

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

7/8/22

Chronic intermittent vomiting- 3 week - Chronic intermittent soft stool - Acute increased frequency vomiting - Acute liquid diarrhea History AEH: - 6/6/19: AEH for referral suspected pneumonia, nasal discharge, increased globulins, bnp normal, alveolar pattern xrays - 2015- NE/ND, fever, suspect viral - 2012- vomiting blood, lethargy, not eating ATO- Hx of 1 month eating fast then intermittent vomiting, O thought due to eating fast. O has another pet Teddy bear that was here. O noticed P increased vomiting/diarrhea. Today explosive diarrhea. seeing muscle loss. licking food - not ingesting No hx of heart disease/ kidney disease

PATIENT

Pepper Duvall

SPECIES

Feline

Current Medications: buprnex, proviable, azithromycin, B12 injection, metronidazole, maropitant, amlodipine.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

BREED

DSH

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

SEX

Spayed Female

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

12/5/05

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.52 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

6.4 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.

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

Animal Emergency
Hospital

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. Kalwa

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 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 0.31 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 significant mesenteric lymphadenopathy present with mesenteric lymph nodes measuring 0.93, 1.1, and 0.98 cm in diameter. The omentum is generally of increased echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Thickened small intestine with 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.
- Moderate mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The moderate mesenteric lymphadenopathy could be consistent with a neoplastic process, although you can see significant lymphadenopathy in some cases of autoimmune/inflammatory disease, infectious disease (tick born disease-such as bartonella, fungal infections, FIP (cats)) etc. A fine needle aspirate with cytology is recommended for further evaluation.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is the general impression of diffusely thickened small intestine with prominent muscularis layer as well as hyperechoic mesentery and enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes. These changes are most consistent with diffuse inflammatory change or emergent neoplastic change. Recommend a fine needle aspirate of an enlarged mesenteric lymph node and/or biopsies of the small intestine. Additionally, a GI panel to Texas A&M can be performed for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine.

Consider three view thoracic radiographs to rule out concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.



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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