



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Henry Harkins History: Annual PE (9/1/22): Grade III/VI parasternal murmur and an intermittent arrhythmia was noted, eupneic54, lungs clear, SSP.

**SPECIES** Feline  
**BREED** DSH  
**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 88bpm with an underlying sinus rhythm. P for every QRS complex and vice versa. P and QRS morphologies are positive. Frequent APCs are seen throughout; singles only. No ventricular premature beats, pauses or dysrhythmias observed.  
 ECG diagnosis: Normal sinus rhythm with frequent isolated APCs.

**SEX ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

Male Neutered 2D, m-mode, color flow and Doppler imaging is available.  
**Left ventricle:** The LV diameter is normal with adequate myocardial function. The LV wall thicknesses are irregular with a focal septal thickening. There is a diffusely hyperechoic endocardium consistent with fibrosis. The papillary muscles are mildly remodeled and hyperechoic.

**AGE** 11 years  
**Left atrium:** The left atrium is normal. No obvious spontaneous contrast or thrombi seen.

**WEIGHT** 10.3lbs  
**Mitral valve:** The mitral valve is normal in structure and mobility. No obvious systolic anterior motion is seen. No MR.

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**Aortic valve/Aorta:** The aortic valve is mildly thickened. Normal aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. No aortic insufficiency.

**Right ventricle:** Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

**Right atrium:** The right atrium is normal in dimension.

**Tricuspid valve:** The tricuspid valve appears normal with no tricuspid regurgitation.

**Pulmonic valve/Pulmonary artery:** The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. No pulmonic insufficiency. Normal RVOT velocity; laminar flow.

**Pericardium/other:** No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.

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**2-Dimensional Measurements**

Ao diam (cm)	1.1
LA diam (cm)	1.3
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.1
IVS thickness (cm)	0.72
LVID diastole (cm)	1.4
PW thickness (cm)	0.49
LVID systole (cm)	0.3
FS (%)	76

**Doppler Measurements**

PV Vmax (m/s)	1.3
AoV Vmax (m/s)	1.3
MR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR PG (mmHg)	NA

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS**

Mild abnormalities are identified, including a focal septal thickening, which may reflect early hypertrophic disease or may simply be a normal variant. The remainder of the LV measures normal. No cause for the murmur is identified, making it likely physiologic in origin. Most importantly, the LA measures normal indicating low risk for complication at this time. No additional issues are noted.



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Prognosis is guarded, due to the highly variable rates of progression with subclinical feline cardiomyopathy.

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The ECG does show frequent isolated APCs. These may be due to stress, secondary to mild structural changes or may reflect an underlying systemic pathology. Consider systemic evaluation if warranted. No treatment is indicated; however, monitoring for any signs of sustained arrhythmias is advised (syncope or acute lethargy).

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Given these findings, no medications are indicated.
- Monitor BP and T4 every 6 months.
- Consider further systemic evaluation given APCs.
- Anesthetic risk is considered mild, however judicious IV fluid rates are advised to avoid fluid overload. Additionally, drugs that stimulate heart rate should be avoided unless clinically necessary (glycopyrrolate, atropine). A reasonable protocol includes opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol induction, isoflurane maintenance.
- Risk for complication with steroid use typically follows LA dilation, which in this case is low. That being said, any cat can experience unexpected signs of intolerance and monitoring of RR/RE is advised particularly in the initiation phase.
- Monitor for any clinical evidence of cardiac compromise, including respiratory changes and/or signs of a blood clot event (paralysis, neurologic changes, etc.).

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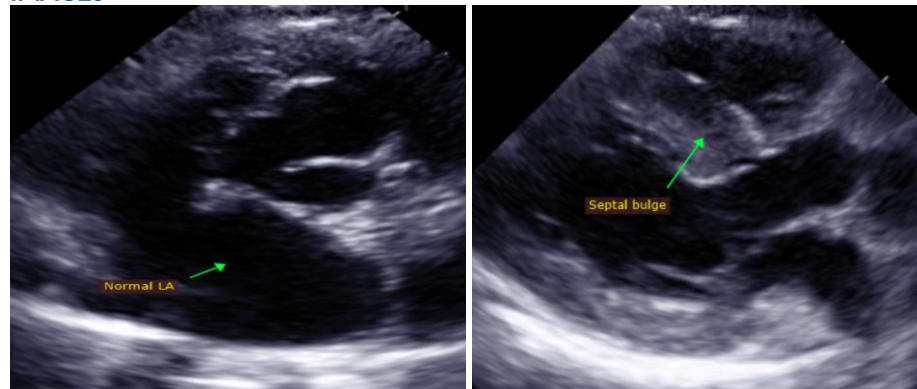
**PLAN**

- Recommend recheck echocardiogram in 6-12 months to screen for progression, sooner if any clinical signs arise in the interim.

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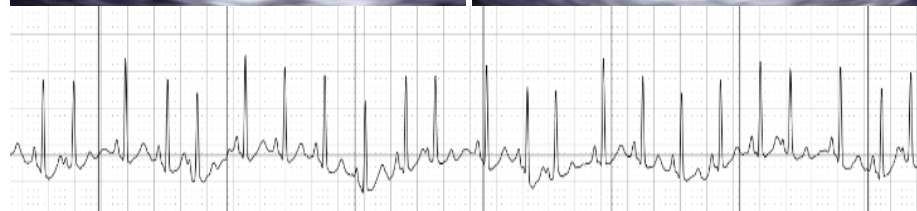
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