



**PATIENT**

Emma Lutey

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Terrier Mix

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

12 years

**WEIGHT**

9.1lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Recheck echo. Currently decreased appetite with off/on mucoid diarrhea since Aug 2021 with 1.5lb weight loss. Muddy MM.

-Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Azotemia (creat 2.4, Bun 72), elevated PSL 493 (24-140), slightly elevated Mg, K+, Cl-.

-Pertinent previous echo findings (6/2020 MML): Severe MR, moderate LAE, mild LVE, mild TR: 3.0m/s. LA: 2.4, LV: 3.4.

**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; 25mm/s, 20mm/mV. The average heart rate is 90bpm (range 55-115bpm). The rhythm is sinus in origin, with a p for every QRS complex and vice versa. The P and QRS morphologies are positive. 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 prolapse into the left atrial lumen. There is severe mitral regurgitation present. There is moderate left atrial enlargement, with a horizontal component. There is mild left ventricular dilation. Left ventricular systolic function is hyperdynamic. There is normal systolic flow velocity across the aortic valve. The aortic valve appears trileaflet with normal mobility. No AI. The main pulmonary artery is normal in diameter. The pulmonic valve is normal in appearance. No PI. Normal right atrium. Normal right ventricle. Mildly thickened tricuspid valve with prolapse, mild tricuspid regurgitation. Velocity consistent with early pulmonary hypertension. No pericardial/plural 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	NM	3.2	NM	1.7	52	90	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	NM	1.1	0.7	4.1	2.1	3.1	1.5
*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
<b>BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS</b>				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  
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chronic degenerative valve disease persists without evidence of progression. The left heart dimensions are stable over a year which is a good sign. The pulmonary pressures are also unchanged, and no additional issues are identified. The ECG is unremarkable with a normal sinus rhythm.

Continue Pimobendan as prescribed. The ACEI may be discontinued if indicated by azotemia, as this may help improve renal perfusion. That being said, if proteinuria is present this may actually be beneficial. A screening BP is recommended every 6 months, particularly given azotemia. Follow up with an IM specialist may be beneficial.

Anesthetic risk remains moderately elevated in this patient. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, isoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene, as necessary. Judicious IV fluid rates are recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.

Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term prognosis, however given degree of dilation remains guarded at this stage (late B2). Patient will always be at risk for progression to CHF, development of arrhythmias, syncope, etc. going forward.

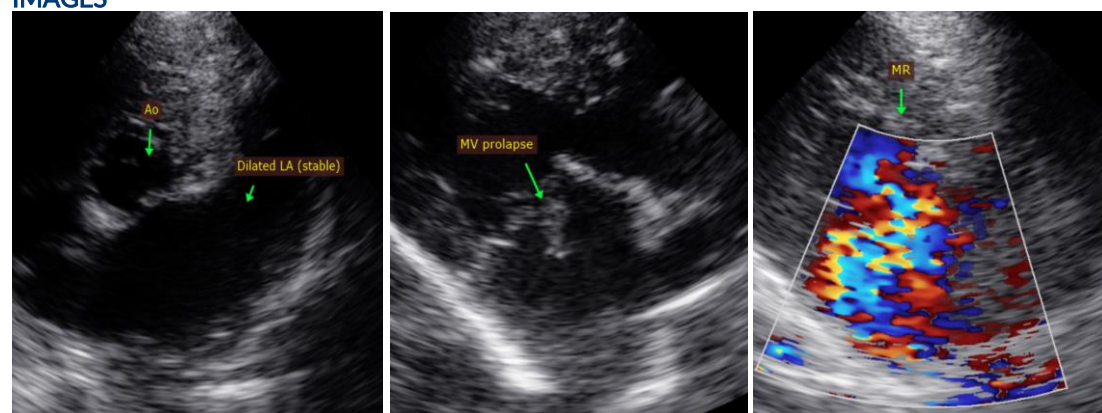
Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may also be of some long-term benefit. Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes. Serial monitoring of SRRs is recommended as the best way to screen for progression towards CHF at home.

**PLAN**

Screening BP is recommended every 6 months. Continue Pimobendan as previously prescribed. Consider discontinue v continue ACEI as dictated by renal disease.

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months, sooner if any clinical signs arise in the interim.

**IMAGES**





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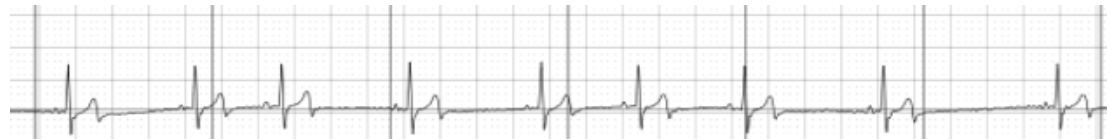
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. This report was generated using transcription software, and minor dictation errors may be present. 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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