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DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

8/25/22

P is a referral for possible foreign body. P has been vomiting since yesterday and has not been able to keep food down. P went to rDVM yesterday and the radiograph were suspicious for a foreign body, repeat radiographs were done this morning they were improved but still had a suspicious area. P vomited once P got home.

PATIENT

Leo Clifton

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

4/20/17

WEIGHT

13.2 Pounds

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HOSPITAL NAME

Animal Emergency
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REFERRING VET

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INVOICE

40753

Current Medications: ampicillin, protonix, buprenorphine
Lab Results: See attached.
Radiographs: Dilated stomach no obvious fb obstruction
Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.
Sedation: IV dex/domitor.
Stat Report: Not requested.

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.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.28 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.3 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.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.36 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.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.48 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.

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (0.98 cm at the level of the hilus), 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.

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 measures 0.21 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 hypoechoic as 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. There are visible mesenteric lymph nodes measuring 0.22 and 0.31 cm. The omentum is generally of normal echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Prominent, hypoechoic pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- 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.

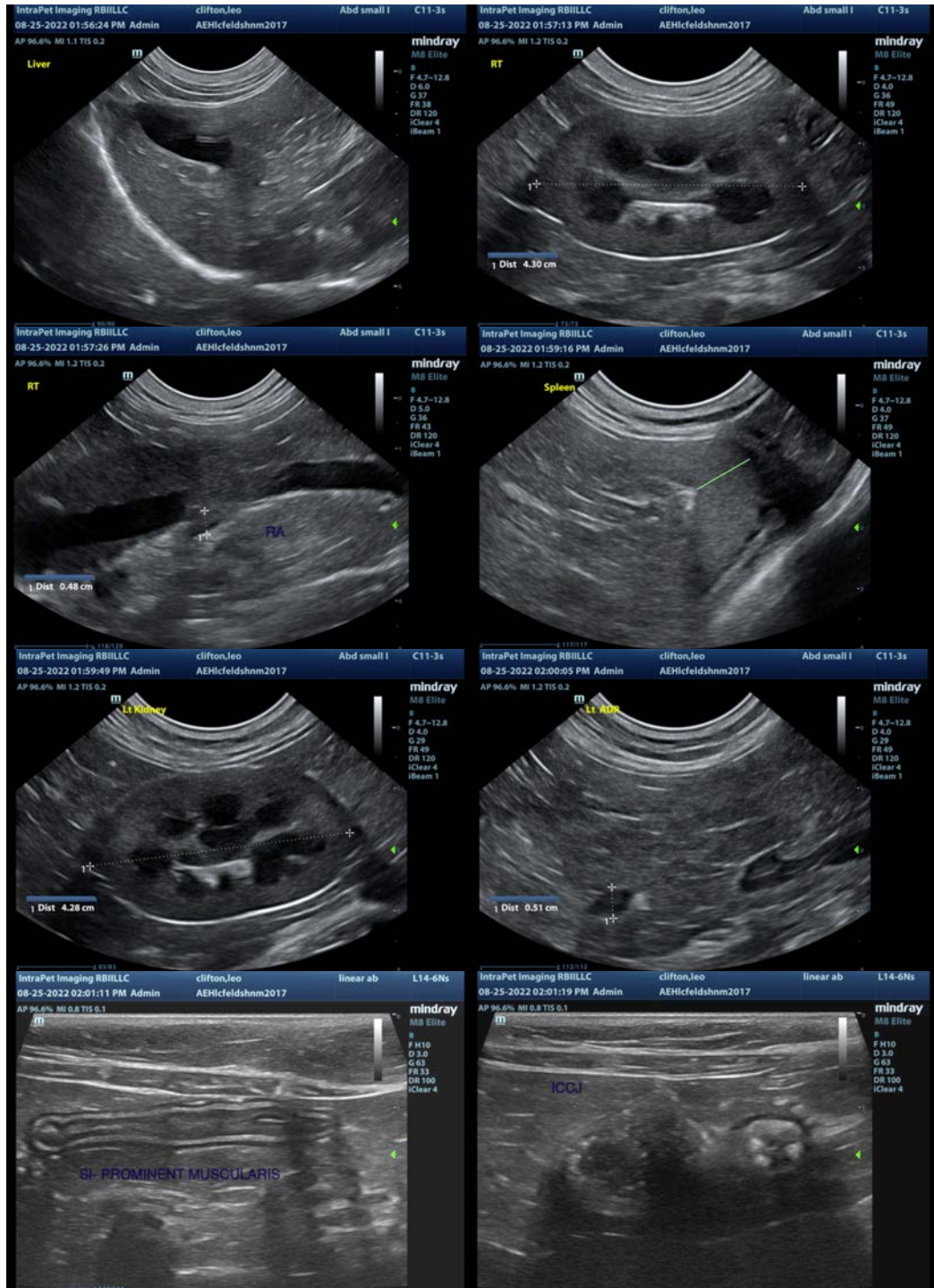
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No focal bowel lesions are visualized. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern. There is mild diffuse prominence of the muscularis layer in the small intestine. The significance of this is unclear but could be associated with inflammatory disease. Additionally, the pancreas is somewhat prominent. It does not appear overtly inflamed but could be consistent with mild inflammation or previous episodes of inflammation. Consider such differentials as food allergy/dietary intolerance, dietary indiscretion, GI parasites, acute gastroenteritis from viral or infectious causes, less likely IBD or intestinal neoplasia.

- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet.
- Recommend treatment for acute gastroenteritis/pancreatitis while closely monitoring serial radiographs.
- If symptoms persist, consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative fPLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the small intestine.

While an obstruction or foreign body cannot be definitively ruled out, this is not readily visualized on today's exam. Recommend continued monitoring and reimaging if necessary. Additionally, GI biopsies may be

necessary if symptoms persist.





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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