

PATIENT

Guinness Welch

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Boston Terrier

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

17.6lbs

INTERPRETED BY

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recheck echo. History chronic valvular disease - Stage B1. Currently, no clinical signs. Grade III/VI systolic murmur. Elevated liver and renal values. AGT 169; ALP 598; Creat 1.7; Urea N 4.0. *Having bi-cavity ultrasound exams.

-Pertinent previous echo findings (9/23/21 Maggie Machen Lamy, DVM, DACVIM-Cardiology): LA 2.4 cm; LA:Ao 1.55; LV 3.18; mild LAE; normal LV size and function; mild-moderate MR; moderate TR (3.1 m/s; 39 mmHg); early pulmonary hypertension.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and Doppler imaging is available.

Left ventricle: The LV diameter is normal with adequate myocardial function. LV wall thicknesses are normal.

Left atrium: The left atrium is moderately dilated.

Mitral valve: The mitral valve is diffusely thickened with minimal prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Moderate anterior-directed mitral regurgitation with a mildly elevated velocity.

Aortic valve/aorta: The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Normal aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. Mild aortic insufficiency.

Right ventricle: Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology.

Right atrium: Normal RA dimension.

Tricuspid valve: The tricuspid valve appears significantly thickened with septal prolapse and moderate to severe tricuspid regurgitation. Velocity consistent with mild to moderate pulmonary hypertension.

Pulmonic valve/pulmonary artery: The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. No pulmonic insufficiency. Normal RVOT velocity; laminar flow.

Pericardium/other: No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.

Heart rhythm: ECG reveals a sinus rhythm with an average HR of 100bpm.

2-Dimensional Measurements

Ao diam (cm)	1.4
LA diam (cm)	2.6
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.66
IVS thickness (cm)	0.8
LVID diastole (cm)	3.2
PW thickness (cm)	0.8
LVID systole (cm)	1.7
FS (%)	44

Doppler Measurements

PV Vmax (m/s)	0.82
AoV Vmax (m/s)	1.5
MR Vmax (m/s)	6.5
TR Vmax (m/s)	3.4
TR PG (mmHg)	46

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS

Chronic degenerative valve disease persists with evidence of progression. The left atrium and MR are increased comparatively, despite a stable LV. Of additional concern, the TR is increased with worsening pulmonary pressures. No additional issues are identified.

Given the combination of issues, Pimobendan is recommended 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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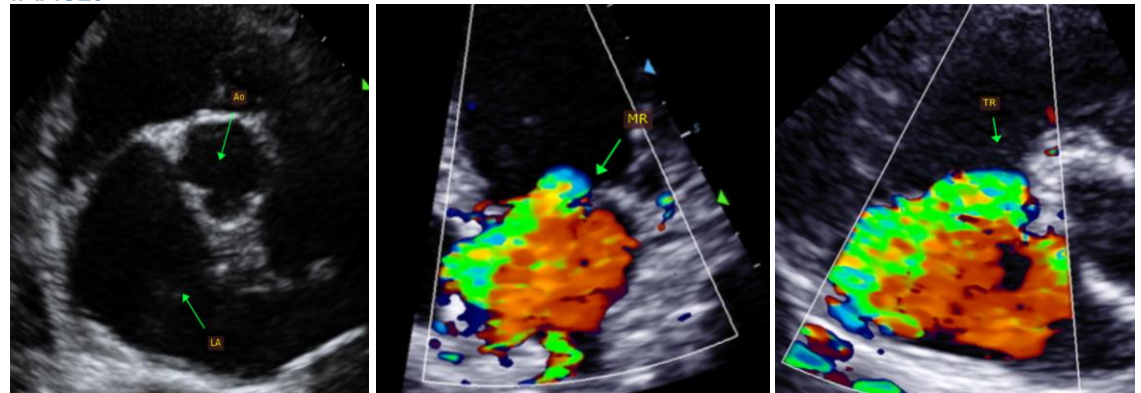
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Institute heart muscle support Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg PO q12h.
- Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may be of some long-term benefit.
- Once on Pimobendan for 3-5 days, 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.
- Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

PLAN

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

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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