



PATIENT

Lupe Rodriguez

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Mix

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

7 years

WEIGHT

40.6lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Presented as a referral for a thoracic non-cardiac ultrasound to evaluate a possible thoracic mass noticed on radiographs with a history of cough. Grade 3/6 heart murmur.

-Current medications: Enalapril 10mg PO SID, Furosemide 20mg PO SID, Theophylline ER 400mg 1/2 tab PO BID, Prednisone 10mg PO taper down 3x3x3.

-Radiographs: Possible pulmonary mass rounded on the left side.

ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets (anterior>posterior) with minimal prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Moderate eccentric mitral regurgitation with moderate left atrial dilation. Normal MR velocity. Mildly increased LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears subjectively normal, with no tricuspid regurgitation. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter. The pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. Normal pulmonic and aortic outflow velocities. No aortic and trace pulmonic insufficiency. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No cardiac tumors observed.

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	4.7	NA	NM	1.8	38	70	0.55
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	100	1.7	0.6	18.4	4.7	5.5	.36
*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)

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Chronic degenerative valve disease causing moderate mitral regurgitation. Moderate left atrial enlargement indicates there is relatively low risk for imminent complication, however risk for progression to spontaneous congestive heart failure in the future is elevated. No additional issues are identified.

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Given these findings, Pimobendan is indicated in this patient as below. In the absence of congestive heart failure, there is no indication for continued Lasix therapy. Reasonable to continue Enalapril pending BP assessment. Assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term outcome, however prognosis is guarded at this stage (B2).

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While mainstem bronchi compression may certainly be contributing to a chronic increase in coughing, other primary airway contributions should also be considered in light of the CXR findings (mass, tracheal collapse, COPD/chronic bronchitis, etc.). Consider hydrocodone for any mechanical component due to cardiomegaly and a CXR review by a Radiologist. A thoracic CT may be warranted depending on degree of suspicion.

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

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Once on the medication for 3-5 days, anesthetic risk is considered mildly elevated. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, Propofol or alfaxalone induction, iso or sevo gas) are recommended. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Judicious IV fluid rates are recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.

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PLAN

Unless CHF has been documented, discontinue Lasix. Pending BP over 130mmHg, continue ACE-I 0.5mg/kg PO q12-24h. Institute heart muscle support Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg PO q12h. Further evaluation of possible radiographic abnormalities/respiratory issues as discussed. Consider hydrocodone as discussed.

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Recommend monitor for progression with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

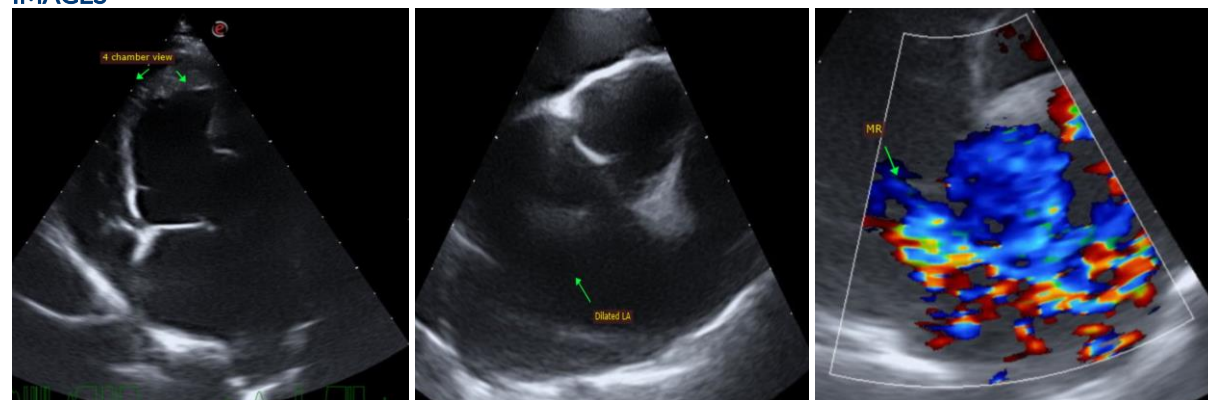
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