



PATIENT

Poco Fulcher

SPECIES

Feline

BREED

Domestic Shorthair

SEX

Spayed female

AGE

19 years

WEIGHT

6.7 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: P presented for echo due to hypertension and collapsing episodes. P has been on Gabapentin 50mg BID and owner has decreased the dose and that has helped with the collapsing episodes.

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. 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 with trace tricuspid 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. Trace pulmonic insufficiency is noted. There is no evidence of 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	3.05 kg	170	0.55	1.06	0.42	40	75
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	1.51	1.32	1.19		0.8	1.0	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							

ECG:

The underlying rhythm is sinus in origin with an average rate of 170 bpm. The R-R intervals are regular, with a uniform P-R interval that is within normal limits. There are occasional premature complexes with a wide QRS (>40ms), consistent with a ventricular origin. There are no ventricular couplets or runs of tachycardia documented. There is no evidence of atrioventricular block or atrial ectopy documented.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

These findings are consistent with an essentially normal echocardiogram. Any murmur auscultated will be considered functional in origin. There is no cardiac effect of the systemic hypertension identified on



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this study. A ventricular arrhythmia is noted. In cats, ventricular arrhythmias are usually secondary to underlying structural heart disease. Causes include cardiomyopathy (e.g., hypertrophic, restrictive, arrhythmogenic, dilated) or secondary myocardial disease (e.g., hyperthyroidism, hypertension). Rarely, ventricular arrhythmias develop secondary to extracardiac conditions (e.g., neurologic disease, metabolic disease, fever, anemia, trauma, GI disease, DIC and sepsis).

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given these findings, no cardiac therapy is recommended. The continued use of amlodipine to control the systemic hypertension is indicated. There are no cardiac contraindications to corticosteroids or fluid therapy as indicated for further treatment. While therapy is not specifically indicated based on these findings, further diagnostics might help tailor therapeutic recommendations. Consider the following:

- Abdominal ultrasound to look for abdominal causes of VPCs (e.g., splenic/adrenal changes)
- Consider 24-48 hour ambulatory ECG (Holter) monitor to assess the severity of the arrhythmia

Anesthesia considerations:

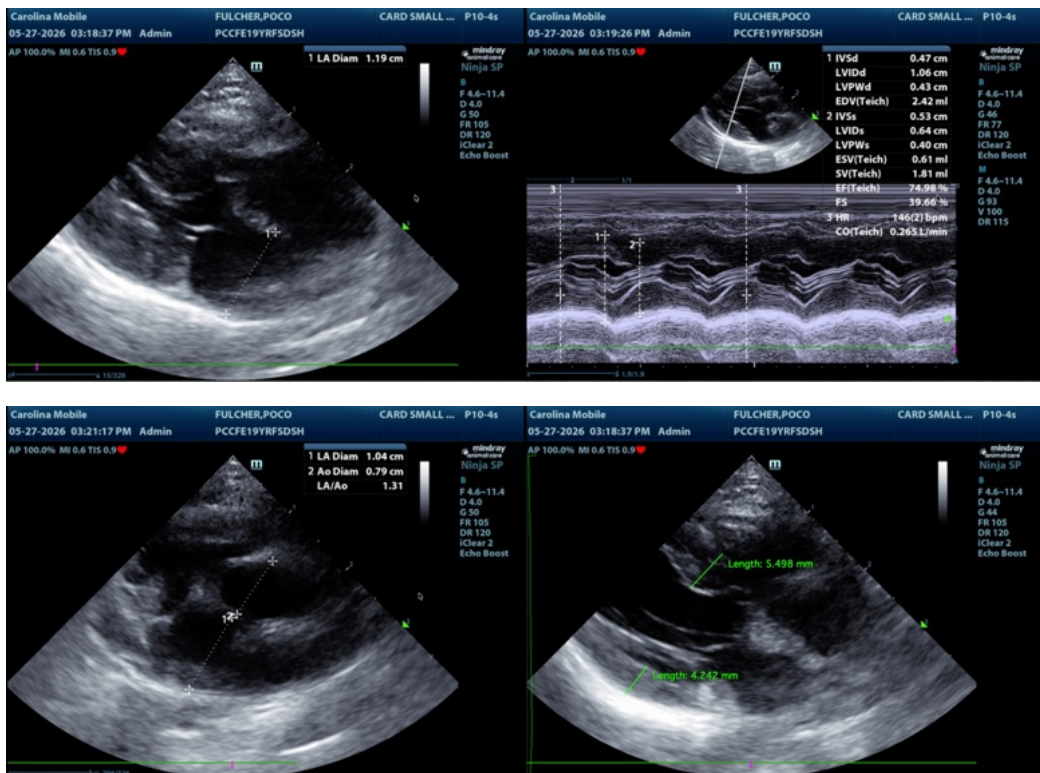
No special cardiac considerations are necessary

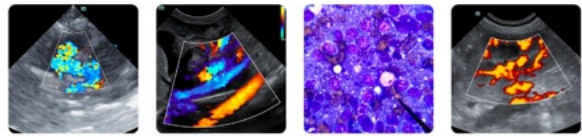
Diet:

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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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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