



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Buster Hoff

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Longhaired Chihuahua

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

11 Years 2 Months

WEIGHT

16 Pounds

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Presented last June 29, 2023 P may have had vx at WDV Called WDV: no vx on record E/D- normal, purina grain free V/D none C/S- once in a while C+ L/B- one on L thigh/hip area, O first noticed it about 1mo ago, 2 weeks ago O thinks it's starting to swell around that area Meds- none PE: BAR; friendly; p/m mm; CRT 1-2s; no mur/arrh; no abn lung sounds; no abd dist; no pain or abns; sl reactive upon abd palp: potentially behavioral; bilateral lenticular sclerosis, ears, LNs WNL; ambulating normally; BCS- 6+/9; Grade 4/6 systolic heart murmur on L side, Grade 3 in R, mild mod dental dz, skin tags in L hip and L side of neck. Echo- Aug 2, 2023

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

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	Up to 1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	>5.0		NM	--	35	--	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	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
PATIENT	--	--	0.7		3.3	3.16	

Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram for this patient presented excessive **left atrial size** expressed both in the LA/AO and LA max measurements Chamber volumes and echogenicity were normal. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented vegetative thickening consistent with endocardiosis. 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** 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). 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. Hepatic veins were not dilated.



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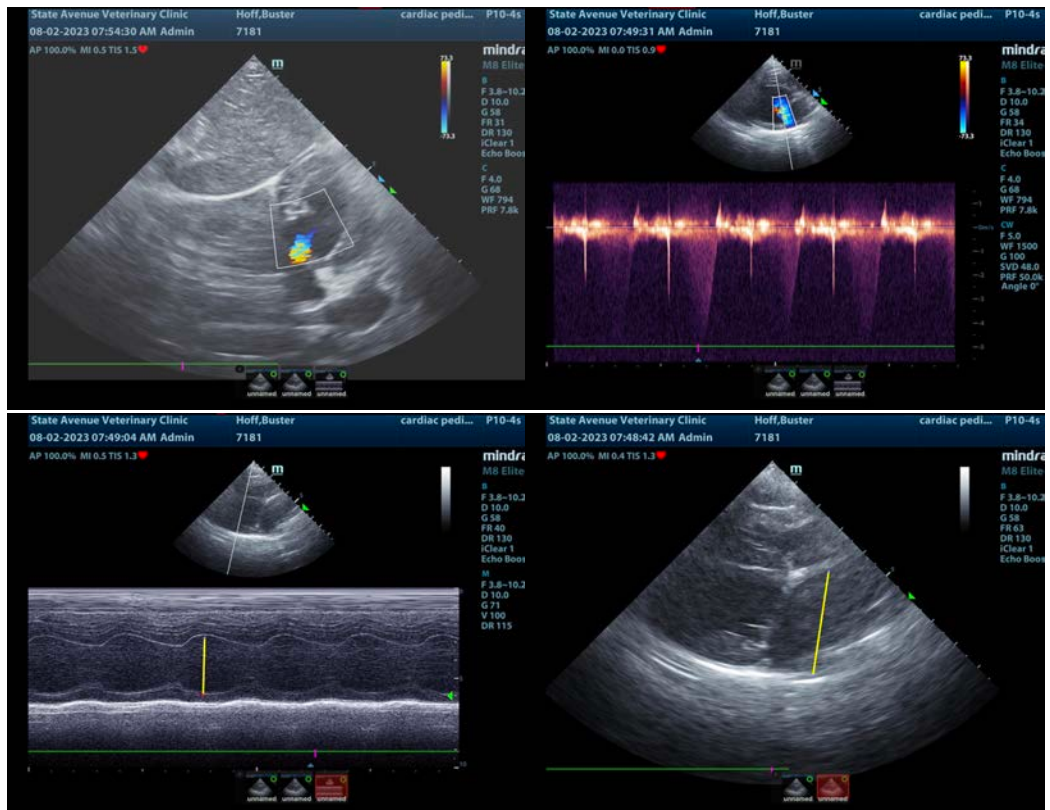
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Stage B2 valvular disease with mitral insufficiency and mild left atrial enlargement

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Note that the cough may be a combination of mainstem bronchus impingement by left atrial enlargement and primary bronchial disease. Respiratory treatment should be based on radiographic findings. Pimobendan can be initiated at 0.3 mg/kg BID.

The heart has some volume overload and is working to compensate for the valvular insufficiency. Target respiratory rate is < 20 resp/minute after therapy. After initiating therapy, I recommend recheck on the clinical exam, BUN, Creatinine, USG, Chest radiographs & Blood pressure in 5-7 days. Recheck echo in 1 month. Earlier if clinical decompensation is occurring. I do not recommend anesthesia at this time until stabilization has occurred on the recommended medications. Repeat preanesthetic echo is ideal if anesthesia is eventually necessary. There is moderate anesthetic risk for this patient. I recommend cardiac treatment prior to sedation unless only light opioids are utilized which would have minimal effect on heart function.





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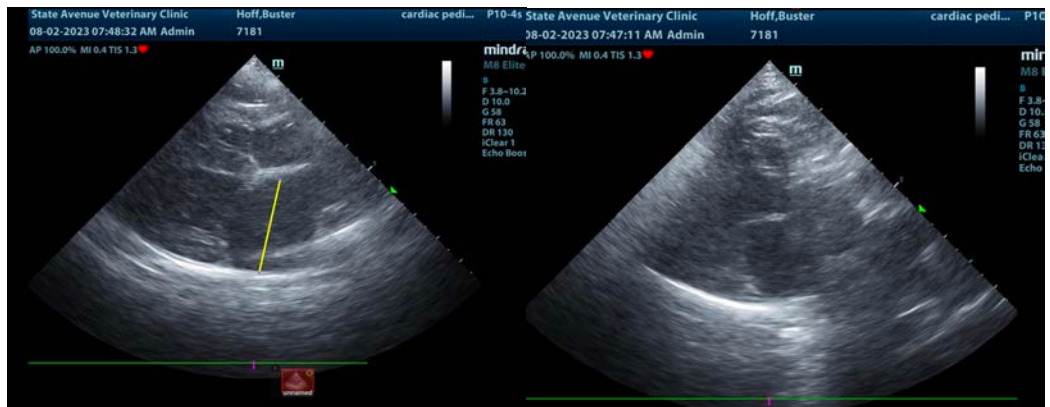
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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