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**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/27/22 Vomiting for the past 24 hours.

**PATIENT** Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: See attached.

Cactus Murphy Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Feline

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**BREED** *Urinary System*

DSH

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**

Neutered Male

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.44 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.

**AGE**

6/10/20

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.74 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**

9 Pounds

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**Adrenal Glands**

The region of left adrenal (Cranial to left renal artery) is unremarkable but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect.

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.

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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.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Taylorsville Vet Clinic

**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.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Bray

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.

**INVOICE**

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**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures largely at a normal thickness of <0.36cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. In the area of the pylorus, the wall appears somewhat thickened, measuring at 0.47 cm with mildly reduced distinction of layering and hyperechoic mesentery surrounding. There is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses are 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 0.25 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. There is a prominent mesenteric lymph node adjacent to the pylorus, measuring 1.4 cm x 0.94 cm. Additionally, there is some prominent caudal mesenteric lymph nodes measuring 0.34 cm, 0.43 cm. The mesentery is largely normal, but is mildly hyperechoic in the cranial abdomen.

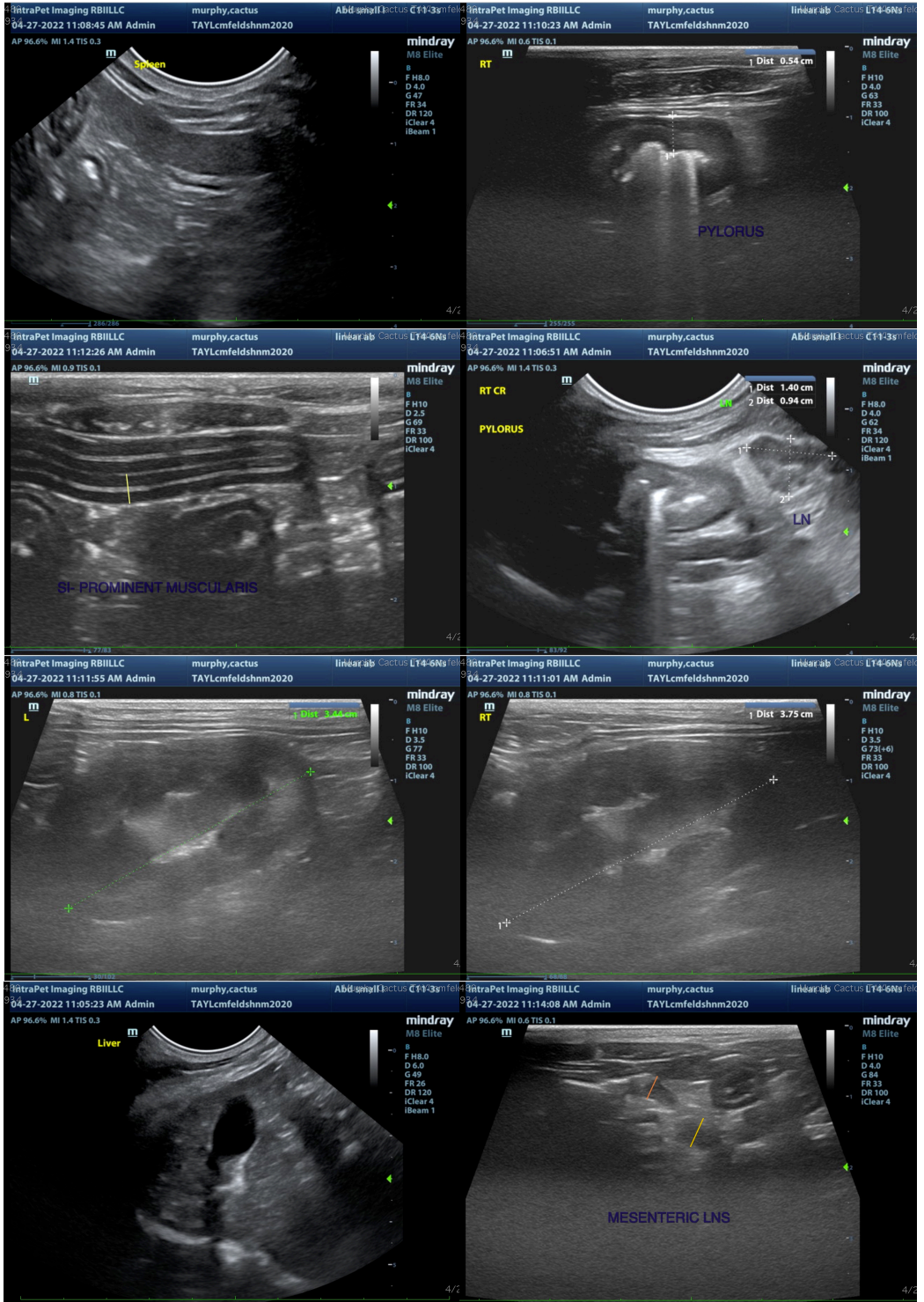
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Subjective thickening of the pyloric region of the stomach – Possible differentials would include inflammatory changes/gastritis, infiltrative neoplasia (less likely), or normal anatomic variation.
- Mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely. In particular, the lymph node adjacent to the pylorus appears prominent. Recommend a fine needle aspirate.
- Prominent muscularis layer of 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**

There is no obvious evidence of an obstructive pattern or plicated bowel to indicate a linear foreign body. The pyloric region of the stomach does appear somewhat thickened and irregular. This could represent normal variation, or be consistent with focal gastritis, secondary or as a cause to vomiting, etc.

Correlate these findings with abdominal radiographs. Recommend empirical treatment for gastroenteritis. If symptoms persist, consider biopsies of the pyloric region and evaluation for foreign material, as ultrasound cannot always identify all types of foreign material.



**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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