



**PATIENT**

Molly Hall

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Shih Tzu

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

14 years

**WEIGHT**

13.2lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Seizures versus syncope.

-Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: BUN 43 (9-31), Potassium 5.7 (4-5.4), Na:K Ratio 25 (28-37), ProBNP 1,752 (0-900).

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and doppler imaging is available. Mild diffuse thickening of mitral valve leaflets with no prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Trace mitral regurgitation with no left atrial dilatation. Normal LV diameter with adequate myocardial function. The tricuspid valve appears normal with trace tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity. 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. Normal pulmonic and aortic outflow velocities with laminar flow. No obvious aortic or pulmonic insufficiency. No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac masses.

**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)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	NM	2.7	NM	1.1	57	90	NM
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)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
PATIENT	NM	1.2	0.94	6.0	1.5	2.1	0.9
*Normal chamber parameters expressed as a mean value (SD)							
<b>BODY WEIGHT DEPENDENT PARAMETERS</b>							
<i>*Note: All measurements based upon multi-modal images and methods. An average value is reported.</i>							
Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998				3	1.27 (5.3)	2.46 (2.46)	1.36 (5.5)
Rishniw M and Hollis NE, J Vet Intern Med 2000; 14:429-435				5	1.40 (4.5)	2.74 (5.2)	1.60 (4.7)
Hansson et al, Vet Rad and Ultrasound 2002				10	1.50 (3.8)	3.27 (3.5)	2.06 (3.1)
Bonagura et al. Echocardiography: principles of interpretation, Vet Clin North Am 15:1177, 1995				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)

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The cardiac structure and function in this patient is overtly normal. Trace mitral and tricuspid leaks may reflect early valve disease or may be physiologic in origin. Follow up is advised should a murmur be ausculted in the future. No other significant valvular regurgitation is noted, and the cardiac dimensions and function are normal.

No obvious reason for NT-ProBNP elevation is seen, most likely making this a false positive result (a known weakness of the test). Other possible causes should be considered, including



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hypertension or renal disease. If no obvious cause is identified, reassessing this patient in 6-12 months is recommended to ensure early disease was not missed.

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No cardiac cause for episodes is seen here. This does not rule out arrhythmogenic syncope, blood pressure swings, etc. Further evaluation, such as an ECG, blood pressure, etc. should be considered. Finally, further historical information may be beneficial to help determine if seizure or syncopal events are more likely.

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No cardiac medications are indicated at this time. Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

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No cardiac contraindication for general anesthesia.

A recheck is recommended in 6-12 months to ensure no progressive issues are identified, sooner should a murmur or any clinical signs of cardiac compromise be noted at home.

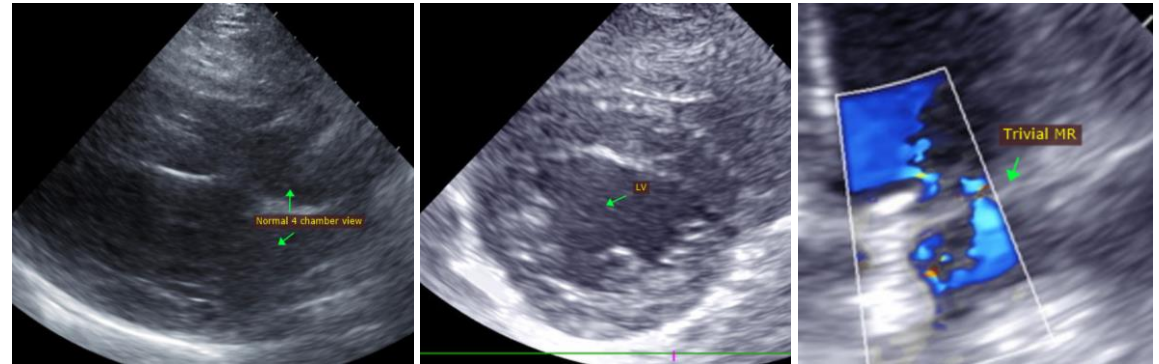
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