



PATIENT

Jimena Villarrubia

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Toy Poodle

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

11.94lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Grade 3 systolic murmur. Seen 11/2022 for dyspnea. CXR showed early pulmonary edema. Increased furosemide, now increased RRR at home.

-Current medications: Furosemide 12.5mg PO BID, Pimobendan 1.25mg 1 1/2 T PO BID, and Benazepril 2.5mg PO BID

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS *Note: Single lead ECGs are evaluated as a rhythm strip. Morphology/MEA cannot be definitively commented on.

A single lead ECG is available; 50mm/s, 20mm/mV. The average heart rate is 160bpm (range 150-176bpm). The rhythm is suspected to be sinus in origin, although p waves cannot be visualized (likely due to device insensitivity). The QRS morphologies are low voltage. No ectopic beats, pauses or other dysrhythmias observed.

ECG diagnosis: Normal sinus rhythm with respiratory variation.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. The mitral valve is diffusely thickened with significant prolapse into the left atrial lumen. There is severe eccentric mitral regurgitation present. The MR velocity is normal. There is severe left atrial enlargement. There is mild left ventricular dilation. Left ventricular systolic function is hyperdynamic. No right atrial or ventricular dilation (subjective). Mild thickening of the tricuspid valve with trace TR. Normal velocity; no obvious PAH. There is normal systolic flow velocity across the aortic valve. The aortic valve appears trileaflet with normal mobility. The main pulmonary artery is normal in diameter. The pulmonic valve is normal in appearance. No pericardial/pleural effusion or cardiac masses are seen.

CARDIAC CHART

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.6	2.5	2.6	2.1	46	79	NM
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm)	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
PATIENT		0.93	0.9	5.4	2.7	3.2	1.75
*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS				5	1.40 (4.5)	2.74 (5.2)	1.60 (4.7)
<i>*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.</i>				10	1.50 (3.8)	3.27 (3.5)	2.06 (3.1)
				15	1.83 (2.0)	3.71 (2.4)	2.43 (2.1)
				20	2.02 (1.9)	4.14 (2.2)	2.80 (2.0)
				25	2.18 (2.4)	4.48 (2.9)	3.10 (2.5)
				30	2.33 (3.3)	4.83 (3.9)	3.39 (3.4)
				35	2.48 (4.3)	5.17 (5.0)	3.69 (4.5)
				40	2.62 (5.2)	5.48 (6.1)	3.96 (5.4)
				50	2.88 (7.1)	6.07 (8.3)	4.46 (7.4)

Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998
Rishniw M and Hollis NE, J Vet Intern Med 2000; 14:429-435
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of the murmur is chronic degenerative valve disease causing severe mitral and trace tricuspid regurgitation. Severe left atrial enlargement indicates the risk for spontaneous congestive heart failure is elevated. No additional issues are identified and the ECG is unremarkable.

In light of the clinical signs, reported chest radiograph findings and severity of disease on echocardiogram, the diagnosis of congestive heart failure is supported and medications are warranted lifelong as below. **The Lasix dose should be titrated based upon response to any increase with a change in symptom. If the change in RR does not improve with the dose increase, consider concurrent airway disease in this predisposed breed. CXR are recommended in this instance.** Monitoring of sleeping respiratory rates will be paramount to screen for congestive heart failure at home. Cough suppression to improve QOL can also be considered (hydrocodone, 0.2-0.4mg/kg up to q4-6h PRN) for any residual mechanical cough in the face of normal sleeping respiratory rates.

The average survival time of canine patients with active pulmonary edema is 8-9 months on medications; however, they generally are able to maintain a good quality of life for that period. Patient will always be at risk for recurrent CHF, development of arrhythmias/LA tear, syncope and/or sudden death in the future.

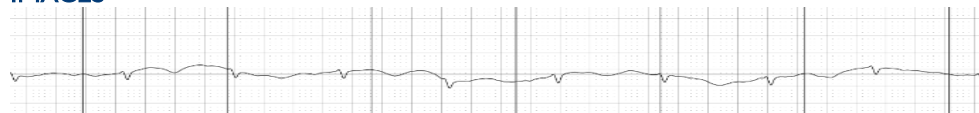
Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may also be of some long term benefit. Monitor for acute progression of the cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes in the future.

Plan: Administer Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg PO q12h. Administer Furosemide 1-2mg/kg PO q12h (titrate based upon response). Institute spironolactone 1-2mg/kg PO q12h. If RR change did not respond to Lasix increase, consider repeat CXR, etc. Pending BP >130mmHg, continue ACEI 0.5mg/kg PO q12h.

Monitor SRRs at home. Monitor renal values and BP in 10-14 days, then every 3-4 months while on diuretics. Consider hydrocodone if needed for QOL.

Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if any development of associated clinical signs occurs in the interim.

IMAGES





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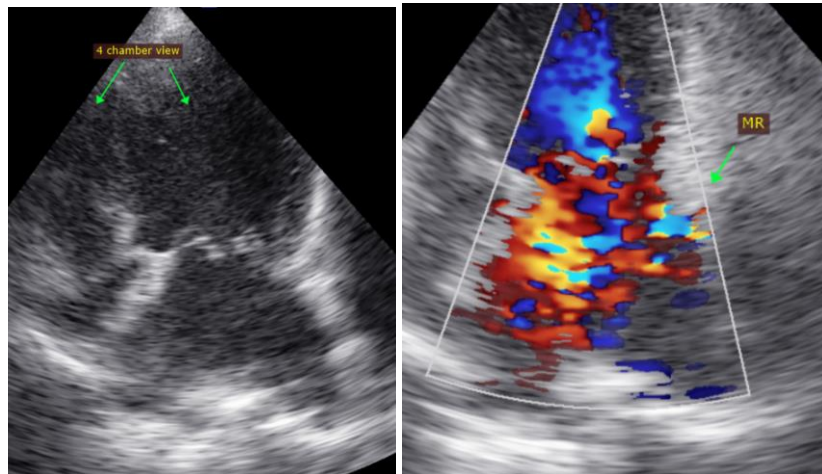
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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