



## PATIENT

Bella Laabs

## SPECIES

Feline

## BREED

Ragdoll

## SEX

Spayed female

## AGE

8 years

## WEIGHT

11.9 lbs

## INTERPRETED BY

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Orange Blossom  
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Dr. Romero

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## DATE

4/2/26

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- 3-4 day history of reduced appetite, lethargy, and not defecating
- Mar 31st pet presented to ER noted tachycardia 260bpm , biventricular effusion, and abdominal discomfort on palpation. Rivalta test suspicious of FIP. Radiographs show biventricular effusion with bilateral pleural effusion and peritoneal effusion but no overt mass effects. 810 mL of straw colored fluid removed via abdominocentesis at ER.
- Ddx: neoplasia, CHF, FIP, other
- Neutrophilia (13k), Low BUN (13), Cl (106), and Na (141)
- April 1st pet presented to primary care vet. Abdominal effusion sample reviewed at primary care - protein was 3.2gm/dL and not very cellular. Effusion a/g ratio was 0.8
- Recheck chem shows 0.7 Creat, 12 BUN, 3.9 TP, 1.8 Alb, 2.2 Glob, <10 ALT
- Performed biventricular scan to look for evidence of CHF or neoplasia

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

The left atrium is normal in dimension. There are no distinct left atrial thrombi/clots or spontaneous echo contrast appreciated. The left ventricle is normal in dimension as well as wall thickness, and no evidence of restriction. Left ventricular systolic function is normal, with adequate contractility based on fractional shortening and systolic left ventricular dimensions. The right atrium and ventricle are subjectively normal in dimension and systolic function. There is evidence of systolic anterior motion of the mitral valve with mild mitral regurgitation. The tricuspid valve leaflets presented normal linear structure, extension in systole, and union in diastole with trace regurgitation. The left ventricular outflow tract demonstrated turbulent 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.

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	5.41 kg	NM	0.47	1.02	0.48	32	NM
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	1.39	1.28	1.09		1.8	0.8	NM
Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998 Sisson D et al. JVIM 1991; 5: 232, Jacobs et al. Am J Vet Res 1985; 46:1705							



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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

These findings are consistent with dynamic subaortic stenosis, as there is SAM present, but no convincing hypertrophy is identified. It is unlikely that any of the clinical/radiographic signs are related to underlying heart disease.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the absence of any underlying heart disease, no cardiac therapy will be recommended. In addition, there are no cardiac objections to fluid therapy or steroid use. Owing to the presence of an outflow tract obstruction, a follow up echo is recommended in another 6-12 months to make sure no progression has occurred.

### Anesthesia considerations:

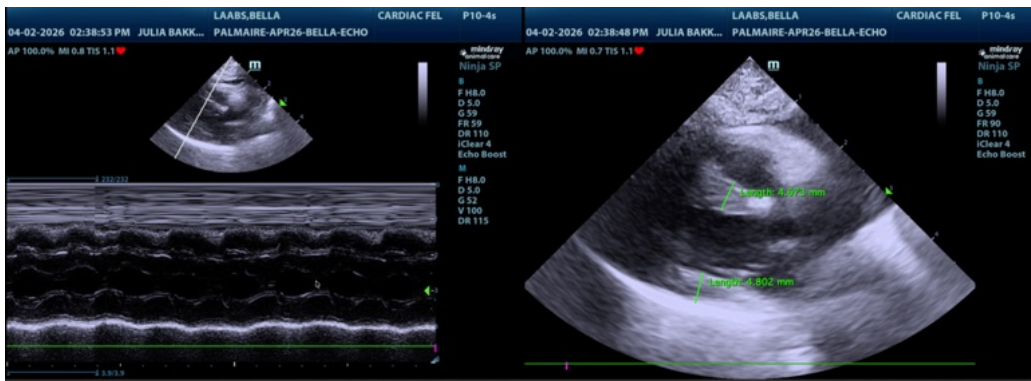
If anesthesia is necessary, then alpha-2 agonists, ketamine, high dose acepromazine, and Telazol should be avoided. Fluid therapy during anesthesia should be considered at a reduced rate (e.g., 5 ml/kg/hour) if possible (i.e., if not hypotensive). A shorter anesthetic duration will reduce the risk of 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 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.





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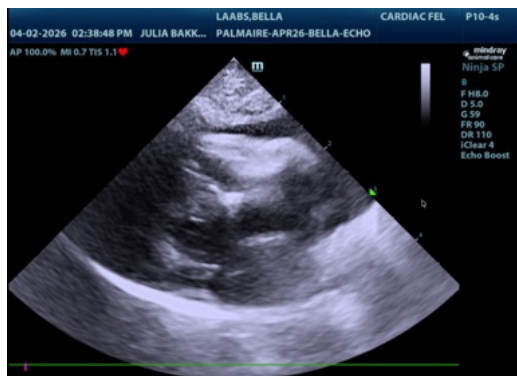
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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