

**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Wilson Cadden  
History: Obese. Coughs with activity – improved with Lasix. Grade 2/6 heart murmur  
-Current Medications: Hydrocodone, Lasix.

**SPECIES RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS** \*NOTE: Images submitted for supplemental cardiac information only.  
Canine  
A single lateral film is included. Cardiomegaly with LA enlargement. No obvious evidence of CHF.  
Tracheal collapse.

**BREED ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**  
Maltese Mix  
2D, m-mode and Doppler imaging are available. Diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets (anterior > posterior) with mild prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Severe eccentric mitral regurgitation with severe left atrial dilation. Significant LV dilation with hyperdynamic myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears mildly thickened, with mild tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity. Normal right heart. The pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. Normal pulmonic and aortic outflow velocities. No pulmonic or aortic insufficiency. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No cardiac tumors observed.

**SEX**

Male Neutered

**AGE**

13 years

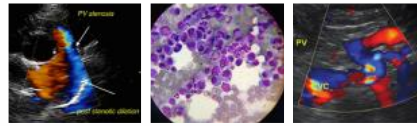
**CARDIAC CHART**

WEIGHT	CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX	TR VMAX	LA/AO	LA/AO	FS	EF	EPSS
		(m/s)	(m/s)	(Boon method)	(Heart Base; Swe)	(%)	(%)	(cm)
18lbs	NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
	PATIENT	5.3	2.0	NM	2.5	44	77	0.36
INTERPRETED BY	CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR	AV VMAX	PV MAX	BODY WEIGHT	LA	LVIDd	LVIDs
		(BPM)	(m/s)	(m/s)	(kg)	2D short axis Base view (cm)	Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
Maggie Machen Lamy, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)	NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
	PATIENT	160	2.0	1.0	8.2	2.3	3.5	2.0
IMAGING PERFORMED BY	*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)							
	Rebekah Jakum, CVT ARDMS/RVT	3 1.27 (5.3) 2.46 (2.46) 1.36 (5.5)						
HOSPITAL NAME	BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS							
	Blue Ridge Veterinary Clinic	*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.						
REFERRING VET	Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998							
	Rishniw M and Hollis NE, J Vet Intern Med 2000; 14:429-435							
	Hansson et al, Vet Rad and Ultrasound 2002							
	Bonagura et al. Echocardiography: principles of interpretation, Vet Clin North Am 15:1177, 1995							
	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)							

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The cause of the murmur is chronic degenerative valve disease causing severe mitral and mild tricuspid regurgitation. Severe left atrial enlargement indicates the risk for spontaneous congestive heart failure is elevated. No additional issues such as systolic dysfunction are identified.

**DATE**  
6/8/22  
The described cough is likely multi-factorial in origin, including a mechanical component due to cardiomegaly, possible concurrent airway disease and/or early CHF given the severity of disease. Screening chest radiographs do not show evidence of CHF; however, if the patient improved on



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Dr. Santore

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Lasix continuing a low dose is recommended. This is addition to full cardiac support as below. Depending on clinical response to the medications, more aggressive cough suppression may also be useful. Monitoring of sleeping breathing rates in the future will be paramount to determine the origin of any future cough. The average survival of canine patients with active pulmonary edema is 8-9 months on medications, however they generally are able to maintain a good quality of life for that period. Patient will always be at risk for recurrent CHF, development of arrhythmias/LA tear, syncope and/or sudden death in the future. Monitoring of renal values is recommended lifelong.

Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may also be of some long-term benefit. Monitor for development of a worsening cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

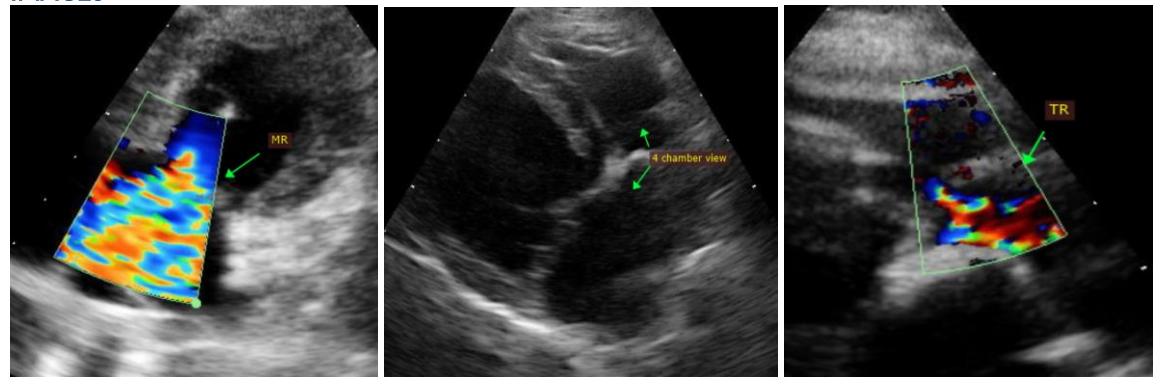
**PLAN**

Screening BP is recommended. Administer Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg PO q12h. Administer low dose furosemide/Lasix 1 mg/kg PO q12h. Administer spironolactone 1-2mg/kg PO q12h. Consider hydrocodone with homatropine (0.2-0.4mg/kg PO up to q4-6 hours PRN) if cough persists despite normal SRRs.

A renal panel and BP are recommended in 10-14 days, then every 3-4 months on diuretics to ensure tolerance of medications. If doing well at that time and BP >130mmHg, institute ACEI 0.5mg/kg PO q12h.

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months to screen for progression, sooner if clinical signs arise/persist.

**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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