



**PATIENT**  
Night Fury Brayman

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Grade III/VI systolic murmur; BNP 865. No clinical signs. BP: 264, 266, 268mmHg.

**SPECIES**  
Feline

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

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

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**Left ventricle:** The LV diameter is normal with adequate myocardial function. The LV wall thicknesses are mild to moderately symmetrically increased. There is a diffusely hyperechoic endocardium consistent with mild fibrosis. The papillary muscles are mildly hypertrophied and hyperechoic. The endocardium appears mildly remodeled.

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Male Neutered

**Left atrium:** The left atrium is normal. No spontaneous contrast or thrombi seen.

**AGE**  
2 years

**Mitral valve:** The anterior leaflet of the mitral valve is mildly thickened and elongated. Abnormal anterior motion is seen during systole. Mild eccentric mitral regurgitation secondary to SAM.

**WEIGHT**  
10.46lbs

**Aortic valve/Aorta:** The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Borderline elevated LVOT outflow velocities with a dynamic profile. No aortic insufficiency.

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

**Right atrium:** The right atrium is normal in dimension.

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

**Pulmonary 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 200bpm.

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**2-Dimensional Measurements**

Ao diam (cm)	1.1
LA diam (cm)	1.27
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.2
IVS thickness (cm)	0.6
LVID diastole (cm)	1.4
PW thickness (cm)	0.69
LVID systole (cm)	0.5
FS (%)	62

**Doppler Measurements**

PV Vmax (m/s)	0.76
AoV Vmax (m/s)	2.0
MR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR PG (mmHg)	NA

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS**

The diagnosis and cause of the murmur is mitral valve dysplasia leading to LV hypertrophy, an obstructive LVOT flow pattern and mild MR. A primary hypertrophic component cannot be ruled out as a concurrent issue. No left atrial dilation, indicating the risk for imminent complication is low however high risk for progression to spontaneous CHF and/or a thrombotic event going forward. No additional issues are identified.

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Long term prognosis is guarded given the age of the patient and highly variable nature of asymptomatic feline heart disease. Many cats will remain asymptomatic until mid-life or beyond, while others develop CHF within the first years. Close monitoring for progression of LA dilation in the future will help determine long term prognosis.

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While no medications have been shown to definitively alter long term outcome at this stage of disease, atenolol is often initiated to decrease the outflow obstruction. In cases of solely primary MV dysplasia this can lead to improvement in the degree of obstruction

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and hypertrophy. Given the young age of the cat and today's findings, highly recommend institution at this time if possible. No additional medications are indicated prior to significant LA dilation.

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The reported blood pressure is elevated and should be reassessed for accuracy particularly given no reported clinical signs of severe hypertension (retinal changes, etc.) or evidence of LVH on echo. Ideally obtain serial measurements in a controlled, low stress environment and continue until 3 consecutive readings plateau within 5mmHg of variability. If persistently >180mmHg despite a relatively calm demeanor, recommend institution of amlodipine to effect. Additionally, if deemed accurate, screening for predisposing underlying causes of SHT is recommended (Cushings, PLN, adrenal tumor, etc.), as primary disease is relatively uncommon and a rule out diagnosis.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Administer titrating dose of atenolol: 25mg tablets; Give ¼ tab once daily. Recheck heart rate in 1-2 weeks with target stressed rate of 140-160bpm 12-24 hours post-administration. Increase as needed until target reached.
- Reassess blood pressure as discussed.
- Anesthetic risk is considered mildly elevated, however judicious IV fluid rates are advised to avoid fluid overload. Additionally, drugs that stimulate heart rate should be avoided unless clinically necessary (glycopyrrolate, atropine). Avoid vasodilators as this may worsen the obstruction. A reasonable protocol includes opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol induction, isoflurane maintenance. Additionally, steroids should be used with caution on older cats, as even a 'normal' geriatric heart can develop evidence of intolerance and fluid retention.
- Monitor for any clinical evidence of cardiac compromise, including respiratory changes and/or signs of a blood clot event (paralysis, neurologic changes, etc.).

**PLAN**

- Recommend recheck echocardiogram in six months to assess for progression/regression, sooner if clinical signs arise in the interim.

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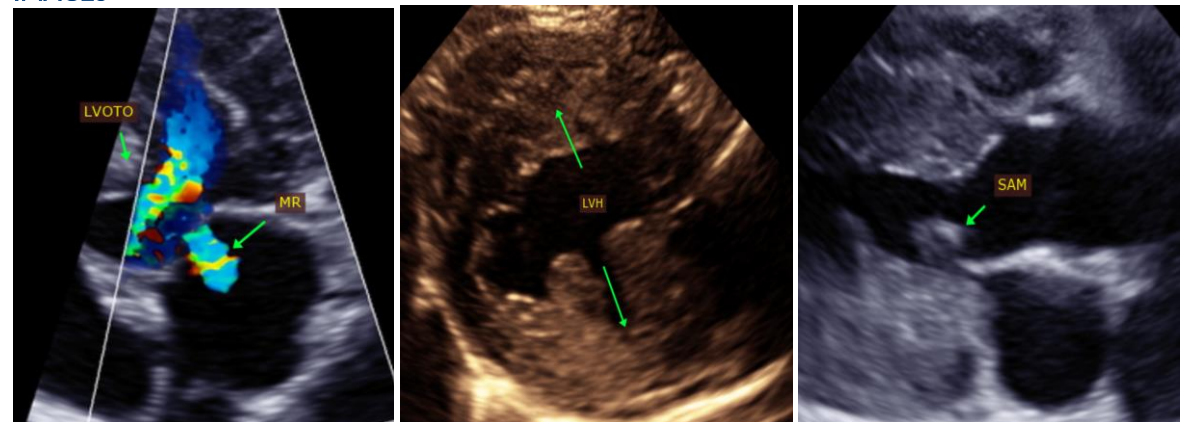
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**IMAGES**





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