



PATIENT

TJ Taylor

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

3.24.08

WEIGHT

8.1lbs

INTERPRETED BY

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HOSPITAL NAME

Fullerton Animal
Hospital

REFERRING VET

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INVOICE

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DATE

4.5.22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Presented 3/12 for annual exam and bloodwork to assess thyroid levels. Pet is known hyperthyroid patient and has been on Methimazole. On exam worsening heart murmur noted now grade 4/6. Weight stable, kidneys feel small and has significant dental disease. Recent bloodwork showed controlled thyroid disease but now in renal failure with elevated cardiac enzymes.

-Pertinent abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: BNP 834 (0-100), SDMA 20 (0-14), Creat 3.5 (0.9-2.3), BUN 51 (16-37).

-Current medications: Methimazole 2.5mg BID for 8 months.

-Sedation used: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

-Pertinent previous ultrasound results: No previous.

-STAT: Not requested

-Imaging performed by: Stephanie Pearce RDCS, RVT.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

A six lead ECG is available at both 25 and 50mm/s; 5mm/mV. The average heart rate is 214bpm (range 200-250bpm). The rhythm is sinus in origin, with a p for every QRS complex and vice versa. The P wave morphology is positive with a normal dimension. Normal PR. The QRS morphology is positive with normal dimension. MEA is shifted left. No ectopic beats, pauses or dysrhythmias observed.

ECG diagnosis: Normal sinus rhythm with a left anterior fascicular block (LAFB).

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. The left ventricular wall is moderately hypertrophied with regions of irregularity. 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 mild 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 (dynamic profile). There is moderate eccentric mitral regurgitation present secondary to SAM. Trace TR; normal velocity. No other obvious valvular regurgitation is present. There is no pericardial effusion noted. No pleural effusion appreciated.

CARDIAC CHART

FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm) <small>(Moise, Pipers)</small>	LVIDd (cm) <small>(Moise, Pipers)</small>	LVWd (cm) <small>(Moise, Pipers)</small>	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	3.5-0.55	<2 (mean 1.5)	3.5-0.55	35-67	80-100
PATIENT	3.7	NM	0.86	1.2	0.79	69	96
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	NM	1.5	1.5		5.0	1.2	NM

Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998
Abbott J & MacLean H JVIM 2006;20: 111-119, Moise et al. Am J Vet Res 47:1476, 1986. Pipers et al. Am J Vet Res 40:882, 1979.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The diagnosis is hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy. This indicates LV hypertrophy (moderate in this case) with a dynamic LVOT obstruction (SAM) and secondary MR. There is mild left atrial dilation, indicating the risk of spontaneous CHF and/or a thrombotic event, while currently low, may be elevated in the future. A screening BP is strongly recommended. Thyroid disease is likely unrelated, given that this has been well controlled. Prognosis is guarded long term, given the highly variable rates of progression with subclinical feline cardiomyopathy.

The ECG shows a sinus tachycardia without obvious arrhythmias. An LAFB (type of bundle branch block) is present, which is benign and does not warrant therapy.

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. Given the degree of hypertrophy and mild LA dilation, recommend 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 months.

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 (glycopyrrolate, atropine). Avoid vasodilators as this may worsen the obstruction. A reasonable protocol includes opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol induction, isoflurane maintenance. Risk for complication with steroid use typically follows LA dilation, which in this case is mildly elevated. If needed, monitoring of RR/RE is advised particularly in the initiation phase.

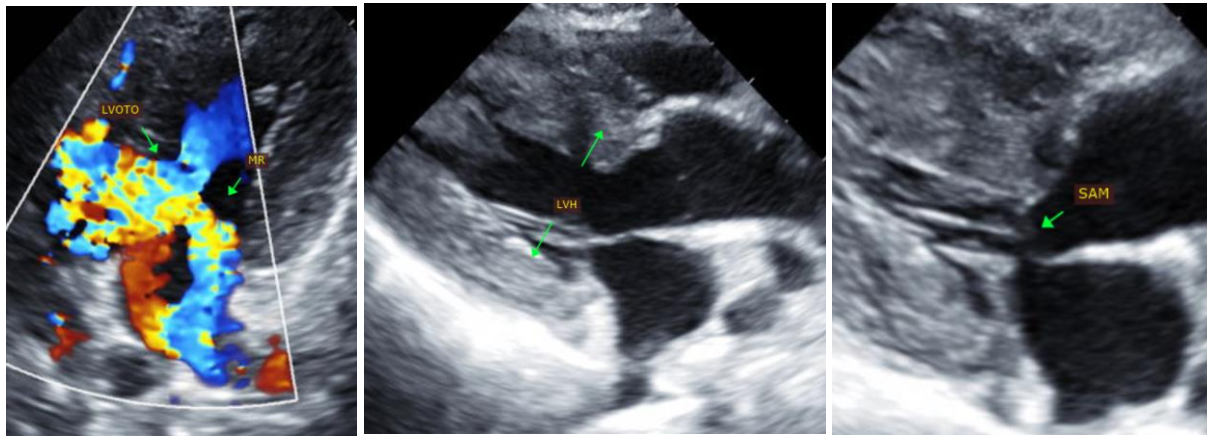
Monitor at home for any respiratory signs or blood clot events (neurologic change, paralysis, etc) in the future.

Plan: Screening BP/T4. 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. Baseline BP.

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

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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