

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/6/23

Referral from Companion Animal Care Center for possible FB. ATO P has been vomiting liquid for 4 days - not grooming as much - no interest in food since Monday night. New kitten in house, had URI, kitten seems to stress P out. Reg Vet Diagnostics - BW 1. TP 9.5 (H) 2. Glob 6.1 (H) 3. CBC - unremarkable 4. TT4 2.7 (wnl) 5. UA USG >1.050, unremarkable

**PATIENT**

Atlas Moore

- Xrays (L and V/D abd) - rDVM states - mineral density-type opacity in caudal ventral abdomen suspicious for foreign body - rDVM gave Cerenia SQ at 3:30 pm (4/5/23)

**SPECIES**

Feline

Current Medications: None listed.

Lab Results: See attached.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

**BREED**

DLH

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: STAT requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**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.

**AGE**

10/11/14

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.48 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**WEIGHT**

12.6 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.26 cm) with mild pyelectasia at 0.26 cm. Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. 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 0.42 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**

Animal Emergency  
Hospital

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. Hicks

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.93 cm), 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 mild and 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 measures 0.30 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

The area of the ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. More distally, the descending colon appears thickened with intact wall layering and measurements of approximately 0.35 cm. Findings are most consistent with colitis.

### ***Pancreas***

The pancreas is large and hypoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation. Consistent with mild pancreatitis. Prominent pancreatic duct noted.

### ***Free Abdomen***

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There is a significant lymphadenopathy at the mesenteric root, with lymph nodes measuring 0.49 cm and 0.56 cm in width. The mesentery is hyperechoic around the abnormal lymph nodes and the pancreas.

There is a focal hypoechoic shadowing structure visualized in the caudal abdomen, most consistent with a bates body, measuring 1.32 cm.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

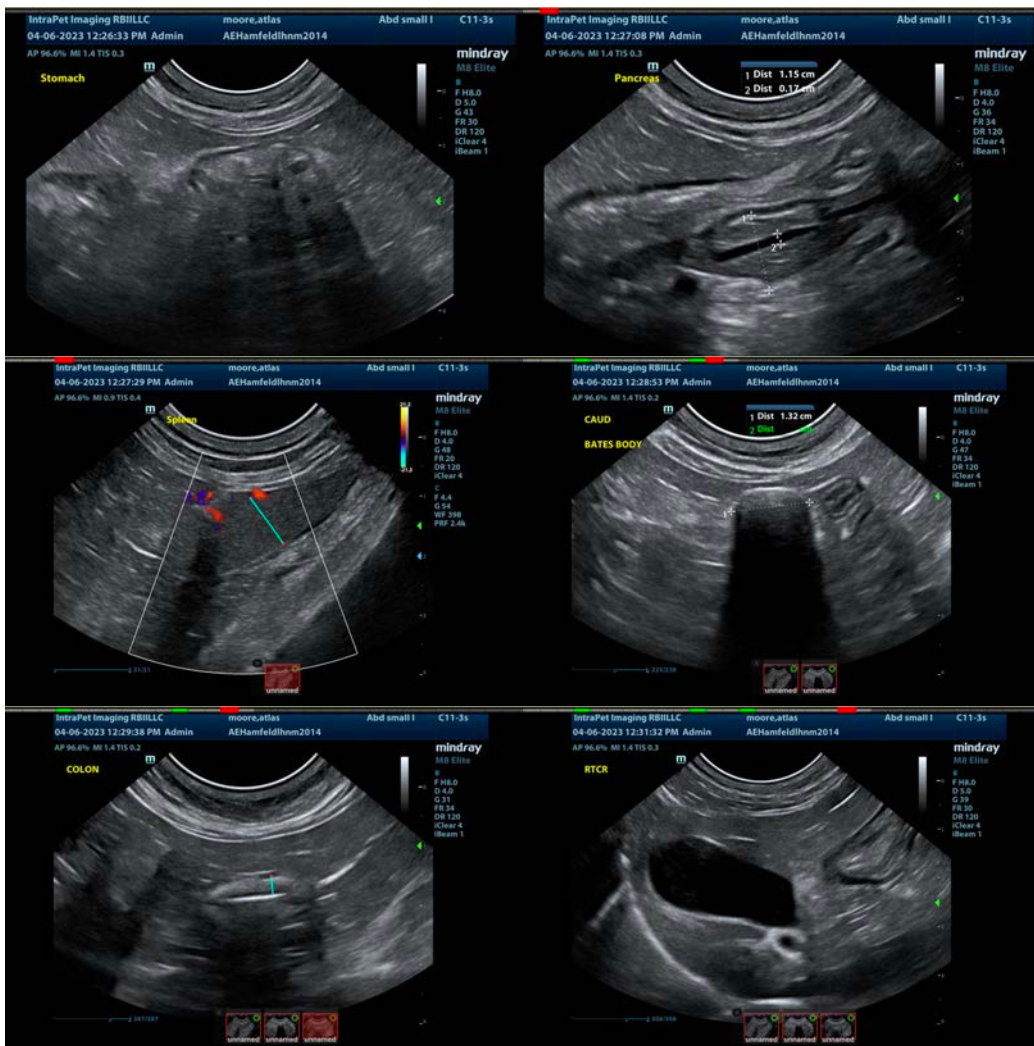
- Hypoechoic prominent pancreas with prominent pancreatic duct and mild surrounding inflammation – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with mild pancreatitis/pancreatic inflammation. Recommend fPLI testing and continued monitoring for improvement or possible development of a pancreatic abscess. Consider fine needle aspirate if not improving.
- Subjectively thickened small intestine with prominent muscularis layer – The small intestinal wall changes could be consistent with an underlying inflammatory process. These types of changes can sometimes be seen in normal older cats. Correlate with clinical signs.
- Prominent thickened colon wall with intact wall layering – findings are most consistent with colitis.
- Mesenteric lymphadenopathy at the mesenteric root – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.
- Focal hyperechoic shadowing structure visualized within abdomen – findings are most consistent with a bates body.

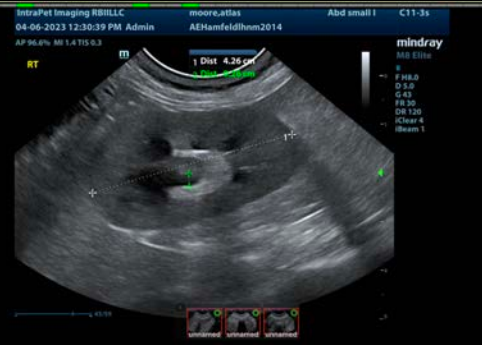
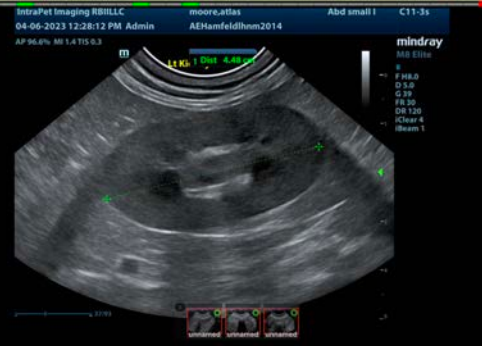
## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No obvious obstructive process or foreign body is observed on today's exam. Recommend continued monitoring and serial imaging, as this cannot be definitively ruled out at this time. The pancreas does appear mildly prominent with mild surrounding inflammation and a prominent pancreatic duct. This could be consistent with mild active pancreatitis or a previous episode of pancreatic inflammation. Correlate these findings with a quantitative fPLI level.

Additionally, the small bowel appears somewhat "ropy" with a prominent muscularis layer, and the colon wall is thickened with intact wall layering. Findings could be consistent with diffuse enterocolitis, but infiltrative disease cannot be ruled out.

Recommend medical management for acute enterocolitis/pancreatitis, and serial imaging (radiographs +/- ultrasound). If symptoms do not improve, consider repeat ultrasound.





**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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