



**PATIENT**

Dippie Daigneault

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Grade 2-3/6 heart murmur. Trazadone for sedation.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Rottweiler Mix

**SEX**

Male Neutered

**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. No mitral regurgitation. Normal left atrial dimension. No LV dilation with adequate myocardial function. Minimal LV wall thickening (1.0cm globally). The tricuspid valve appears subjectively normal, with no tricuspid regurgitation. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Normal pulmonic outflow velocity with laminar flow. No pulmonic insufficiency. Mildly thickened aortic valve leaflets. There is mild to moderate aortic stenosis present (50mmHg PG); no obvious sub-aortic ridge. No aortic regurgitation. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No cardiac tumors seen.

**CARDIAC CHART**

**AGE**

9 months

**WEIGHT**

43

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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			NM	1.3	42	80	0.17
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT	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	3.5	1.9	43	2.4	3.3	1.9
*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)
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**

The cause of the murmur is mild to moderate aortic stenosis (AS) causing elevated blood flow velocity through the aortic valve. The LV walls are not significantly hypertrophied secondary to the stenosis, the remainder of the cardiac structure and function appears adequate. Most importantly, the LA is normal in dimension indicating the risk for complication remains low.

Aortic stenosis is a congenital disease common in this breed. The condition can worsen up to 1 year of age and monitoring is advised for progression in the future. Prognosis is guarded, with many dogs in the mild/moderate category never experiencing associated clinical signs, while some



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succumbing to malignant arrhythmias. If there is progression in the future, this will certainly dictate a more guarded prognosis. Serial echocardiography is recommended lifelong to assess for progression and risk for complication.

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Monitor for development of labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes, as AS patients are more predisposed to development of arrhythmias than to CHF which is actually very uncommon. Mild exercise restriction is advised. Omega fatty acid supplementation (1000mg 1-2x daily) is of some long-term benefit for dogs predisposed to arrhythmias. Atenolol is often used in severe cases to decrease heart rate, however in a case that is borderline mild this is not indicated at this time.

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If needed, anesthetic risk is mildly elevated. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine or glycopyrrolate unless clinically indicated. Avoid ketamine and acepromazine due to peripheral vascular effects. Mild IV fluid restriction is advised. Recommend prophylactic antibiotics prior to and during any orthopedic or dental procedure in the future given predisposition to endocarditis.

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Recommend recheck echocardiogram in 1 year to screen for progression, sooner if clinical signs arise.

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**IMAGES**

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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.

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