vet Clinic

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. Harvey

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 primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach is mildly dilated with 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 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.

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. Duodenum wall measured 0.34 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.30 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 large, irregular and prominent. The parenchyma is mottled with ill-defined hypoechoic nodules. There is mild regional mesenteric inflammation.

Free Abdomen

There is a small to moderate amount of free abdominal fluid. There is a lymphadenomegaly present with prominent lymph node at the mesenteric root measuring 1.0 cm and 0.65 cm in diameter. The omentum is generally of increased echogenicity around the mesenteric lymph nodes and mildly increased around the pancreas.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

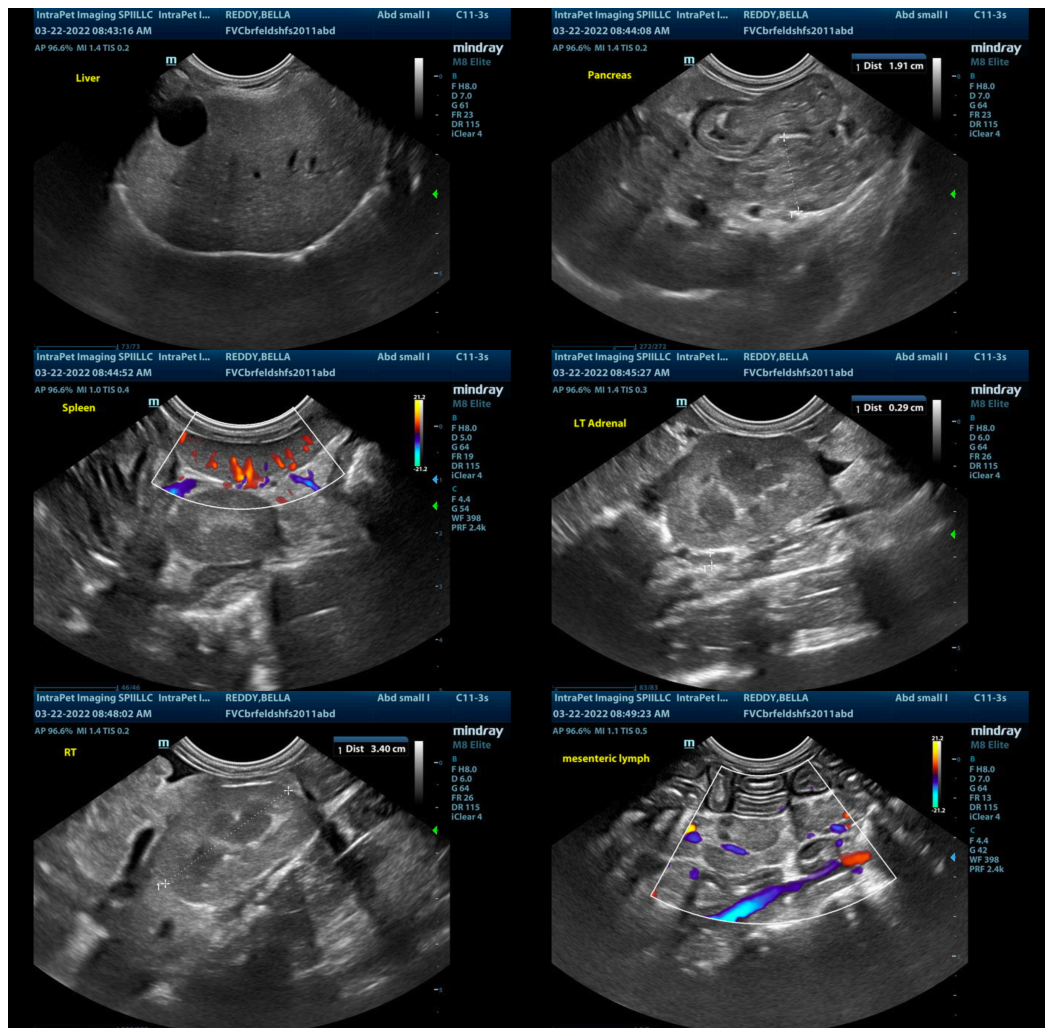
- Large, irregular, prominent nodular pancreas – Findings could be consistent with pancreatitis and benign nodular change, but the inflammation around the pancreas is minimal, so recommended a fine needle aspirate to rule out underlying neoplastic change.
- Prominent muscularis layer to the small intestine – The small intestinal wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease) with a low possibility of emerging lymphoma.
- Small to moderate amount of free abdominal fluid
- Mild/moderate mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

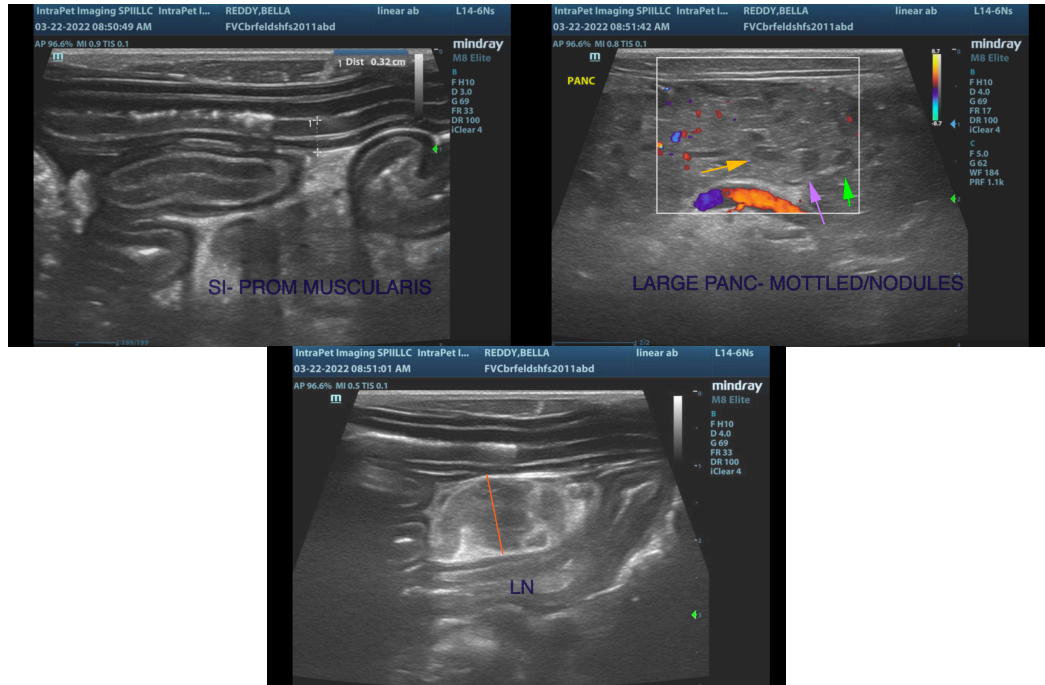
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is the impression of generalized inflammation in the abdomen. The pancreas is very large, nodular, and appears mildly inflamed. Additionally, the bowel loops appear “ropey”, and there is a mesenteric lymphadenopathy present.

- Recommend a fine needle aspirate of a mesenteric lymph node and the pancreas.
- Recommend sampling of the free abdominal fluid for fluid analysis and cytology.

- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine.
- Recommend 3-view thoracic radiographs and clinical assessment for the need of a cardiac ultrasound (due to the free abdominal fluid).
- If a cytologic diagnosis cannot be obtained, then consider obtaining biopsies of the GI tract, pancreas, and mesenteric lymph nodes.





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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