

## PATIENT

Timber Harrasser

## SPECIES

Feline

## BREED

Domestic Shorthair

## SEX

Neutered male

## AGE

13 years

## WEIGHT

3.7 kg

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- clients report significant weight loss (5 lbs in ~1 year)
  - intermittent loose stools
  - maintains normal appetite
  - Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: The patient has a history of significant weight loss (approximately 5 lbs) despite a normal to increased appetite.
  - Physical exam revealed gassiness, mildly inflamed-feeling intestinal loops, and excessive palpable stool.
  - Senior screen blood work:
  - unremarkable - normal T4 - normal renal values and BG - normal UA - combo viral testing normal - very slightly elevated proBNP
  - Intact, diffusely thickened small intestine with associated mesenteric lymphadenopathy • Current formed fecal matter in colon • Mild urine sediment • Minor gallbladder debris
- RECOMMENDATIONS IBD or other inflammatory enteropathy, intestinal round cell neoplasia such as lymphoma or mass cell neoplasia, granulomatous enteropathy/FIP with reactive inflammatory, metastatic or granulomatous lymphadenopathy, all potentials. FIP considered less likely given age of the patient. Assuming normal clotting status, lymph node FNA cytology could be considered for initial clarification. Definitive diagnosis would require intestinal and lymphatic biopsies for histopathology. A GI panel to include PLI/TLI/Cobalamin/Folate is recommended.

## CYTOLOGY SUBMISSION

FNA of the lymph node was submitted

## OBSERVATIONS

Lymph node: Submitted are 4 very good videos of moderate collections of cells from the mesenteric lymph node in Timber. The cellularity is minimal in some fields with a background of red blood cells. Other fields have moderate numbers of cells, the majority of which are round cells with prominent round nuclei. These cells are mainly small lymphocytes. Some of the cells are scattered neutrophils, eosinophils and rare macrophages. Malignant characteristics are not identified.

## INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Lymph node - Consistent with reactive or stimulated lymph node with mild suppurative inflammation.

## COMMENTS

This lymph node is showing reactive or stimulated lymphoid tissue with large numbers of small lymphocytes. Inflammation is present which could suggest some process such as FIP but it is not diagnostic. There is no suggestion of lymphoma in the collection. Intestinal lymphoma commonly does not affect mesenteric lymph nodes. There are markers on the lymphoid cells of the intestine that only allow them to grow in the intestine even in a neoplastic process. This inflammatory process could be secondary to lymphoma in the intestine since lymphoma can cause intestinal mucosal alteration. Therefore the inflammatory cells are not diagnostic for a specific process but you cannot rule out FIP in an older cat. I have seen it occur in the intestine and not be systemic like we see in younger cats. Further evaluation for feline coronavirus infection is encouraged. A guarded prognosis is warranted since the underlying process has not been confirmed and there is prominent inflammation.



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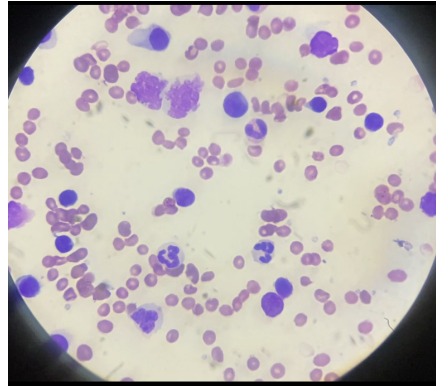
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## CYTOLOGY IMAGE



This is a field of cells collected from the lymph node in Timber. The lymphoid cells are mainly small lymphocytes with reactive lymphoid cells interspersed with neutrophils and an eosinophil as well as a possible macrophage.

**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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