



PATIENT

Max Petritsch

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Chihuahua Mix

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

12 years

WEIGHT

18lbs

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Long-term history of low-grade heart murmur and chronic cough. Recent increasing in coughing that owner describes as "asthma attack-like". Seems to have shallow breathing overnight occasionally.

-Radiographs: The left atrium is mildly dilated, resulting in flattening of the caudal margin of the cardiac silhouette on the lateral projection and increased soft tissue opacity superimposed on the heart between the caudal mainstem bronchi on the VD view. The heart is tall, causing dorsal displacement of the intrathoracic trachea, indicating left ventricular enlargement. The pulmonary vessels and caudal vena cava are normal in diameter. A mild diffuse bronchial pattern is present throughout the lungs. There is no evidence of interstitial or alveolar consolidation. No pulmonary soft tissue nodules or masses are identified. There is no evidence of intrathoracic lymphadenopathy. The trachea and mainstem bronchi are normal in diameter. No abnormalities are noted in the region of the esophagus. No pleural, mediastinal or thoracic wall pathology is identified.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Mild thickening of the mitral valve leaflets with no prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Trace central mitral regurgitation with no left atrial dilatation. Normal LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears normal with no obvious tricuspid regurgitation. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension. 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. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.

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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	NM	NA	1.2	1.3	36	67	0.35
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	1.5	1.2	8.2	2.0	3.3	2.1
*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS				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
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

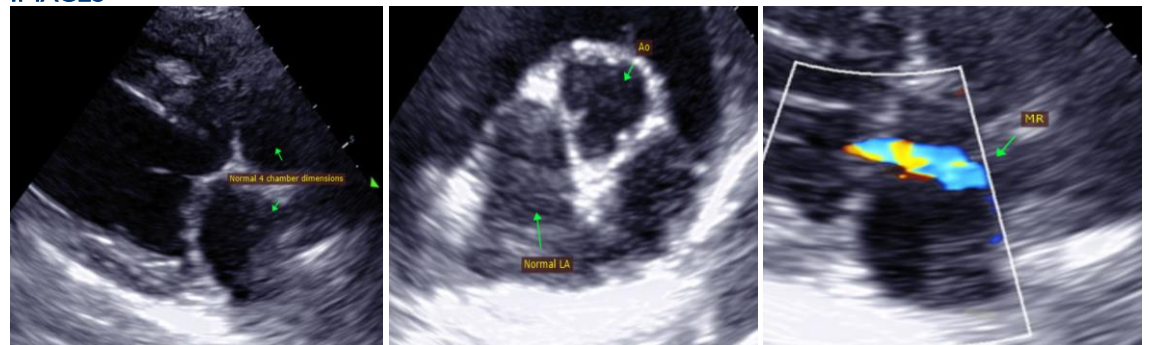
Overtly normal cardiac dimensions and function, with no obvious dysfunction or dilation of the left heart. Trace MR may reflect early valve disease and monitoring is recommended. No other significant valvular leaks are visualized, and no evidence of pulmonary hypertension. Normal cardiac dimensions would suggest that the radiographic appearance is likely a normal variant. These films should be used as a baseline for future comparison.

No cardiac medications are indicated at this time as the cough appears non-cardiac in origin. Continued work up for infectious/inflammatory respiratory causes is recommended. Options include Baytril or similar antibiotic, anti-inflammatory prednisone, aggressive hydrocodone, etc. If refractory, may consider TTW/BAL for further information.

Monitor for development of a heart murmur, cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

Chronic respiratory issues can lead to pulmonary hypertension if poorly controlled and a recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 1 year or should any exertional syncope/dyspnea occur, or a murmur be noted in the future.

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.

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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