



## PATIENT

Dodger Mason

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Cavalier King Charles  
Spaniel Mix

## SEX

Neutered Male

## AGE

11 Years

## WEIGHT

21.6 pounds

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Presented as a new patient today for non-weight bearing lameness in right hindlimb and diagnosed with suspected torn ACL.
- Ausculted grade 3/6 intensity cardiac murmur, appears subclinical for cardiac insufficiency (HR 90, panting)
- Likely to need referral for surgical repair of stifle/ cruciate injury so recommended baseline cardiac diagnostics
- Survey chest rads: VHS of 9-9.5 with loss of cardiac silhouette waist
- Gave 2mg butorphanol to lightly sedate for cardiac ultrasound exam
- Blood pressure was slightly elevated at 161/76 (104) mmHg- suspected white coat effect

## 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	--	--	1.3	1.6	45	--	0.2
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (lbs)	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	80	1.4	0.50	21.6	--	--	--

## 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. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented vegetative thickening consistent with endocardiosis. Doppler indicated mild eccentric 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** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology. 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).



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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. Periodic arrhythmia was present in this patient.

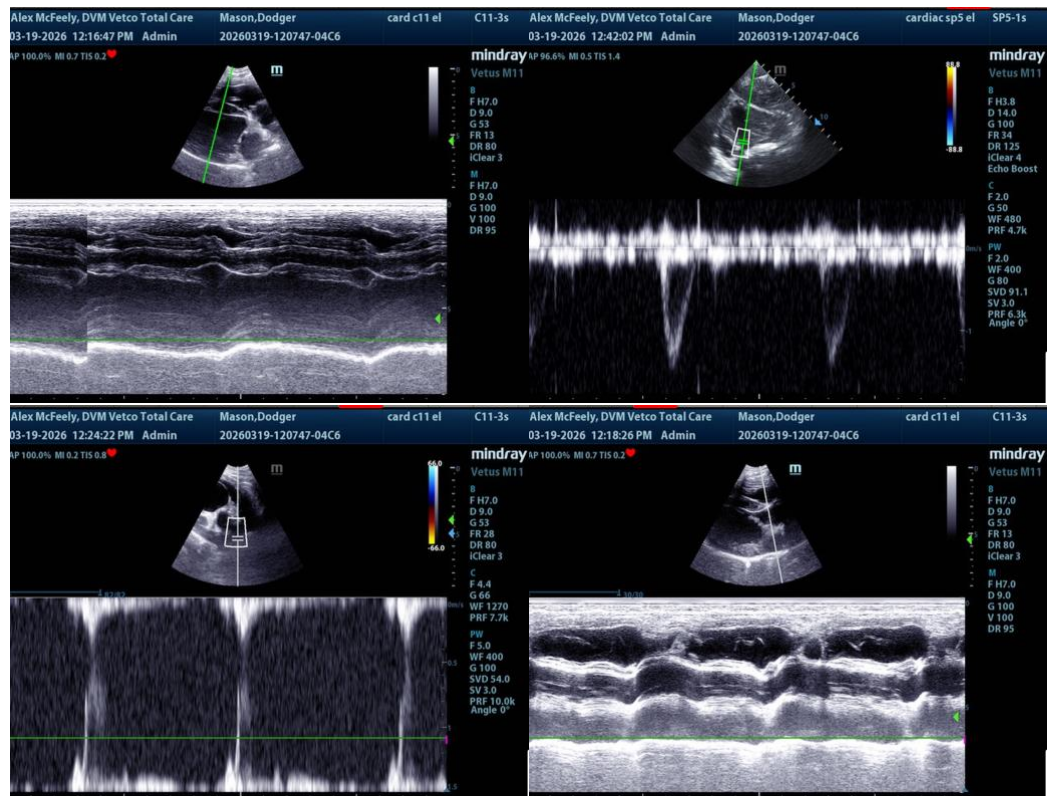
## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mitral insufficiency with arrhythmogenic activity.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The heart is stable without clinical disease. No overt contraindication for anesthesia of brief to moderate duration. I suggest Torbutrol 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.

EKG or better yet Holter monitor would be indicated, which may be obtained for our office with cardiologist review.





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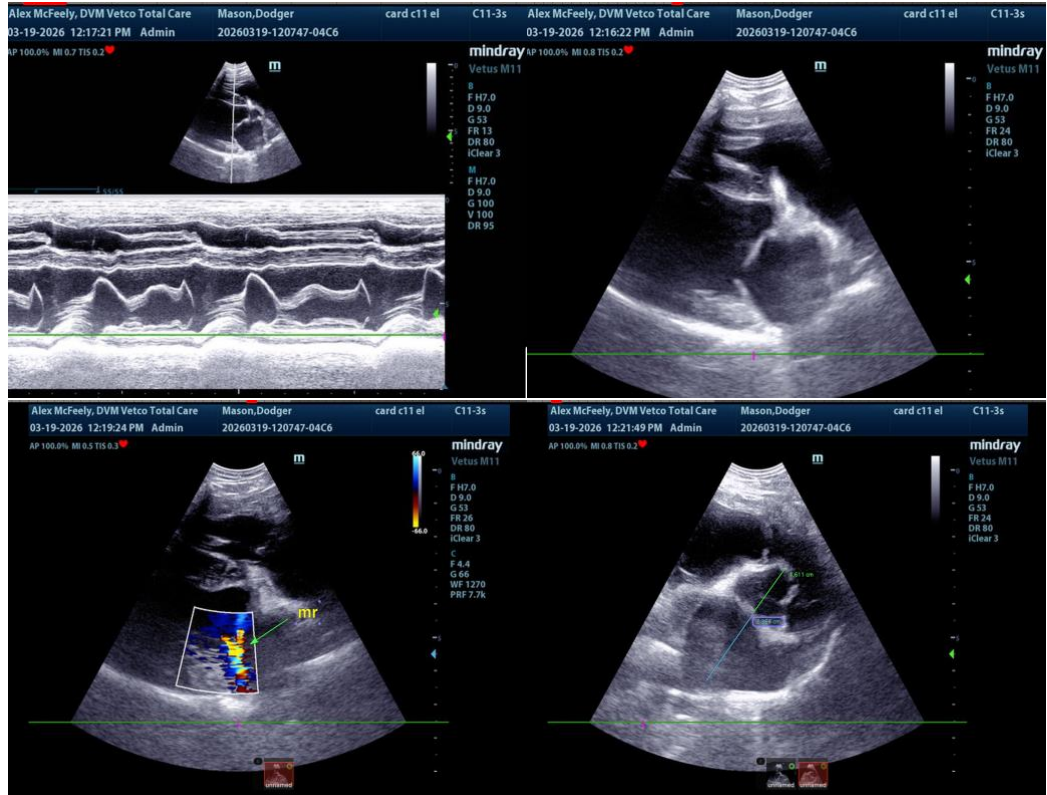
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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