



PATIENT

Fifi Spaulding

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DMH

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

15 years

WEIGHT

7.19lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Adopted three years ago from a rescue. Fifi has a history of hyperthyroidism, had I 131 therapy in March 2022, and is now euthyroid. Elevated ProBNP 156. 3-4 weeks ago, became lethargic and anorexic - was hospitalized (IVF fluids and Cerenia) with improvement. On auscultation: Grade II/VI heart murmur; clear lung fields, PSS. *Sedated with propofol for study.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

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

Left ventricle: The LV diameter is normal with adequate myocardial function. The LV wall thicknesses are largely normal. There is a diffusely hyperechoic endocardium consistent with mild fibrosis. The endocardium appears mildly remodeled. The papillary muscles are mildly remodeled and hyperechoic.

Left atrium: The left atrium is normal in dimension. No obvious spontaneous contrast or thrombi seen.

Mitral valve: The mitral valve is normal in structure and mobility. No obvious systolic anterior motion is seen.

Aortic valve/aorta: The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Normal aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. No aortic insufficiency.

Right ventricle: Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

Right atrium: The right atrium is normal in dimension.

Tricuspid valve: The tricuspid valve appears normal with trace tricuspid regurgitation.

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 166bpm.

2-Dimensional Measurements

Ao diam (cm)	1.0
LA diam (cm)	1.1
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.1
IVS thickness (cm)	0.65
LVID diastole (cm)	1.2
PW thickness (cm)	0.55
LVID systole (cm)	0.47
FS (%)	58

Doppler Measurements

PV Vmax (m/s)	0.6
AoV Vmax (m/s)	0.8
MR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR PG (mmHg)	NA

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS

HCM is a rule out diagnosis, once hypertension and hyperthyroid disease are ruled out. Assuming the thyroid is well controlled, hypertension should certainly be considered. It is worth mentioning that a focal septal thickening may or may not reflect a true cardiomyopathy and monitoring for progression is advised; a normal variant is also possible. No cause for the murmur is identified, making it likely physiologic in origin.

Prognosis is guarded, due to the highly variable rates of progression with subclinical feline cardiomyopathy.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Given these findings, no medications are indicated.
- Monitor BP and T4 every 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). A reasonable protocol includes opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol induction, and isoflurane maintenance.

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- Monitor for any clinical evidence of cardiac compromise, including respiratory changes and/or signs of a blood clot event (paralysis, neurologic changes, etc.).

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PLAN

- Recommend recheck echocardiogram in 6-12 months to screen for progression, sooner if any clinical signs arise in the interim.

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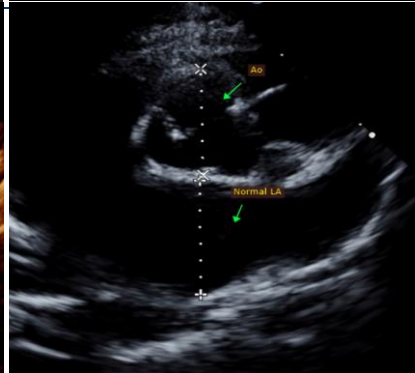
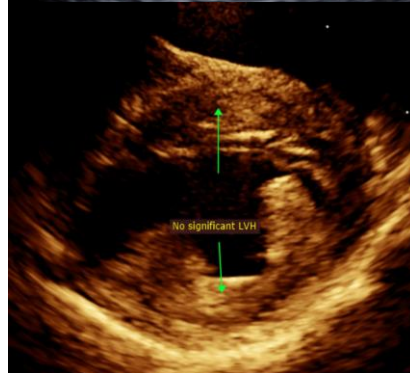
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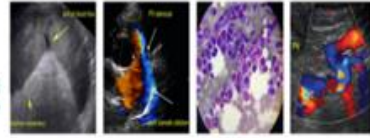
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