



**PATIENT**  
 Chips Middlebrooks

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Weight loss. Suspect hyperthyroidism. Mast cell tumor R forelimb. Grade IV L parasternal systolic murmur. Sedated with Torb.

**SPECIES**  
 Feline

**ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS** \*Note: Single lead ECGs are evaluated as a rhythm strip. Morphology/MEA cannot be definitively commented on.

A single lead ECG is available; 50mm/s, 20mm/mV. The average heart rate is 230bpm with a regular rhythm. The rhythm is sinus in origin, with a p for every QRS complex and vice versa. The P and QRS morphologies are positive. No ectopic beats, pauses or dysrhythmias observed. ECG diagnosis: Normal sinus tachycardia.

**BREED**  
 DSH

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. The left ventricular wall is asymmetric, with moderate septal hypertrophy and a borderline free wall. There is a diffusely hyperechoic endocardium consistent with fibrosis and ventricular remodeling. Papillary muscle hypertrophy. The right ventricle is subjectively normal in size and morphology. There is borderline left atrial enlargement present. No right atrial enlargement present. Normal RVOT velocity. There is systolic anterior motion (SAM) of the mitral valve present, with an elevated LVOT velocity (not captured on doppler). There is mild eccentric mitral regurgitation present secondary to SAM. No other obvious valvular regurgitation is present. There is no pericardial effusion noted. No pleural effusion appreciated.

**SEX**  
 Male Neutered

**AGE**  
 15 years

**WEIGHT**  
 11.19lbs

**CARDIAC CHART**

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FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm) (Moise, Pipers)	LVIDd (cm) (Moise, Pipers)	LVWd (cm) (Moise, Pipers)	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.35-0.55	<2 (mean 1.5)	3.5-0.55	35-67	80-100
PATIENT	5.1	NM	0.7	1.6	0.6	4882	
FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA/AO (Boon)	LA/AO HEART BASE (Swe) (Abbott)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm) (Abbott)		LVOT VEL (m/s)	RVOT VEL (m/s)	E max (m/s)
NORMAL	<1.5	<1.3	<1.2		<1.6	<1.3	<0.9
PATIENT	1.3	1.3	1.3		1.6	1.1	NM

\*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.  
 Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998  
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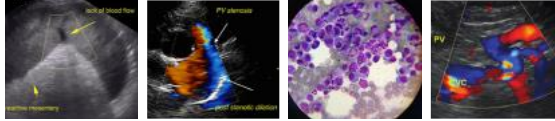
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The diagnosis is hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM). This indicates LV thickening (focal in this case) with a dynamic LVOT obstruction (SAM) and secondary mitral regurgitation as the cause of the heart murmur. The hypertrophy and obstruction are both mild. There is no left atrial enlargement present, indicating the risk of spontaneous CHF and/or a thrombotic event is currently low. No additional issues are identified.

If the diagnosis of hyperthyroidism is confirmed, this may be an underlying cause of these changes. Monitoring is advised once the thyroid is stabilized. Additionally a baseline BP is recommended. This is NOT suspected to be the cause of weight loss, and other possibilities should be considered.

Prognosis is guarded long term, given the highly variable rates of progression with subclinical feline cardiomyopathy.

While no medications have been shown to definitively alter long term outcome at this stage of disease, atenolol is often initiated to decrease the outflow obstruction. If the patient is easily medicated, it is reasonable to initiate at this time as below. If there is difficulty medicating at home, an alternative approach would be closely monitoring for progression in the next 6-12 months. Discussion with the owner is advised. No additional medications are indicated prior to significant atrial dilation.

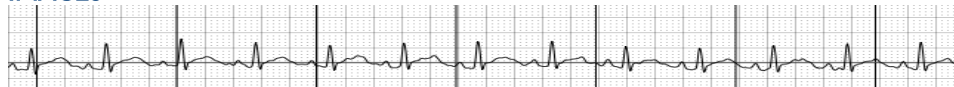
Monitor at home for any respiratory signs or blood clot events (neurologic change, paralysis, etc). Anesthetic risk is considered mild, however judicious IV fluid rates are advised to avoid fluid overload. Additionally drugs that stimulate heart rate should be avoided unless clinically necessary (ketamine, glycopyrrolate, atropine).

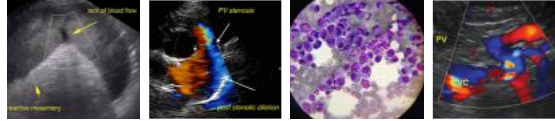
Plan: If elected, administer titrating dose of atenolol: 25mg tablets; Give ¼ tab once daily. Recheck heart rate in 1-2 weeks with target stressed rate of 140-160bpm 12-24 hours post-administration. Increase as needed until target reached.

Screening blood pressure and T4 are recommended every 6 months.

Recommend recheck echocardiogram in 6 months to assess for progression, sooner if clinical issues arise.

**IMAGES**





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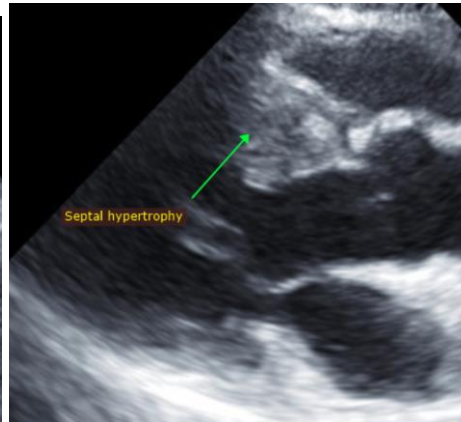
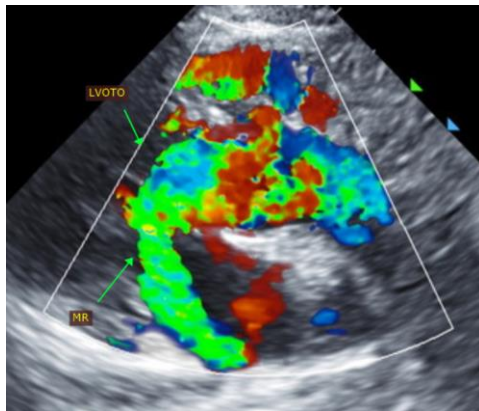
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