



PATIENT

Oliver Gurrola

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Chihuahua

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

12.6lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Two weeks ago, presented to rDVM, a heart murmur was ausculted and thoracic radiographs revealed cardiomegaly. Pet was started on Prednisolone, Pimobendan and Hydrocodone. Has had slightly decreased energy last few days and did not want to go on walks anymore. E/D well yesterday. Last doses of meds given last night. Began hacking up foam and fluid overnight. O is not sure if P is coughing until vomiting, if it is vomit VS fluids coming from lungs. No D/S presented today for vomiting and respiratory difficulty.

-Current medications: prednisolone 5mg: 1/2 tablet PO BID, Vetmedin 2.5mg 1/2 tablet PO BID, Hydrocodone - All given last night. After admission d/c prednisolone, administered vetmedin PO and furosemide 3mg/kg IV and butorphanol 0.2mg/kg IV and oxygen.

-Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: EPOC = pCO2 23.9, pH 7.484, BE - 5.5, K+ 3.3, iCa 1.01. HCT 46% respiratory alkalosis mild hypokalemia.

-Radiographs: VHS 11.3 with LA enlargement and perihilar pulmonary interstitial pattern consistent with pulmonary edema (taken 2 hours after furosemide and initiation of oxygen).

-Abnormal lab results:

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets with prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Severe eccentric mitral regurgitation with severe left atrial dilation. Normal MR velocity. Mild LV dilation with hyperdynamic myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears normal, with trace TR. Normal velocity. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter and morphology. The pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. Normal aortic and pulmonic outflow velocities with laminar flow. No AI/PI. 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	5.9	2.6	2.0	2.5	46	80	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	260	1.1	nm	5.7	2.7	2.8	1.4
*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)
*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)
				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
Hansson et al, Vet Rad and Ultrasound 2002
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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.

In light of the clinical signs, chest radiograph findings and severity of disease on echocardiogram, the diagnosis is congestive heart failure and medications are warranted lifelong as below. Discontinuing prednisone is certainly recommended, as this may have been the exacerbant that pushed the patient into active CHF. 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.

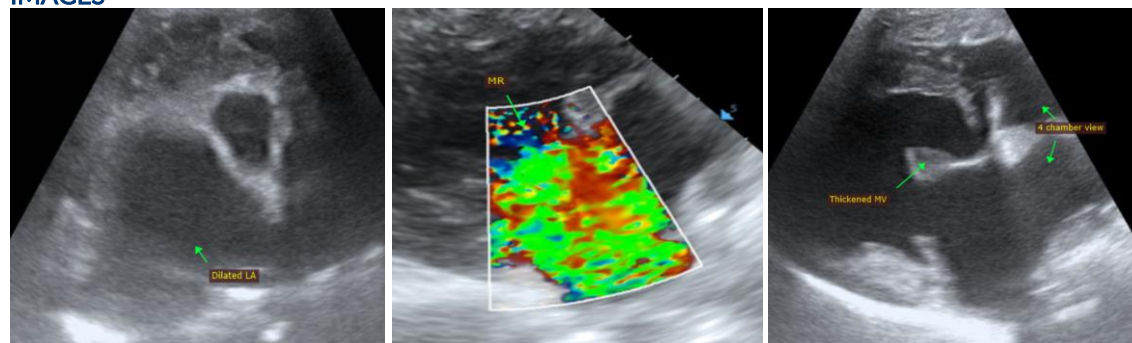
PLAN

Continue Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg PO q12h. Continue Furosemide 1-2mg/kg PO q12h. Institute spironolactone 1-2mg/kg PO q12h. Discontinue Prednisone.

Monitor SRRs at home. Monitor renal values and BP in 10-14 days, then every 3-4 months while on diuretics. If doing well and BP >130mmHg, institute ACEI 0.5mg/kg PO q12h. 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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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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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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