
**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Recheck DMVD. Doing well. Easily induced tracheal cough. Currently receiving Vetmedin 2.5 mg BID. BP 102/77. Sedated for exam with acepromazine and butorphanol.

**DATE**

8/10/21

**ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

2D, M-mode, and Doppler study. This exam is compared to the one performed 2/8/21.

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Dr. Brian Barnes

**INTERPRETED BY**

 Keith Blass, DVM,  
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There is moderate left atrial dilation. The mitral valve leaflets are thickened, and a moderate jet of eccentric mitral regurgitation is present. MR velocity does not suggest the presence of systemic hypertension. There is moderate left ventricular dilation. Left ventricular systolic function is hyperdynamic. The aorta and aortic valve are normal. Right atrial and right ventricular dimensions are normal. The tricuspid valve appears normal, though very mild tricuspid regurgitation is present. TR velocity does not suggest the presence of pulmonary hypertension. The pulmonary artery and pulmonic valve appear normal, though trace pulmonic insufficiency is present. No pericardial effusion or cardiac masses are seen.

ECG during echo: Sinus arrhythmia

**PATIENT**

Luci Carlson

**SPECIES**

Canine

 LA – 38.8 mm (prev. 38.8 mm)  
 LVIDd – 38.7 mm (prev. 38.9 mm)  
 LVIDs – 21.5 mm (prev. 20.8 mm)  
 FS – 44.4% (prev. 46.5%)  
 LVOT – 1.91 m/s (prev. 1.95 m/s)  
 RVOT – 1.20 m/s (prev. 1.12 m/s)  
 MR – 4.94 m/s (prev. 4.89 m/s)  
 TR – 2.67 m/s (prev. 2.59 m/s)

**ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS**

Degenerative mitral valve disease

**BREED**

Cocker Spaniel

This examination demonstrates no progression of Luci's mitral valve disease over the past 6 months. As such, Luci's current risk for the development of left-sided congestive heart failure has not increased, however, given the presence of moderate left atrial dilation, careful monitoring of her respiratory rate/effort is still recommended.

**SEX**

FS

No change in cardiac therapy appears to be warranted at this time.

**AGE**

11 y

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 9-12 months. Thoracic radiographs are recommended if Luci develops new respiratory clinical signs.

**WEIGHT**

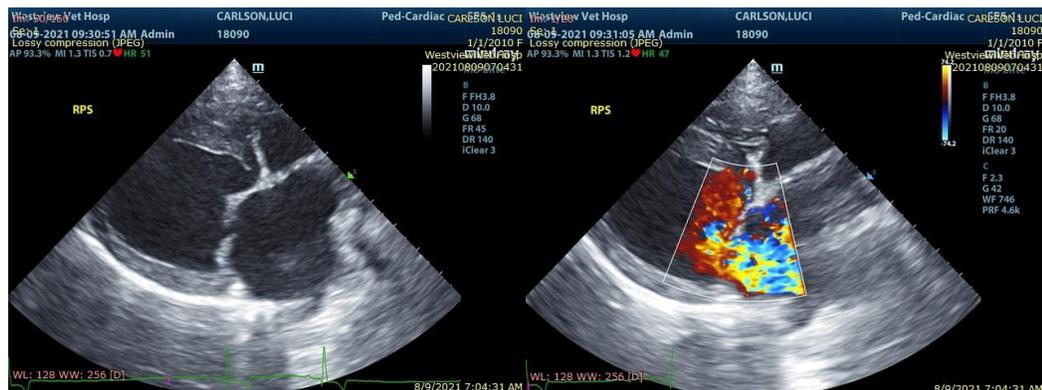
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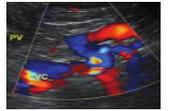
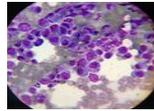
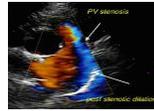
**HOSPITAL NAME**

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**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Barnes





**DATE** 8/10/21 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.

**PERFORMED BY:** Dr. Brian Barnes Thank you for this referral. 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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