



PATIENT

Kacie Hightower

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Border Collie

SEX

Spayed female

AGE

12 years

WEIGHT

44 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Clinical Exam Findings: Some intermittent vomiting on 11/20 - but overall presented for wellness care - senior screening submitted to consider NSAID use in the future. Librela also started on 11/20. ABNORMAL Labwork Values CBC nsf Chem SDMA 18 (0-14) BUN 36 (9-31) Crea 1.3 (0.5-1.5) CystB 917 (0-99) TP 5.1 (5.5-7.5) Alb 2.1 (2.7- 3.9) ALT 670 (18-121) AST 134 (16-55) ALP 198 (5-160) GGT 25 (0-13) UA USG 1.021 pH 7.0 prot 4+ inactive sediment Current Medications Librela SIM Radiographic Findings None

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

The left atrium is normal in dimension. The left ventricle is normal in dimension with normal systolic function. The right atrium and ventricle are subjectively normal in dimension and systolic function. The mitral valve is thickened and redundant consistent with myxomatous changes, and there is mild prolapse. There is evidence of mild mitral regurgitation. The tricuspid valve leaflets are subjectively normal with no tricuspid regurgitation and no evidence of pulmonary hypertension. The left ventricular outflow tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and the visible aorta is unremarkable. The right ventricular outflow tract assessment revealed normal laminar flow, and appropriate diameter and distensibility. There is trace pulmonic and mild aortic valve insufficiency. There is no visible pericardial, pleural, or free peritoneal fluid noted. The cardiac chambers, pericardial and visible extra-cardiac regions were free of masses, spontaneous echo contrast, or thrombi.

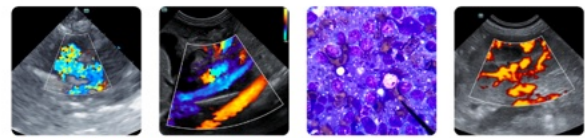
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	Body Weight kg	HR BPM	LAD 4 ch Long	RAD 4 ch Long	La/Ao Heart Base	LVIDd	LVIDs
NORMAL PARAMETER		50-100			<1.6		
PATIENT	20 kg	NM	3.98	2.6	1.05	4.38	2.49
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	FS	EPSS	PV V MAX (m/s)	AV V Max (m/sec)	MR Vmax	TR Vmax	RPA distensibility (normal >30%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	28-40	<0.6	0.7-1.6	0.7-1.7	4.5-5.5	< 2.7	
PATIENT	43	0.2	1.0	1.3	6.0	NM	40

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

These findings are consistent with degenerative/myxomatous mitral valve disease with minimal to mild hemodynamic effects consistent with ACVIM Stage B1 disease. It is unlikely that any current morbidity is of cardiac origin.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given these findings, no cardiac therapy is recommended. There are no cardiac contraindications to anesthesia, fluid therapy, vasopressor therapy, or corticosteroids as indicated for further assessment



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and treatment. If not already performed, baseline thoracic radiographs and blood pressure are recommended. A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months.

Anesthesia considerations:

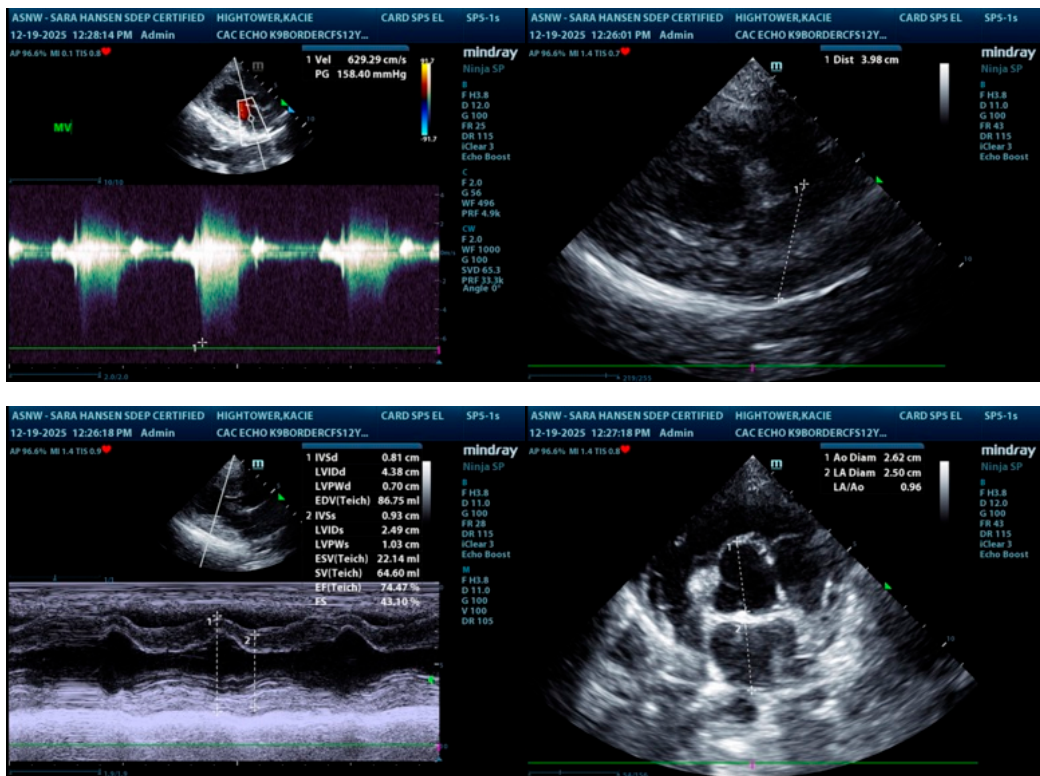
If anesthesia is necessary, alpha-2 agonists, ketamine, high dose acepromazine, and Telazol should be avoided. Fluid therapy during anesthesia should be considered at a conservative rate (e.g., 5 ml/kg/hour) if possible.

Diet:

A high-quality food from Hills, Royal Canin, Science Diet, Eukanuba, Iams, or Purina that is highly palatable with adequate protein and calories for maintaining optimal body condition 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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