



PATIENT

Nott Nichols

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Cairn Terrier

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

15 years

WEIGHT

12.8lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recheck echo. BP: normal. Presented with worsening respiratory symptoms 12/2025 and started cardiac medications.

-Current medications: Furosemide 20mg, half tab every 12 hours, Vetmedin 1.25mg, one cap every 12 hours, Aventi omega 3.

-Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC: Low MCV, Low retic HB Chemistry: ALT 262 u/l (10-125) UA: USG 1.012, trace proteinuria, rest NSF.

-Pertinent previous echo findings (5/2025 MML): CVD B1. Mild MR, mild LAE, normal LV, trace TR: 2.7m/s. LA: 1.8, LV: 2.5.

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS *NOTE: Images submitted for supplemental cardiac information only.

Normal cardiac silhouette. No obvious evidence of CHF.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Mild diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets with mild 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 mild tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity. 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. Trace aortic and no 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	2.2	NM	1.4	38	70	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	NM	1.9	0.5	60.0	1.7	2.6	1.6
*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

Chronic degenerative valve disease persists with evidence of stability. Mild mitral and trace tricuspid regurgitation are unchanged, with stable chamber dimensions. A persistent lack of atrial or ventricular enlargement indicates the current risk for complication remains low. No concurrent issues such as pulmonary hypertension are identified.

These findings would suggest CHF is ruled out and Lasix/Pimobendan can be discontinued. Weaning Lasix over 1-2 weeks is recommended, given the chronicity of the drug. Any further respiratory signs warrant further workup for suspected respiratory disease.

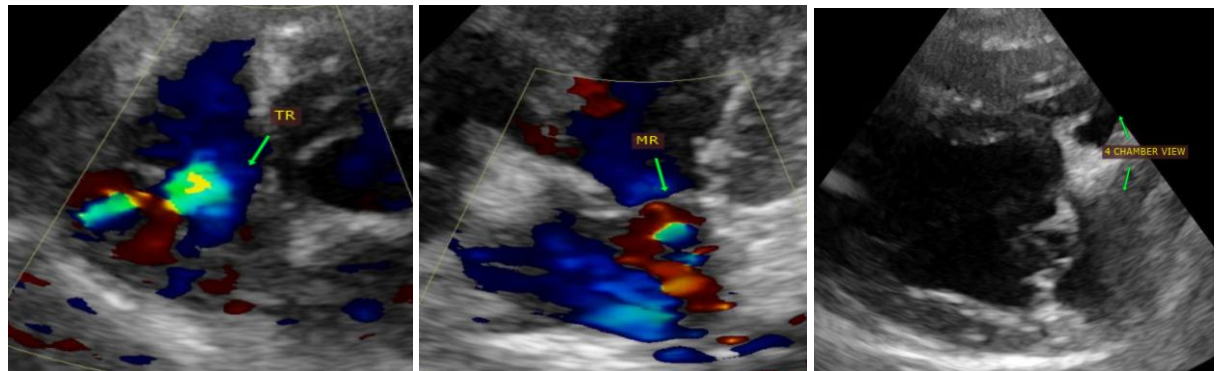
Given these findings, no cardiac medications are clearly indicated. While a lack of significant progression is certainly a good sign, continued monitoring is advised lifelong to determine if and when medications are necessary.

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.

Anesthetic risk is considered mild if needed. 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.

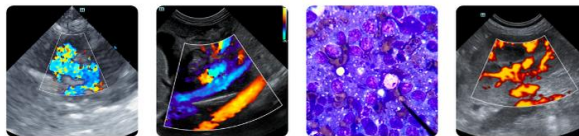
Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6-12 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs in the interim.

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.

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