



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Backster Ray History: Pre-anesthetic echo for neuter. Grade III/VI murmur, possible syncope.

SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

Canine

BREED

Boston Terrier

SEX

Intact male

AGE

8 years

WEIGHT

22 lbs

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The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated enlarged **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 endocarditis. Prolapse of the anterior mitral valve leaflet was noted. Doppler indicated measurable insufficiency. The **left ventricle** presented 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** insufficiency was noted and measured 4.5 m/sec. 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. Periodic arrhythmia was noted in this patient.

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	<1.3	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.0		2.0	2.0	35	65	0.1
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	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				
PATIENT	123	1.31	0.64	22 lbs	4.16 max	4.15	

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

INVOICE Mitral and tricuspid insufficiency with left atrial enlargement and pulmonary hypertension.

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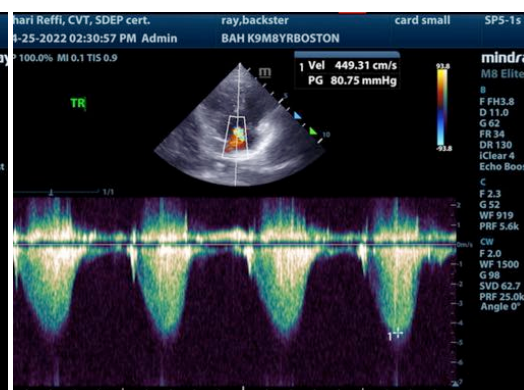
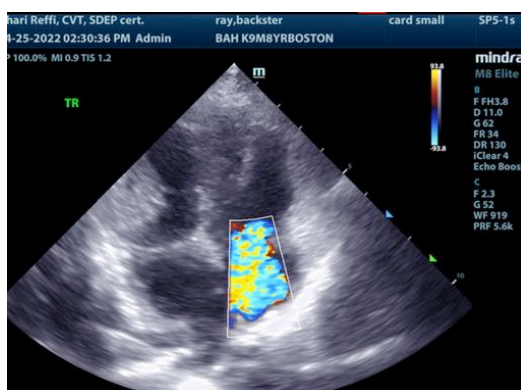
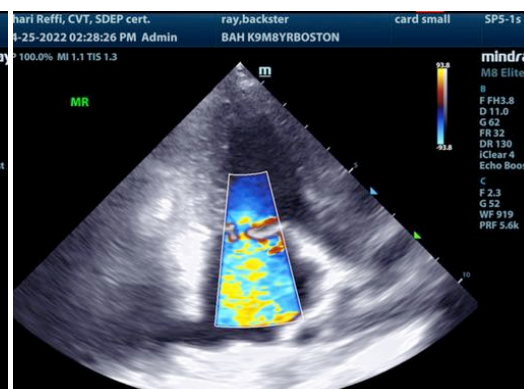
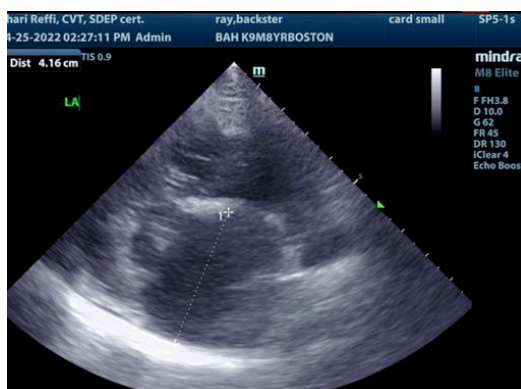
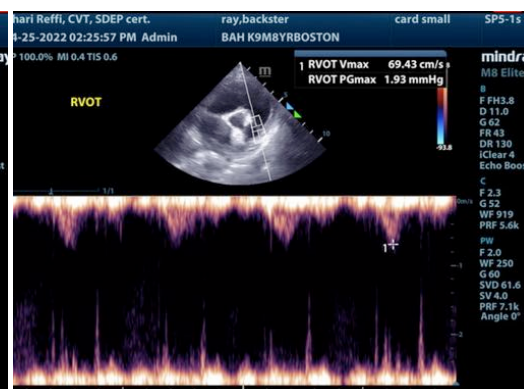
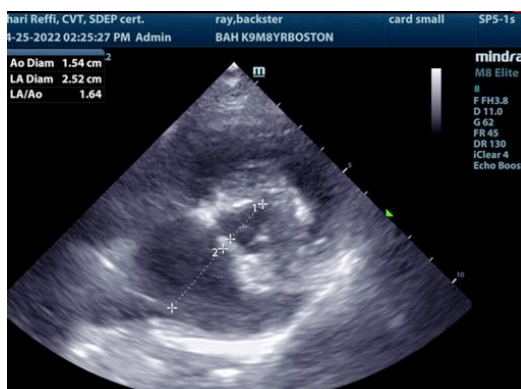
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

This patient is about to enter into C1 valvular disease. This is most consistent with B2 + to early C1 valvular disease. I recommend triple therapy in this patient with Pimobendan at 0.3 mg/kg b.i.d., ace inhibitor at 0.5 mg/kg s.i.d. progressing to b.i.d. and Spironolactone at 1-2 mg/kg b.i.d. Recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 7-10 days. The hepatic veins were not dilated and there was no evidence of right sided failure. Given the syncope treatment for pulmonary hypertension with Sildenafil may be necessary depending on the response to therapy. I do not recommend anesthetic procedure at the time.





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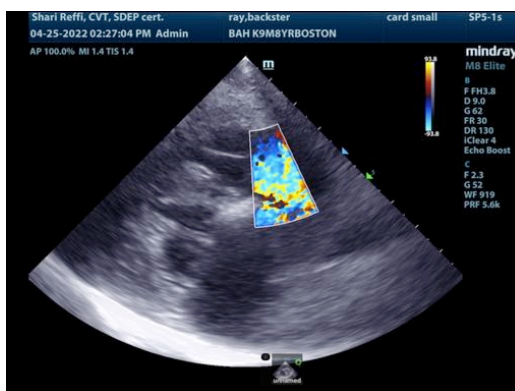
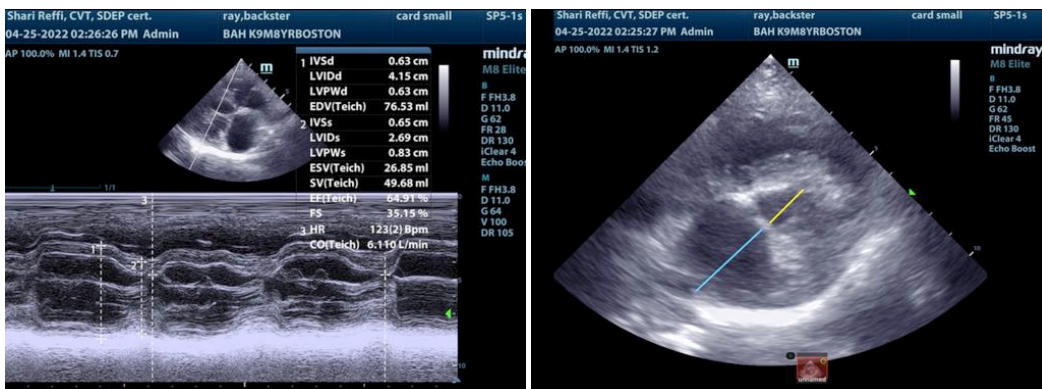
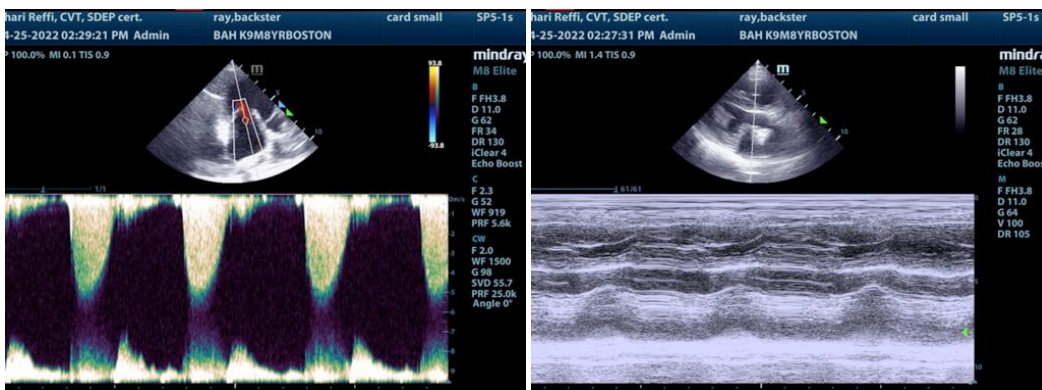
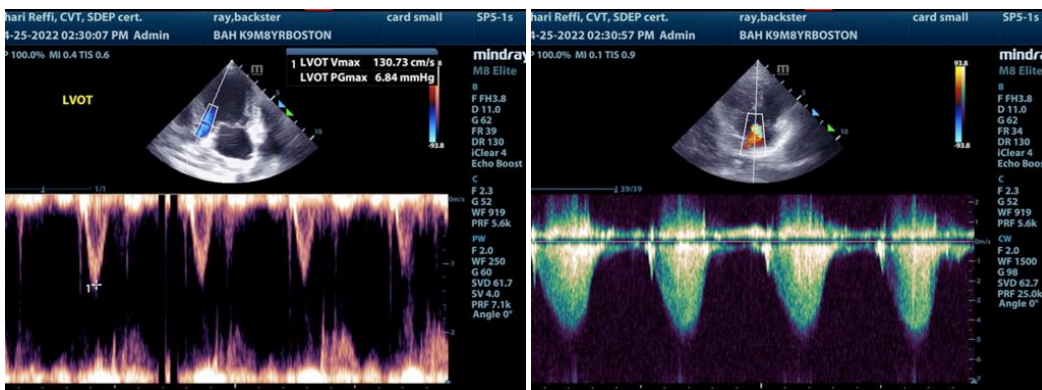
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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