



PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

DATE History: Grade 3/5 murmur.

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

8/15/23
2D study.

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There is mild left atrial dilation. The mitral valve leaflets are mildly thickened. There is mild left ventricular dilation. Left ventricular systolic function is hyperdynamic. The aorta and aortic valve appear normal. Right atrial and right ventricular dimensions are normal. The tricuspid valve appears normal. The pulmonary artery and pulmonic valve appear normal. No pericardial effusion or cardiac masses are seen.

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LA - 27.0 mm
LVIDd - 27.6 mm
LVIDs - 13.4 mm
FS - 51.4%
RA - 15.1 mm

PATIENT

Sami Ugartechea

ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Degenerative mitral valve disease

SPECIES

Canine

This examination demonstrates mild thickening of Sami's mitral valve leaflets, consistent with the presence of degenerative valve disease. Secondary to the resulting mitral regurgitation, Sami has mild dilation of his left heart chambers. As only mild dilation is present, Sami's current risk for the development of clinical signs secondary to his mitral valve disease, such as coughing, exercise intolerance, syncope, and labored breathing, appears to be relatively low, though careful monitoring for these signs is recommended going forward.

BREED

Chiweenie

I recommend starting Sami on pimobendan (1.25 mg BID), as this medication should help to slow the progression of his mitral valve disease.

A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 9 months. Thoracic radiographs are recommended if Sami experiences respiratory clinical signs.

SEX

MN

AGE

10 y

WEIGHT

11.1 lb

HOSPITAL NAME

Craig Road AH



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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Whitcraft



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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