



## PATIENT

Beastie Mead

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Bernese Mountain Dog

## SEX

FS

## AGE

1Y

## WEIGHT

73lbs

## INTERPRETED BY

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## IMAGING PERFORMED BY

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## HOSPITAL NAME

Elizabeth Animal  
Hospital

## REFERRING VET

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Was doing fine yesterday morning but then she started yelping in the yard like something bit her or got caught on the fence. She was lame on her left hind afterwards, hardly using it at all. She was pretty whimpy afterwards, usually she follows around the house but just wanted to lay around. She plays with her housemate a lot and has horses, but they weren't around when she was screaming out. Hasn't had this issue before.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Musculoskeletal: Pain elicited with manipulation of left stifle. Cranial drawer negative. Tibial thrust negative. Lameness obvious a slow walk with intermittent toe-touching.

## RADIOGRAPHS PELVIS AND STIFLES

R/L lateral and caudo-cranial stifles, VD and lateral pelvis totaling 6 radiographs provided for interpretation.

## RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### Hind legs

The skin surfaces are smooth, and the muscles appear to be symmetrically developed.

All bones are well mineralized, have a normal trabecular structure and a smooth surface. Cortical-medullary development and differentiation of the long bones are physiological.

Stifle L: the joints present with smooth osseous margins, and the center of the femoral condyles is in line with the intercondylar eminence of the tibia. The cranial fat pad appears slightly fuzzy centrally and the cranial meniscus is indistinct. A mild soft tissue bulge is located just distal to the fabellae, resulting in a faint reduction of the caudo-proximal fascial plain. New bone formation is not evident, and the patella is located centrally in their respective groove.

Stifle R: the joint presents with smooth, subchondral bone surfaces and the center of the femoral condyles are in line with the intercondylar eminence of the tibia. The cranial fat pad has a physiological size, and the cranial aspect of the meniscus is well outlined. The caudal fascial plains are in a physiological position. New bone formation is not evident, and the patella is located centrally in its groove.

Pelvis: osseous and surrounding soft tissue structures of the pelvis are within normal limits. The center of both femoral heads is located just medial to the respective dorsal acetabular edge. Both coxo-femoral joints present smooth osseous margins and congruent joint spaces.

## RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

L stifle

- Mild joint filling

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The changes on the left stifle are mild but compatible with a mild effusion. This can be the result of a traumatic injury with stretching/fiber disruption of the cruciate ligament. Additional injuries to the muscles may be present, e.g., gastrocnemius or popliteal myositis. Conservative management and reduced exercise only can be tried for both types of disease. Should the lameness persist, cross sectional imaging would be the next step.



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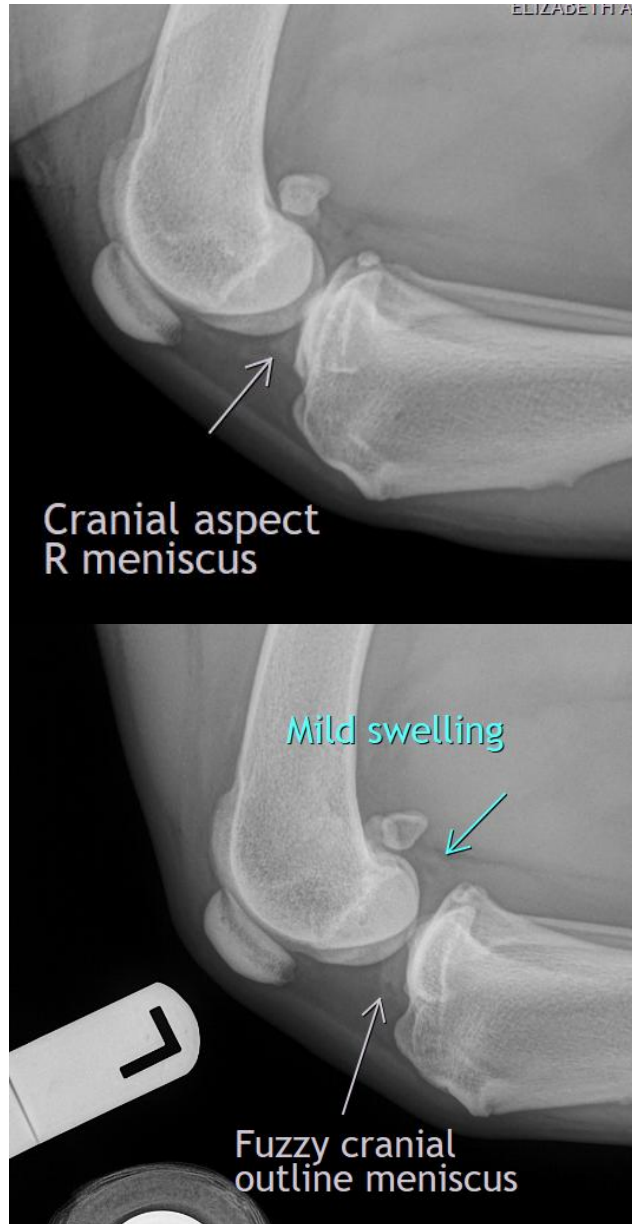
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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