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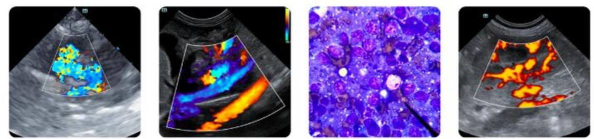

Clinical Sonography & Telecytology
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PATIENT
Ernie Klinker

SPECIES
Canine

BREED
Shih Tzu Mix

SEX
Male Neutered

AGE
12 years

WEIGHT
22lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recheck echo (9/16/25)
-Current medications: Lasix 12.5mg BID, Enalapril 0.5mg/kg BID, Vetmedin 0.3mg/kg BID.
-Pertinent previous echo findings (9/16/25): previously diagnosed with stage late B2 CVD. Severe LAE, mild PH, partial mitral leaflet tear. (LVIDd: 3.9, LA/AO: 1.8)

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

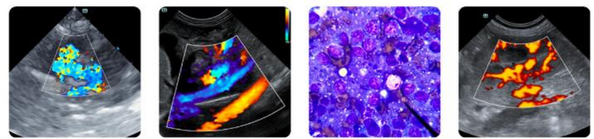
2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. The mitral valve is diffusely thickened with prolapse into the left atrial lumen. There is severe eccentric mitral regurgitation present. The MR velocity is normal. There is severe left atrial enlargement. There is mild left ventricular dilation. Left ventricular systolic function is hyperdynamic. Mild right atrial and ventricular dilation (subjective). Mild thickening of the tricuspid valve with mild TR. The aortic valve appears trileaflet with normal mobility. No significant AI. There is normal systolic flow velocity across the aortic valve. The main pulmonary artery is normal in diameter. The pulmonic valve is normal in appearance. Flow through the RVOT/PV is normal in velocity. Trace PI. No pericardial/pleural 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	5.2		2.3	2.4	50	76	0.12
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	2.0	0.7	10.0	3.3	4.0	2.0
*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)
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

Chronic degenerative valve disease causing severe mitral and mild tricuspid regurgitation. The LA is significantly dilated, indicating a high risk for clinical signs going forward. Mild pulmonary hypertension is suspected, which is likely secondary to chronic LA pressure elevation. No additional concurrent issues such as systolic dysfunction are documented. Compared to the prior report, there is evidence of progression.



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Given these findings, three medications are certainly recommended going forward. Use of Lasix should be dictated by a history of CHF in this case. Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term outcome; however, prognosis is guarded at this stage (late B2). Unfortunately, there is increased risk for CHF, development of arrhythmias/LA tear, syncope and/or sudden death in the future.

Close monitoring for development of associated clinical signs (development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or worsening collapse episodes) is recommended. **Monitoring of sleeping breathing rates is recommended as the best way to screen for CHF at home.**

Elective anesthesia is not advised with severe disease, as there is high risk for complication. Risk versus benefit must be considered. If necessary, cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, iso or sevoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction and recover in O2 cage. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Moderate IV fluid restriction is recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated. Avoid alpha 2 agonists.

Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may also be of some long-term benefit.

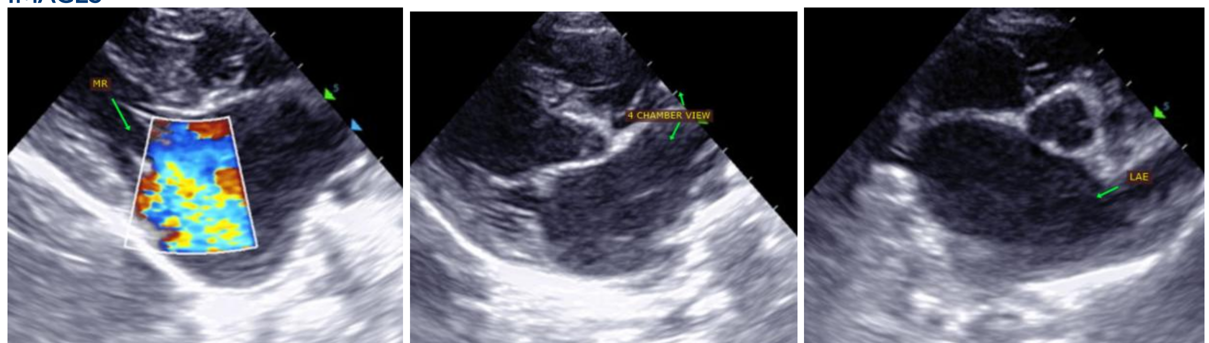
PLAN

A screening BP is recommended. Continue Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg PO q12h. Continue Enalapril 0.5mg/kg PO q12h. Institute Spironolactone 1-2mg/kg PO q12h. If CHF was suspected or confirmed, continue Lasix 1-2mg/kg PO q12h.

Monitor renal values/BP 1-2 weeks, then every 3-4 months lifelong to ensure tolerance of medications.

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months to screen for progression, sooner if clinical signs arise in the interim.

IMAGES



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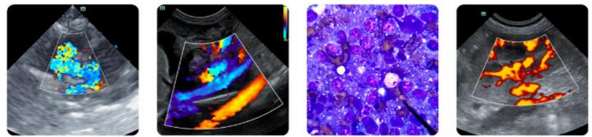

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