



PATIENT

Ruby Pellicani

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Yorkshire Terrier

SEX

Spayed female

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

11 lbs

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Grade III/VI L apical systolic heart murmur. P has coughed for years but recently cough worsened, tracheal sensitivity on palpation, slight tracheal dorsal deviation on rad. Alt 260 (118H), Alp 216 (131H), Chol 364(329H), Trig 3089(291H), T4 <0.5 (0.8-3.5)

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated enlarged **left atrial** size based on LA max measurement. 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** was slightly enlarged likely owing to increased pulmonic pressures. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. **Tricuspid** 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. The hepatic veins were not dilated.

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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	5.04	3.0	1.46	1.47	34	66	0.29
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	155		1.5	11 lbs	3.12 max	2.7	

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Mitral and tricuspid insufficiency.

Slight LA enlargement on LA max view.

Mild cor pulmonale presentation.

Early B2 valvular disease.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Primary respiratory cough is likely the underlying cause in this patient as the left atrial size is only slightly abnormal and not of typical size to cause a cardiac base cough. However, Pimobendan can be justified at 0.3 mg/kg b.i.d. if vertebral heart score is excessive. Primary respiratory protocol is warranted such as bronchodilator, antibiotic, and low-dose, non-injectable cortisone

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

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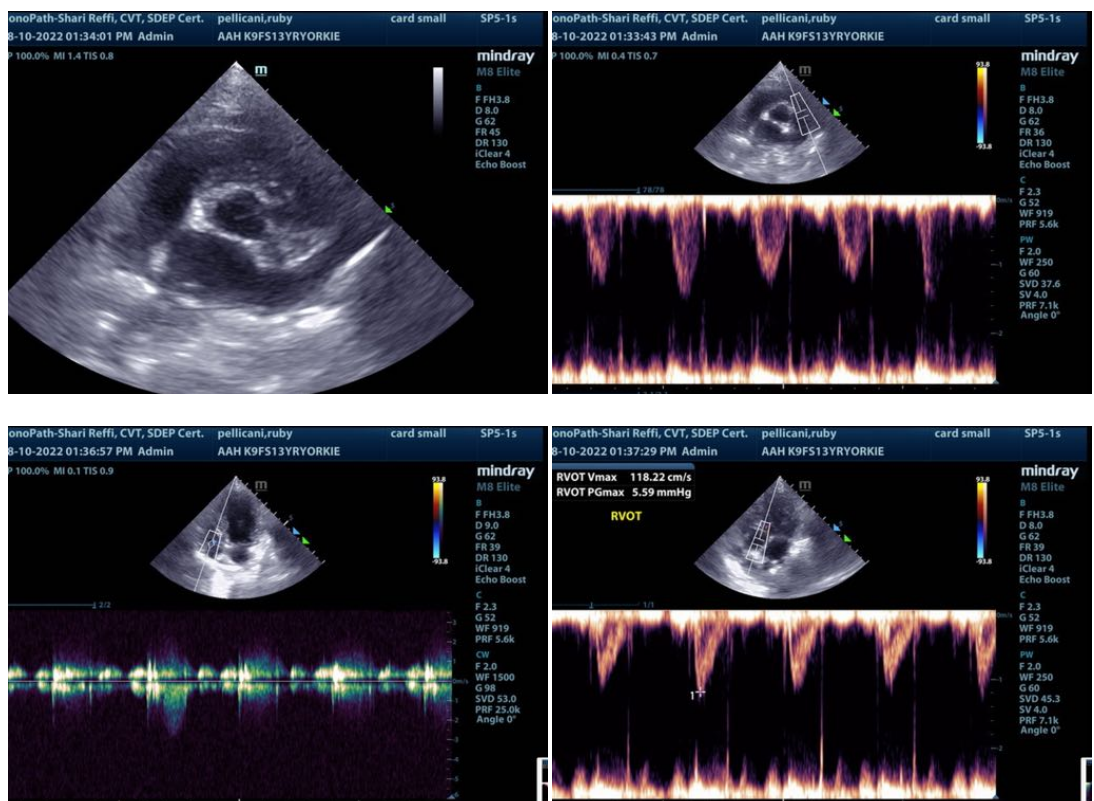
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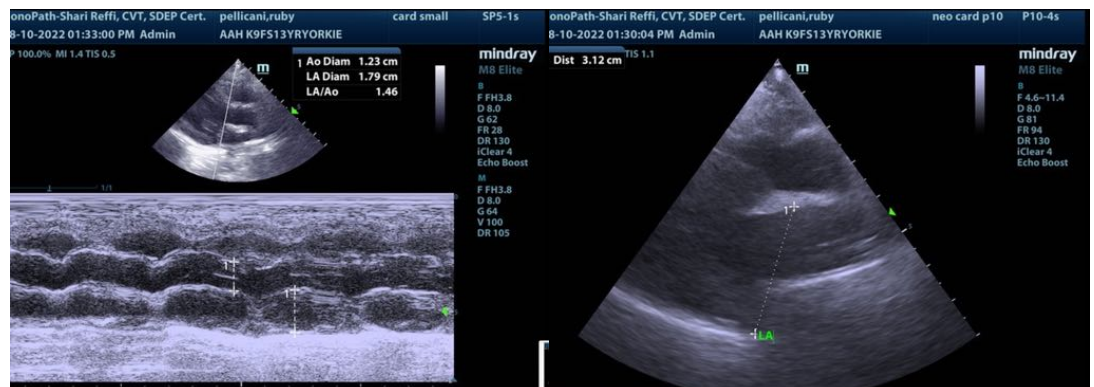
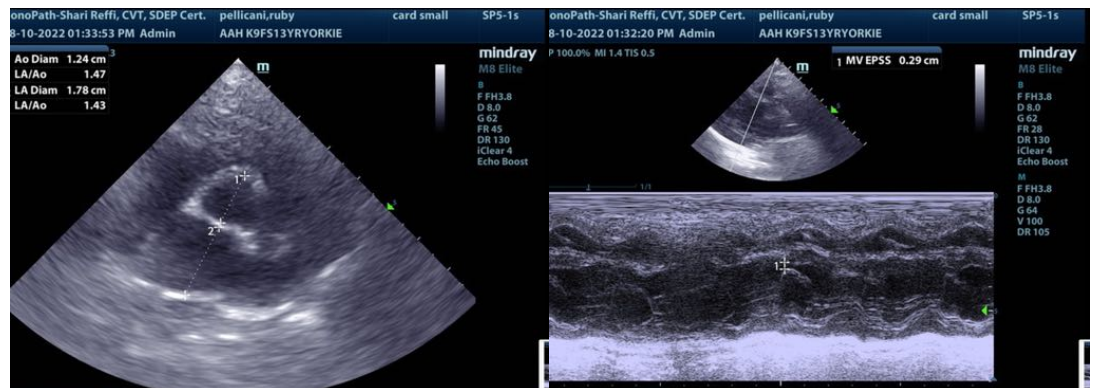
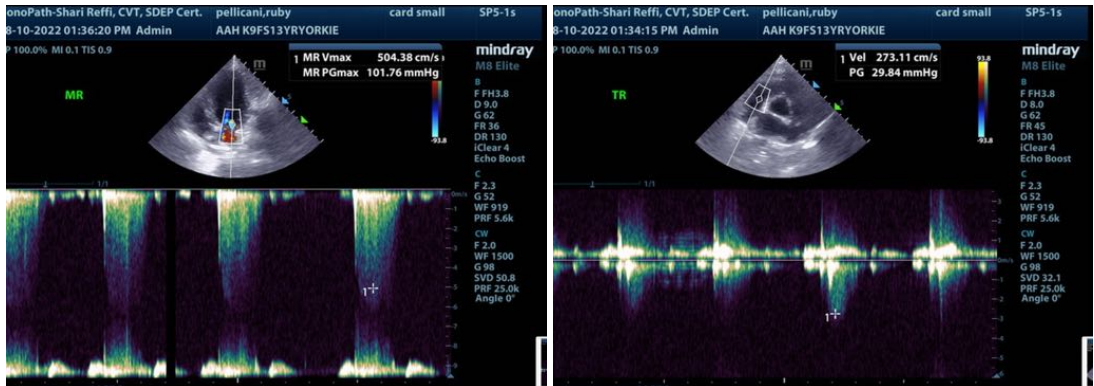
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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