
**PATIENT**

Yoda Saullo

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

French Bulldog

**SEX**

Male Intact

**AGE**

1 year

**WEIGHT**

27.1lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: BAR, mm pink, crt <2s. Doing well - wondering if BAS surgery will be beneficial at time of neuter. History of VSD when young, no clinical signs ever noted. US last done ~8months ago Heart/Cardiovascular: Grade 3/6 systolic heart murmur, mainly R side.  
 -Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 100bpm/ 24 RR, mild inspiratory stridor

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Normal mitral valve with no obvious prolapse into the left atrial lumen. No mitral regurgitation with normal left atrial dimension. Normal LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. Normal LV wall thickness. The tricuspid valve appears normal in form and function. No TR. Normal right atrial and ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The pulmonic and aortic valves are normal in morphology and mobility. No aortic or pulmonic insufficiency. Small perimembranous VSD is visualized; L-R just below the aortic valve. Normal pulmonic and mildly elevated aortic outflow velocities. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac tumors.

**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)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
<b>PATIENT</b>	NA	NA	1.1	1.2	39	71	0.29
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)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
<b>PATIENT</b>	124	1.9	1.3	12.3	1.7	3.0	1.8
<b>*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)</b>				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
<b>BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS</b>				5	1.40 (4.5)	2.74 (5.2)	1.60 (4.7)
<b>*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.</b>				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)

Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998  
 Rishniw M and Hollis NE, J Vet Intern Med 2000; 14:429-435  
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

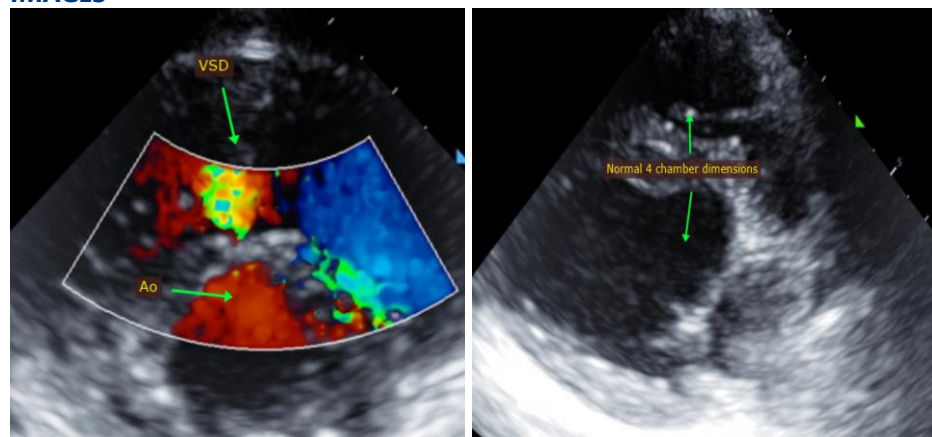
The cause of the murmur is a small ventricular septal defect (VSD). The shunt is allowing left to right high velocity flow, with no evidence of significant volume overload of the left heart at this time. The size of the defect is relatively small, and typically small shunts do not significantly impact patient QOL or lifespan. No concurrent issues such as systolic dysfunction or pulmonary hypertension are noted in this study. The LA and LV both measure normal for this body size, indicating low current risk for complication. No additional congenital defects are observed; however, it is important to note that ultrasound is not entirely sensitive for small shunts/abnormalities. Consider referral to an attending Cardiologist for advanced diagnostics; however, clinical suspicion for comorbidities is low in this case.

No cardiac medications are clearly indicated. Assessment for progressive LA or LV dilation in the future will help predict long term prognosis, which is fair at this time. Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may be of some long-term benefit. Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

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.

Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 6-12 months to assess for progression. sooner if any development of clinical signs.

**IMAGES**





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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.

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Thank you for this referral. This report was generated using transcription software, and minor dictation errors may be present. 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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