

PATIENT

Midnight Murphy

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

DSH

SEX

MN

AGE

6yr

WEIGHT

9.3lb

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Static HCM

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm)	LVIDd (cm)	LVWd (cm)	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.3-0.6	1.0-2.1	0.25-0.6	35-67	80-100
PATIENT	4.23	150	0.6	1.25	0.6	37	71
FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA/AO M-Mode	LA/AO HEART BASE (Sisson)	LAD LA MAX 4 Chamber		LVOT VEL. (m/s)	RVOT VEL. (m/s)	IVRT (m/)
NORMAL PARAMETER	<1.5	1.6	0.7-1.7		<1.6	<1.3	40-60
PATIENT	2.0	1.51	1.61		1.0	1.0	--

Sisson D et al. JVIM 1991; 5: 232, Jacobs et al. Am J Vet Res 1985; 46:1705

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Cardiac Presentation

The left atrium is normal to mildly enlarged in dimension. There are no distinct left atrial thrombi/clots or spontaneous echo contrast appreciated. The left ventricle is normal in dimension, with mild concentric hypertrophy, and no evidence of restriction. Left ventricular systolic function is normal, with adequate contractility. The right atrium and ventricle are subjectively normal in dimension and systolic function. The anterior and posterior mitral and tricuspid valve leaflets presented normal linear structure, extension in systole, and union in diastole without regurgitation. There is no evidence of systolic anterior mitral valve motion documented. The left ventricular outflow tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural valvular integrity. The visible aorta is unremarkable. Pulmonary outflow tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and appropriate diameter and distensibility. There is no evidence of semilunar valve insufficiency or pulmonary hypertension documented. There is no visible pericardial, pleural, or free peritoneal fluid noted.

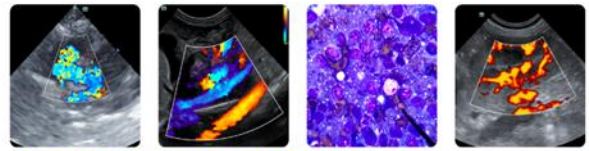
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

These findings identify static left ventricular hypertrophy in the absence of an outflow tract obstruction, consistent with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM). The borderline left atrial enlargement is also static at this time.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations/Treatment:

Given that the hypertrophy is mild and static with no progression of the borderline left atrial enlargement, no changes to cardiac therapy is recommended at this time. Continued monitoring of



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blood pressure and renal values are recommended. A recheck echocardiogram, thoracic radiographs, and blood pressure are recommended in 12 months to monitor for progression, or sooner, if new clinical signs are noted. Owners should be monitoring the resting respiratory rate. A normal respiratory rate is less than 30 breaths per minute; however, the trend in breathing rate is most important. If a progressive increase in respiratory rate is seen, then evaluation by a veterinarian is necessary.

Anesthesia considerations:

If anesthesia is necessary, then alpha-2 agonists, ketamine, high dose acepromazine, and Telazol should be avoided. Fluid therapy during anesthesia should be considered at a conservative rate (e.g., 5 ml/kg/hour) if possible (i.e., if not hypotensive). A shorter anesthetic duration will reduce the risk of complications. Pre-oxygenation is advised. Premedication with an opioid (i.e., butorphanol, hydromorphone, oxymorphone) with or without a benzodiazepine is generally the safest protocol. An induction agent such as Propofol, Alfaxalone, or diazepam/etomidate can be used to effect. Maintenance of anesthesia with isoflurane or sevoflurane is reasonable.

Diet:

No special considerations are necessary. Any high-quality food from Hills, Royal Canin, Science Diet, Eukanuba, Iams, or Purina is reasonable.

Activity:

No special considerations are necessary.



The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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