



**PATIENT**

Grit Houck

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Jack Russell Terrier

**SEX**

Male Neutered

**AGE**

5.20.11

**WEIGHT**

17.5lbs

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Hickory Veterinary  
Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

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**DATE**

12.6.22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Recheck echo. Patient is stable.

-Current medications: Vetmedin 2.5mg BID, Benazepril 5mg BID, Spironolactone 12.5mg BID, Lasix 12.5mg BID.

-Sedation used: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

-Pertinent previous ultrasound results (6/2022 MML): Moderate to severe MR, moderate LAE, mild TR: 3.0m/s.

-STAT: Not requested.

-Imaging performed by: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode and Doppler imaging are available. Diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets (anterior > posterior) with prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Moderate to severe eccentric mitral regurgitation with moderate left atrial dilation. Mild LV dilation with hyperdynamic myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears mildly thickened with mild tricuspid regurgitation. Velocity consistent with early pulmonary hypertension. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameters.

Pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. Normal pulmonic and aortic outflow velocities. Trace pulmonic and no aortic insufficiency. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No cardiac tumors observed.

**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	6.5	3.1	NM	1.9	52	84	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	157	1.3	1.2	7.9	2.6	3.7	1.8
*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  
Bonagura et al. Echocardiography: principles of interpretation, Vet Clin North Am 15:1177, 1995

### INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Persistently stable disease is identified in this study. Moderate to severe MR is unchanged without significant progression in left heart dimensions. TR and mild pulmonary hypertension are stable, and no additional issues are identified.

Since the prior evaluation, full cardiac support has been initiated. Assuming CHF was documented, this should be continued going forward. Patient will always be at risk for progression to 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 development of a worsening cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

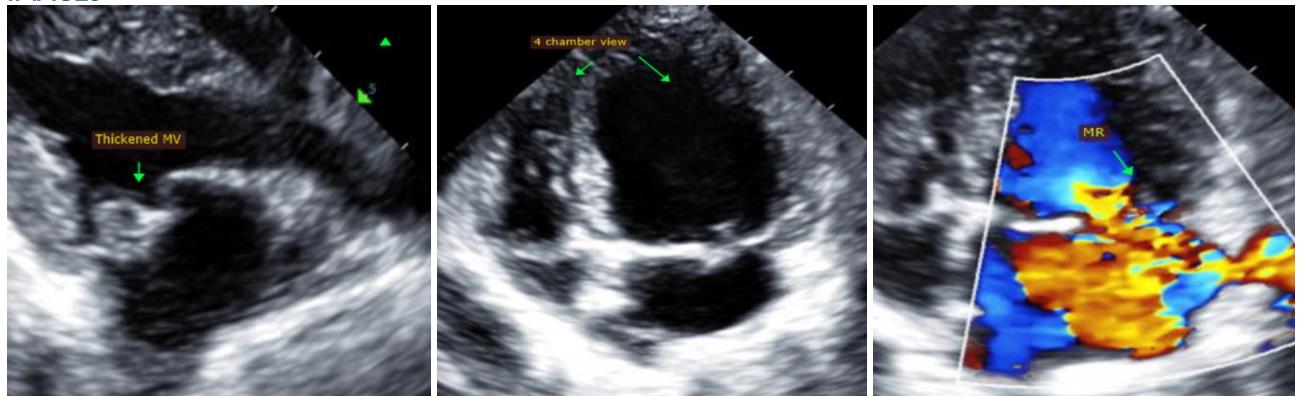
Once the patient is in CHF, anesthetic risk is elevated and should be avoided as able.

### PLAN

Continue 4 medications as prescribed. Monitor BP and renal panel every 3-4 months.

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

### 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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