



**PATIENT**

Millie Reisdorph

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Millie limps on her back right leg. Sometimes seems fine and runs on it, but often can't put weight on it. She won't sit still, they tried making her do bed rest to see if it would heal but it hasn't. Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 4/5 RIGHT HIND LAME RIGHT STIFLE: MEDIAL BUTTRESS, CRANIAL DRAWER POSITIVE, NO CLICK

**SPECIES**

Canine

**RADIOGRAPH OF PELVIS AND STIFLES**

**BREED**

1x VD pelvis including stifles,  
R stifle. 2x lateral 1x cranio-caudal L stifle two orthogonal views

English Pointer

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The muscle mass of the right hind limb is reduced.

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The cranial articular facets of the last lumbar vertebra extend laterally along the vertebral body. The hip joints appear congruent with even subchondral bone surfaces. No new bone formation is evident.

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The right stifle joint has smooth subchondral bone surfaces, and the centre of the femoral condyles is in line with the intercondylar eminence. The cranial fat pad is markedly reduced by an intraarticular soft tissue opacity which also obscured and displaces the caudal fascial plains. The medial aspect of the joint is thickened. New bone formation is present on the distal patella and one fabella. The tibial plateau is slightly irregular at the level of the insertion of the cranial cruciate ligament. A small, faintly mineralized opacity is located in the cranial joint space.

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The left stifle joint has smooth subchondral bone surfaces, and the centre of the femoral condyles is in line with the intercondylar eminence. The cranial aspect of the meniscus is visible. New bone formation is not evident, and the patella is located in its groove.

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**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

Right stifle:

- Large amount of soft tissue opacity within the joint
- Medial soft tissue thickening
- Small calcification within joint
- Mild OA
- Muscle atrophy

**REFERRING VET**

Leon Anderson, DVM

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The changes are compatible with right sided cruciate ligament disease and the clinical examination indicates rupture of said ligament. The small mineral opacity could represent an avulsed fragment or mineralization of the damaged cruciate ligament.

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The intra-articular soft tissue opacity most likely represents fluid, but a combination of fibrous tissue and fluid is possible. A synovial cell sarcoma is unlikely as no bone lysis is present.



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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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