



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Buford Jones History: CHF newly diagnosed lethargy eating less

SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

Canine The echocardiogram in this patient presented mild volume overload in all four chambers. The contractility was poor. Mitral and tricuspid insufficiency was present.

BREED

American Bulldog

SEX

Neutered male

AGE

10 years

WEIGHT

103 lbs

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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			1.8	1.4			0.9
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT	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				103 lbs	5.8		

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some age-related loss of curvilinear patterns regarding the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The right kidney measured 8.65 cm. The left kidney measured 7.72 cm.

Adrenal Glands

The left **adrenal gland** was visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were

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unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The left adrenal gland measured 2.73 x 0.6 cm at the caudal pole and 0.78 cm at the cranial pole. The region of the right adrenal gland was unremarkable.

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Spleen

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes was noted.

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Liver

The **liver** images submitted revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Parenchymal echogenicity was naturally coarse and hypoechoic to the spleen. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gallbladder presented acceptably thin walls with primarily anechoic content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy was evident. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was evident. Comet tail lung pattern was noted through the lung fields.

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Gastrointestinal

Examination of the **gastrointestinal tract** revealed a stomach and intestine free of stasis, of normal wall thickness, acceptable curvilinear mural detail, and peristaltic activity. Small and large intestine demonstrated normal luminal chyme and stool consistency respectively. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease was noted. No associated abnormal lymphatic activity was noted.

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Pancreas

The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

DCM type presentation in this patient.

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Unremarkable abdomen.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a potential that nutritional cardiomyopathy and myocarditis is the cause of the presentation. I recommend taurine levels in this patient. Assessment of causes of myocarditis is recommended. Doxycycline and Clindamycin trial can be considered. Triple therapy for DCM is indicated as well as blood pressure measurements and EKG. Pimobendan at 0.3 mg/kg b.i.d., ace inhibitor at 0.5 mg/kg s.i.d.

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progressing to b.i.d. and Spironolactone at 1-2 mg/kg b.i.d. is recommended. Low dose Lasix can be considered. A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 10-14 days. The target sleeping respiratory rate is less than 25/minute.

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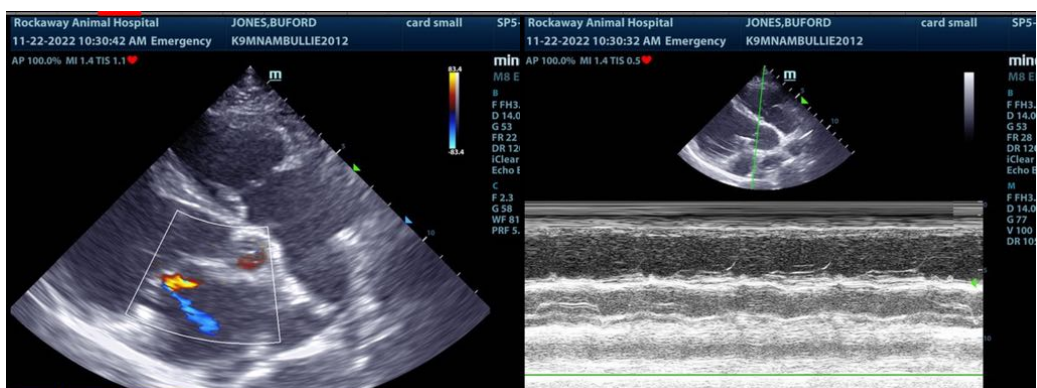
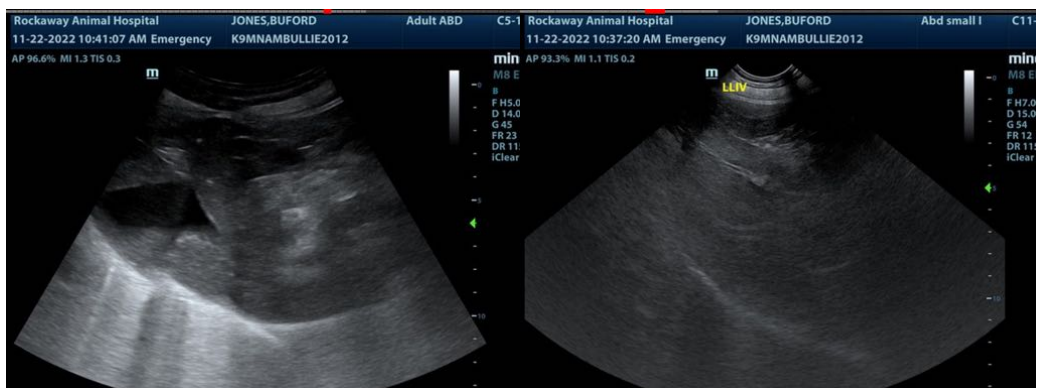
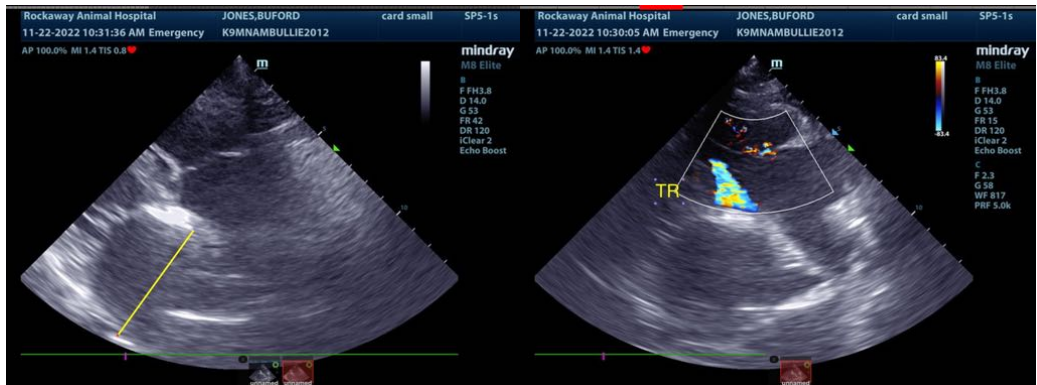
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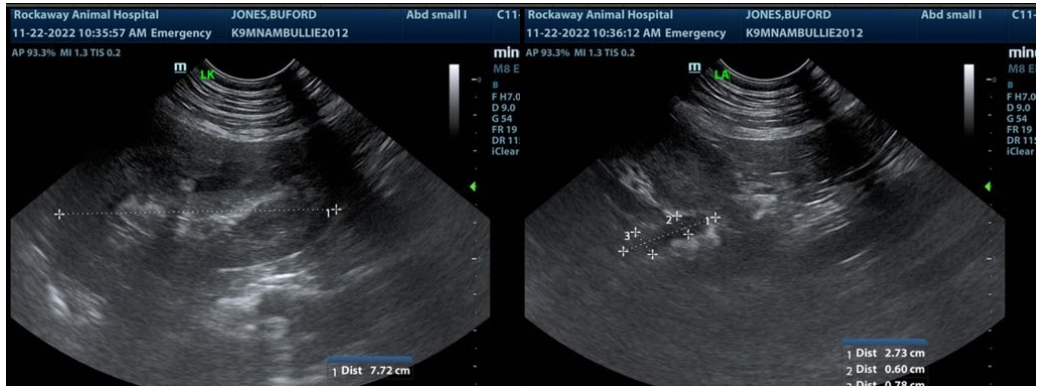
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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