



PATIENT

Kaalia Ulch

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

11.8 years

WEIGHT

7.2lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Elevated BNP: 783 (1376 pmol/L in March). Diagnosed with hyperthyroidism 6/2025; most recent T4 is improved at 4.6. On Methimazole 5mg PO BID.
BP: 184mmHg (very nervous). Grade 3/6 heart murmur.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. The left ventricular wall is borderline normal in dimension. There is a mildly hyperechoic endocardium consistent with fibrosis. The papillary muscles are mildly remodeled and hyperechoic. The endocardium also appears remodeled. The left atrium is normal in size. The right atrium is normal in size. The right ventricle appears normal. The mitral valve is normal in structure and mobility. No significant MR. Trace TR. Blood flow through both the LVOT and RVOT is normal in velocity. No pleural or pericardial effusion seen. No obvious cardiac tumors.

CARDIAC CHART

FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm) (Moise, Pipers)	LVIDd (cm) (Moise, Pipers)	LVWd (cm) (Moise, Pipers)	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.35-0.55	<2 (mean 1.5)	3.5-0.55	35-67	80-100
PATIENT	3.3		0.056	1.3	0.53		
FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA/AO (Boon)	LA/AO HEART BASE (Swe) (Abbott)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm) (Abbott)		LVOT VEL (m/s)	RVOT VEL (m/s)	E max (m/s)
NORMAL	<1.5	<1.3	<1.2		<1.6	<1.3	<0.9
PATIENT	NM	1.2	1.2		0.8	1.0	NM
<p><i>*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.</i> Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998 Abbott J & MacLean H JVIM 2006;20: 111-119, Moise et al. Am J Vet Res 47:1476, 1986. Pipers et al. Am J Vet Res 40:882, 1979.</p>							

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The only abnormality identified is borderline LV wall dimensions, which may be indicative of early hypertrophic disease, may be secondary to hyperthyroidism, or may simply represent a normal variant. Follow up is advised, as what is seen here is minimal. There is also mild fibrosis of the left ventricular wall which is likely an age-related finding. Flow through the great vessels is normal, and no significant valve regurgitation is identified. The LA is normal which would indicate clinical stability. Serial echocardiography will be necessary to determine progression. A screening BP and T4 are recommended every 6-12 months going forward.

No obvious structural cause for BNP elevation is seen here. A flaw of the BNP test is false positives, which may be the case; however, alternative causes for elevation should be considered, including decreased renal clearance, hypertension, etc. If no obvious cause is identified, reassessing this patient in 6-12 months is recommended to ensure early disease was not missed. No cardiac specific medications are indicated. Monitor for any development of clinical signs, including labored breathing or signs of a blood clot (paralysis, neurologic change).

Prognosis is open.



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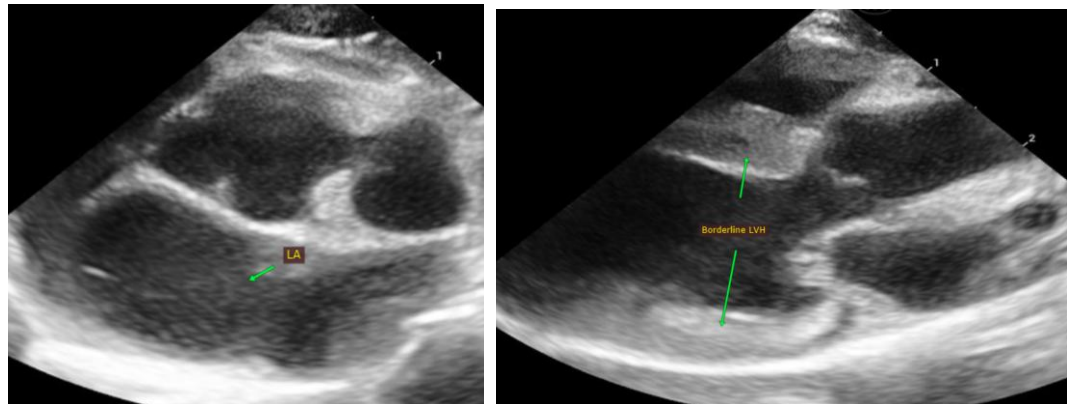
Anesthetic risk is mild, however any cat with fibrosis and diastolic dysfunction will be at risk for IV fluid overload. Careful monitoring of breathing rates during and after administration is advised.

PLAN

Routine BP and T4 monitoring are recommended as dictated by IM.

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6-12 months to screen for any evidence of progression.

IMAGES



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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