



**PATIENT**

Nova Tamas

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Doberman Pinscher

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

5 years

**WEIGHT**

84lbs

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Nova had a positive genetic test for DCM (heterozygous for DCM2). She presently doing well with the exception of some head shaking. On exam: NSR, no murmurs noted, PSS, lung fields clear. BP: 180mmHg. \*No sedation for study.

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

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

**Left ventricle:** The LV diameter is normal in diastole and borderline in systole (LVIDdN: 1.6, LVIDsN: 1.1) with mild myocardial dysfunction. LV wall thicknesses are normal.

**Left atrium:** The left atrium is normal.

**Mitral valve:** The mitral valve is minimally thickened with no prolapse into the left atrial lumen. No mitral regurgitation.

**Aortic valve/Aorta:** The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Normal aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. No aortic insufficiency.

**Right ventricle:** Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

**Right atrium:** Normal RA dimension.

**Tricuspid valve:** The tricuspid valve appears normal with no tricuspid regurgitation.

**Pulmonic valve/Pulmonary artery:** The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. No pulmonic insufficiency. Normal RVOT velocity; laminar flow.

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

**Heart rhythm:** ECG reveals a sinus rhythm with an average HR of 100bpm.

**2-Dimensional Measurements**

Ao diam (cm)	2.7
LA diam (cm)	2.7
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.0
IVS thickness (cm)	1.1
LVID diastole (cm)	4.6
PW thickness (cm)	1.1
LVID systole (cm)	3.5
FS (%)	24

**Doppler Measurements**

PV Vmax (m/s)	0.8
AoV Vmax (m/s)	1.8
MR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR PG (mmHg)	NA

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS**

The LV function is mildly depressed for this signalment, without significant LA or LV enlargement. Given the history, this is concerning as potentially the first marker of early DCM; however, serial monitoring is necessary to determine to significance. No additional abnormalities are identified.

With an equivocal study in a predisposed signalment, no medications are clearly indicated. Close monitoring for progression is advised however, as any increase in LA/LV dimension or decrease in function will lead to the recommendation of Pimobendan.

Going forward, the gold standard monitoring of a Doberman would be an exam, echocardiogram and holter monitor every 6 months. Additionally, an NT-ProBNP may be of use in equivocal cases like this, as an additional tool to monitor for changes going forward. A diet history is recommended given the recent concern over DCM and taurine deficiency resulting from grain free and boutique diets. While this breed is not specifically



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known to be at risk for this phenomenon, I would recommend a diet change and supplementing taurine if this dog is on a suspect diet.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- No medications are indicated.
- Omega fatty acid supplementation may also be of some long-term benefit in dogs predisposed to arrhythmias.
- Anesthetic risk is considered mild if needed. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, isoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Mild IV fluid restriction is recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.
- Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

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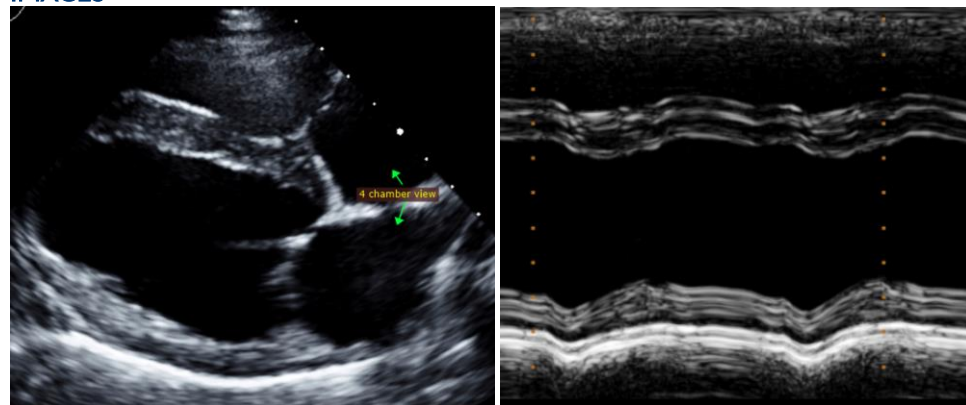
**PLAN**

- Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

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**IMAGES**

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