



**PATIENT**

Buddy Nichols

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Cocker Spaniel

**SEX**

Male Neutered

**AGE**

9 years

**WEIGHT**

36.5lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Mild Heart enlargement, Trach slightly elevated. Slight increase in vascular size next to bronchi. Owner reports rare but possible exercise intolerance.  
 -Radiographs: Heart enlarged; reverse D sign seen.

**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 135bpm (range 120-150bpm). P waves are difficult to identify throughout; however, a sinus origin is suspected. 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 rhythm with respiratory variation.

**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. Trivial mitral regurgitation with no left atrial dilation. Normal LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears mildly thickened with mild to moderate tricuspid regurgitation. Velocity consistent with mild pulmonary hypertension. Mild right atrial prominence; normal right ventricular. 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. Normal MPA and branches. 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	NA	3.2	1.2	1.1	31	60	0.4
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	0.85	16.6	1.7	3.0	2.1
*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)
				10	1.50 (3.8)	3.27 (3.5)	2.06 (3.1)
Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998				15	1.83 (2.0)	3.71 (2.4)	2.43 (2.1)
Rishniw M and Hollis NE, J Vet Intern Med 2000; 14:429-435				20	2.02 (1.9)	4.14 (2.2)	2.80 (2.0)
Hansson et al, Vet Rad and Ultrasound 2002				25	2.18 (2.4)	4.48 (2.9)	3.10 (2.5)
Bonagura et al. Echocardiography: principles of interpretation, Vet Clin North Am 15:1177, 1995				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)



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	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)

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chronic degenerative valve disease causing trivial mitral and mild to moderate tricuspid regurgitation. Mild pulmonary hypertension is noted which should be monitored going forward. The right heart is mildly enlarged indicating relatively low risk for complication at this time. No additional issues are noted in this study. The ECG is unremarkable with a respiratory sinus arrhythmia.

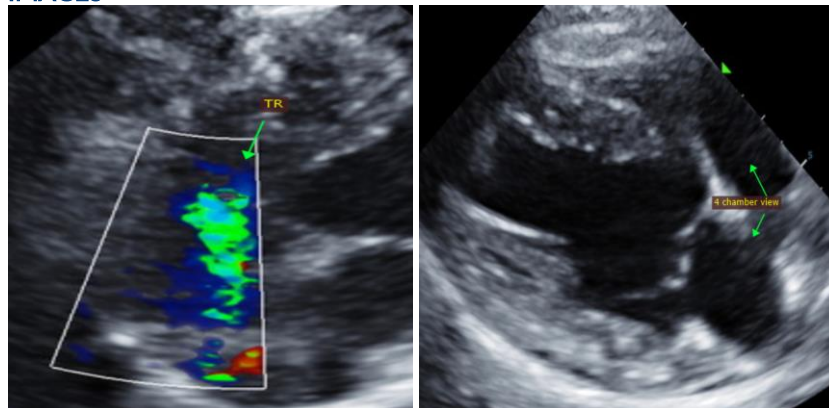
Given these findings, no cardiac medications are clearly indicated. PAH typically develops secondary to chronic respiratory signs that are not noted in this case. Primary PAH is also a possible and may result in exertional dyspnea or syncope; monitoring for clinical signs at home is recommended. The reported symptoms are unlikely to be related, as mild PAH is considered subclinical. Consider primary respiratory disease in this case.

Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term prognosis, which is highly variable at this stage (B1). 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. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.

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

**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.

Thank you for this referral. This report was generated using transcription software, and minor dictation errors may be present. 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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