



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Tippy Fisher History: Chronic respiratory issues. Cardiomegaly on CXR.  
-Current medication: Vetmedin 1.25 BID, Lasix 12.5 tapering dose

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

Canine

**BREED**

Dachshund

**SEX**

Male Neutered

**AGE**

14 years

**WEIGHT**

16.5lbs

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**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. Mild eccentric mitral regurgitation with mild left atrial dilation. Normal MR velocity. Normal LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears normal with trace tricuspid regurgitation. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension. 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   | 5.5           | NM            | NM                  | 1.5                     | 41                              | 74                                       | 0.16                                     |
| CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS   | HR (BP M)     | 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   | 102           | 2.0           | 1.3                 | 7.5                     | 1.9                             | 2.5                                      | 1.5                                      |
| *Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value  |               |               |                     |                         |                                 |  |  |
| <b>BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS</b>   |               |               |                     |                         |                                 |  |  |
| <i>*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.</i> |               |               |                     |                         |                                 |  |  |
| 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  |               |               |                     |                         |                                 |  |  |
|   |               |               |                     | 3                       | 1.27                            | 2.46                                     | 1.36                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 5                       | 1.40                            | 2.74                                     | 1.60                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 10                      | 1.50                            | 3.27                                     | 2.06                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 15                      | 1.83                            | 3.71                                     | 2.43                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 20                      | 2.02                            | 4.14                                     | 2.80                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 25                      | 2.18                            | 4.48                                     | 3.10                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 30                      | 2.33                            | 4.83                                     | 3.39                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 35                      | 2.48                            | 5.17                                     | 3.69                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 40                      | 2.62                            | 5.48                                     | 3.96                                     |
|   |               |               |                     | 50                      | 2.88                            | 6.07                                     | 4.46                                     |

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chronic degenerative valve disease causing mild mitral and trace tricuspid regurgitation. Lack of left atrial enlargement indicates the current risk for complication is low. No concurrent issues such as systolic dysfunction or pulmonary hypertension are noted in this study.

Given these findings, the cough is unlikely to be cardiac in origin and primary respiratory causes should be considered. Consider further respiratory work up/treatment (hydrocodone, taper course of steroids, Enrofloxacin, TTW/BAL, etc.).



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Given these findings, no cardiac medications are indicated and Pimobendan/Lasix can be safely discontinued. 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.

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Anesthetic risk is considered mild. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, isoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Mild IV fluid restriction is recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.

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

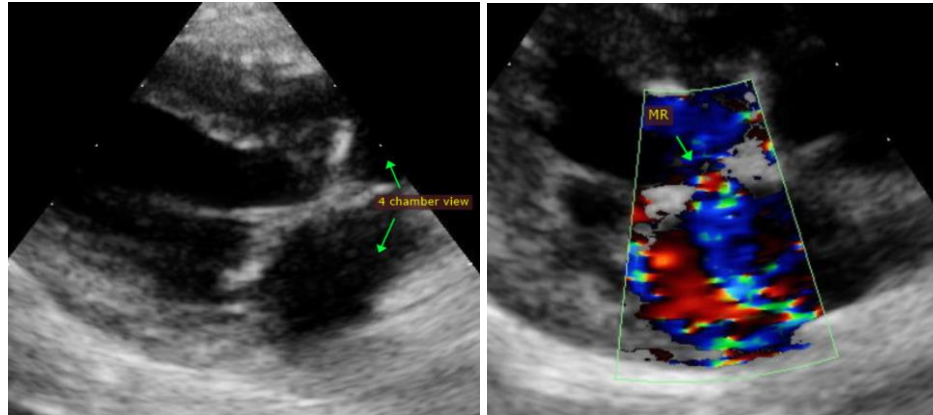
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. 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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