



**PATIENT**

Wiley Starr

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Pomeranian

**SEX**

Male Neutered

**AGE**

9 years

**WEIGHT**

18lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Heard a murmur at pre-dental work up at prior clinic. Started having syncope-like episodes in Feb (one in Feb, one last Sat, one yesterday). Will fall over and act "out of it" for <1 min. Then will be up like nothing happened. During last episode, started coughing. Obese. Grade 3/6 L sided systolic murmur.

-Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CHEM: ALP 1050, otherwise WNL. CBC: WNL.

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

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets (anterior>posterior) with mild prolapse of the anterior leaflet into the left atrial lumen. Moderate eccentric mitral regurgitation with moderate left atrial dilation. Normal MR velocity. Borderline LV diameter with hyperdynamic myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears subjectively normal, with mild tricuspid regurgitation. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter. The pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. Normal pulmonic and aortic outflow velocities. No aortic or pulmonic 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)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
<b>PATIENT</b>	4.5	NM	NM	1.8	50	92	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)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
<b>PATIENT</b>	NM	NM	1.5	8.2	2.1	3.0	1.5
*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
<b>BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS</b>				5	1.40 (4.5)	2.74 (5.2)	1.60 (4.7)
<i>*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.</i>				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)

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chronic degenerative valve disease causing moderate mitral and mild tricuspid regurgitation. Moderate left atrial enlargement indicates there is relatively low risk for imminent complication,



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however risk for progression to spontaneous congestive heart failure in the future is elevated. No additional issues are identified.

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No definitive cardiac cause for syncope is seen in this study (i.e., no PAH, no obvious rupture or tears, reasonable cardiac output, etc.) and other causes should be considered. These possible causes include vasovagal events, intermittent arrhythmias, neurologic/systemic issues, etc. That being said, if the episodes are occurring with significant exertion there certainly is a possibility that regurgitant volume is involved and Pimobendan may help. A baseline BP should be obtained. An intermittent arrhythmia cannot be ruled out without a Holter monitor, and this should be considered if episodes continue undiagnosed. Further systemic evaluation may also be considered including AUS. Finally, atypical seizures should also be considered, pending more extensive history/situational nature of the episodes.

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Given the risk for progression and results of the EPIC trial, Pimobendan is indicated in this patient as below. Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term outcome; however, prognosis is guarded at this stage (B2).

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Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may also be of some long-term benefit. Monitor for development of a progressive cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

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Once on the medication for 3-5 days, anesthetic risk is considered mildly elevated. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, Propofol or alfaxalone induction, iso or sevo gas) are recommended. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Judicious IV fluid rates are recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.

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**PLAN**

Institute heart muscle support Pimobendan 0.25-0.3mg/kg PO q12h.

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Recommend monitor for progression with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

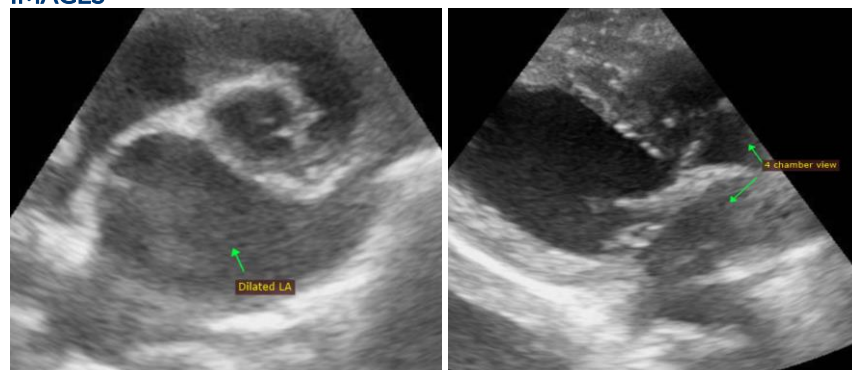
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