



## PATIENT

Ginny Ehlers

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Papillon Mix

## SEX

Spayed Female

## AGE

9 Years 8 Months

## WEIGHT

20 pounds

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Hx: No medical issues, Cardiac murmur discovered at wellness examination. Previous episode under anesthesia.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Ex: Cardiac Murmur: Grade 3/6, left heart base, systolic. Grade II Dental disease. BCS 9/9 (obese) No recent labs.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (M-Mode)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	Up to 1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.0>	3.58	1.2	1.6	52	85	0.1
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LAD LA MAX 4 Chamber	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				
PATIENT	--	1.5	1.26	--	2.0	2.31	--

## Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 different LA measurement methods. Chamber volumes and echogenicity were normal. **Mitral** valve insufficiency was noted. Doppler indicated measurable insufficiency. The **left ventricle** presented normal thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The **myocardium** presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. **Contractility** of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions of the myocardium. The **left ventricular outflow** tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. **Tricuspid** valve insufficiency was noted. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonic** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx.1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted. No echographically detectable evidence of infiltrative disease was visible. The cranial **mediastinum and pericardial regions** were free of masses in the visible window.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Stage B1 valvular disease with mild pulmonary hypertension (compensated at this time).



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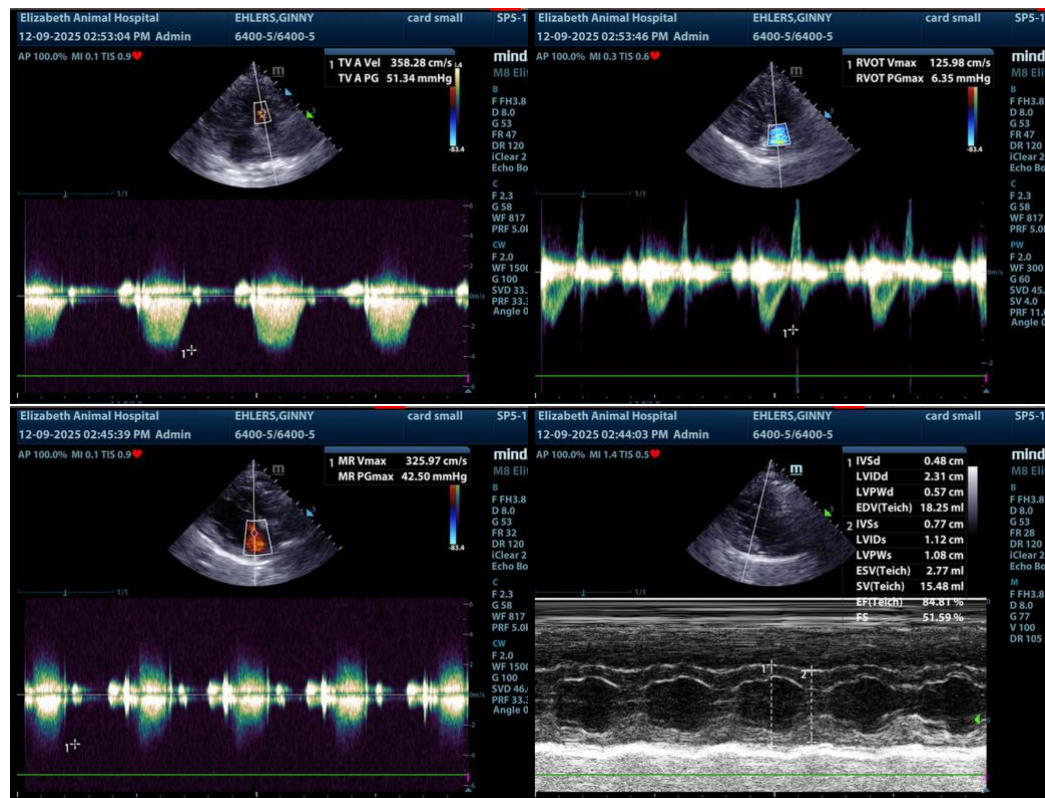
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Given that no hepatic vein dilation is noted, Sildenafil would be premature at this point unless exercise intolerance is an issue, which would be a primary manifestation of pulmonary hypertension. The heart is stable without clinical disease. No overt contraindication for anesthesia of brief to moderate duration. I suggest Tobuterol premed, Propofol induction, Isoflor maintenance or similar protocol if anesthesia is desired. Blood pressure, EKG and chest radiographs are recommended if not already performed. Target white coat negative systolic pressure of < 160 mmHg. If higher than this ACE-inhibitor is suggested to reach this level. Recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6-12 months, earlier if murmur grade increases or clinical signs initiate.





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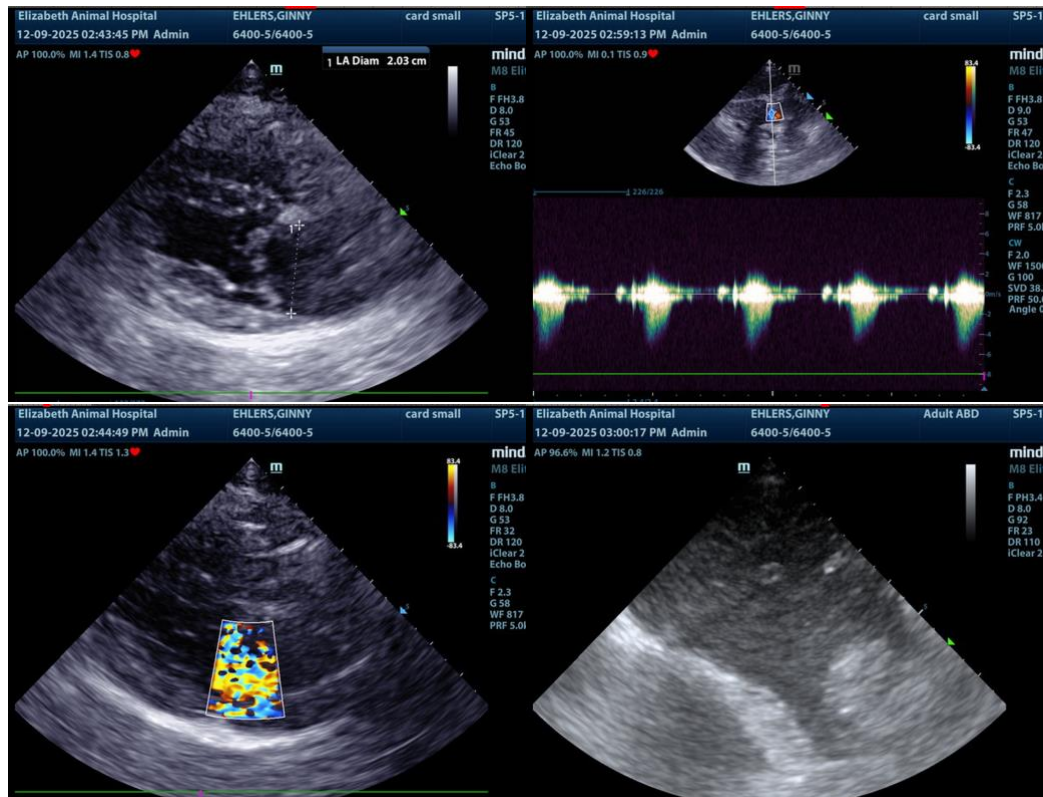
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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