



**PATIENT**

Maggie Grace

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Pug

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

14 years

**WEIGHT**

18.5lbs

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Chronic progressive cough. No obvious murmur or arrhythmia, although referred upper airway noise is noted. BP: 162, 160, 141, 164, 153mmHg. 4DX negative. On Furosemide 20mg 1 tab BID.

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS** \*NOTE: Images submitted for supplemental cardiac information only. Slight cardiomegaly. No obvious evidence of CHF.

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Mild diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets with no prolapse into the left atrial lumen. No mitral regurgitation with normal left atrial dimension. Normal LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears mildly thickened with trace/mild tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity. Mild right heart prominence. The MPA and branches are mildly enlarged. The pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. Normal pulmonic and aortic outflow velocities with laminar flow. No obvious aortic or pulmonic insufficiency. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.

**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	NA	2.5	1.4	1.2	50	88	0.2
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	0.9	0.7	8.4	1.9	2.2	1.1
*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)
*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.				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)
Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998				25	2.18 (2.4)	4.48 (2.9)	3.10 (2.5)
Rishniw M and Hollis NE, J Vet Intern Med 2000; 14:429-435				30	2.33 (3.3)	4.83 (3.9)	3.39 (3.4)
Hansson et al, Vet Rad and Ultrasound 2002				35	2.48 (4.3)	5.17 (5.0)	3.69 (4.5)
Bonagura et al. Echocardiography: principles of interpretation, Vet Clin North Am 15:1177, 1995				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)

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The only abnormality identified is mild right heart/MPA prominence with trace/mild TR. Despite a normal TR velocity, these findings may suggest early pulmonary hypertension, which is secondary to respiratory disease in this coughing patient. No additional issues are identified, and the left heart is normal.

Given these findings, the cough is certainly non-cardiac in origin and primary respiratory disease is likely. **It must be noted that the cough is not caused by pulmonary hypertension; rather the**



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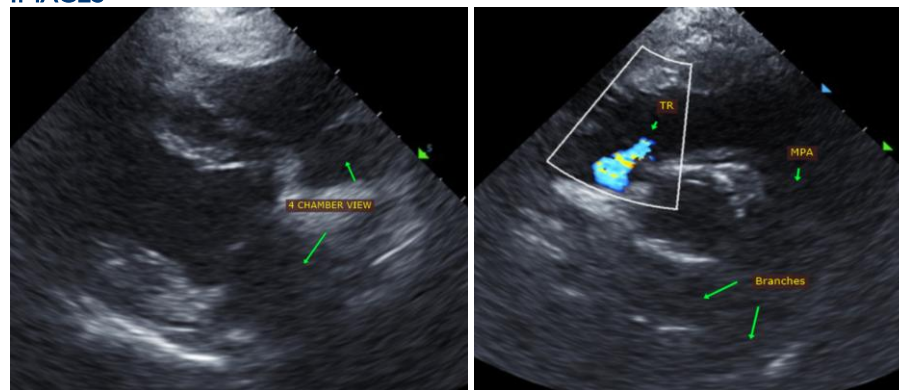
**chronic cough leads to development of pulmonary hypertension.** Signs of progressive PAH include exertional dyspnea or collapse/syncope. Maximizing cough control is the best way to combat development of pulmonary hypertension in the long run, utilizing cough suppressants, intermittent antibiotics/steroid taper for acute flares, bronchodilators, etc. If refractory, advanced evaluation should be considered (TTW/BAL).

In a dog without significant left atrial enlargement, no cardiac medications are clearly indicated, and **Furosemide should be weaned and discontinued.** Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term prognosis, which is highly variable at this stage. Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may be of some long-term benefit. Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

Anesthetic risk is considered mild if needed. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction and recover in O2 due to potential for hypoxia.

Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6-12 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

**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.

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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