



PATIENT

Duke Watson

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Terrier Mix

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

8 years

WEIGHT

16.4lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Recheck echo. History chronic valvular disease- early CHF noted previously. Presently, Duke is doing well at home. BP: average 205mmHg. Current meds: 1) Pimobendan 2.5mg 1 tab BID, 2) Spironolactone 25mg 1/2-tab SID (12.5mg SID), 3) Furosemide 12.5mg 1/2-tab BID (6.25mg BID), 4) Zonisamide 50mg 1 cap BID (50mg BID).

-Pertinent previous echo findings (1/2023 MML): Severe MR, flail leaflet, mild RHE, marked LAE, mild TR: 2.6m/s. LA: 2.2, LV: 3.3/1.7.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

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

Left ventricle: Significant LV dilation with increased sphericity and hyperdynamic myocardial function. LV wall thicknesses are normal.

Left atrium: The left atrium and auricle are markedly dilated with a horizontal component not reflected in LA:Ao.

Mitral valve: Diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets with prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Flail anterior leaflet. Severe eccentric mitral regurgitation. Decreased velocity.

Aortic valve/Aorta: The aortic valve is thickened with normal mobility. Mildly elevated aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. Trace AI.

Right ventricle: Mild RV dilation.

Right atrium: Mild right atrial dilation.

Tricuspid valve: The tricuspid valve appears thickened with mild tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity.

Pulmonic valve/Pulmonary artery: The pulmonic valve is normal with normal pulmonic outflow velocity. No pulmonic insufficiency.

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

Heart rhythm: ECG reveals a sinus rhythm with an average HR of 150bpm.

2-Dimensional Measurements

Ao diam (cm)	1.6
LA diam (cm)	3.4
LA:Ao (Swe)	2.3
IVS thickness (cm)	0.7
LVID diastole (cm)	3.7
PW thickness (cm)	0.8
LVID systole (cm)	1.6
FS (%)	57

Doppler Measurements

PV Vmax (m/s)	0.7
AoV Vmax (m/s)	1.1
MR Vmax (m/s)	4.4
TR Vmax (m/s)	2.7
TR PG (mmHg)	30

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS

Compared to the prior study, findings are similar. The left heart is slightly increased in dimensions. No pulmonary hypertension has developed with similar right heart findings. A small aortic insufficiency has developed, and the BP should be further evaluated as below. No additional issues are identified.

Given these findings, continue 3 cardiac medications as prescribed. Given a significantly elevated BP, addition of an ACE-I is certainly warranted. Consider screening for



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underlying causes of systemic hypertension. If persistently elevated despite ACE-I therapy, Amlodipine may also be necessary.

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The average survival of canine patients once pulmonary edema is diagnosed 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.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue Pimobendan, Spironolactone and Furosemide as prescribed. ,
- Institute ACE-I 0.5 BID.
- Reassess BP in 1-2 weeks, if persistently >180mmHg, consider addition of Amlodipine, screening of causes, etc.
- Consider Hydrocodone if needed for quality of life.
- Elective anesthesia is not advised.
- Monitor for development of a cough, collapse episodes, significant lethargy in the future. Monitoring of sleeping breathing rates is recommended best way to screen for CHF in the future.

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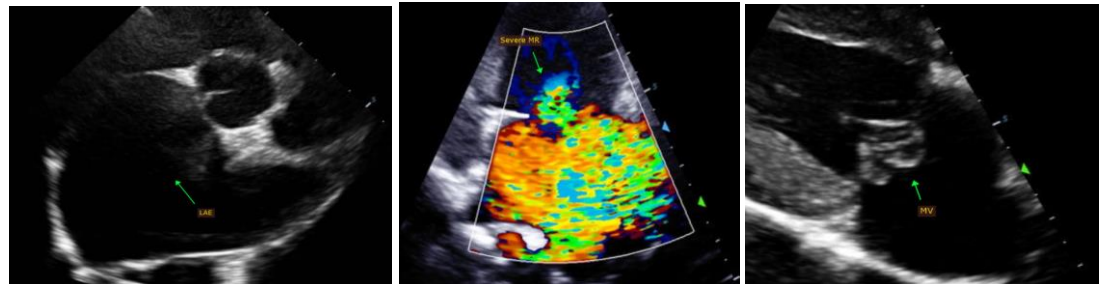
- Monitor renal values and BP every 3-4 months on medications.
- A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months to screen for progression, sooner if clinical signs arise in the interim.

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