



PATIENT

Rollie Gorewitz

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

New heart murmur noted during physical exam. Takes carprofen daily for back pain/arthritis. No exercise intolerance, no coughing.
 Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC/Chem/UA unremarkable, 4DX test negative.
 Grade 3/6 left systolic murmur. Pain on lumbar spine palpation.

SPECIES

Canine

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX

RLR, LLR, VD

BREED

Cocker Spaniel mix

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

The body condition score is 7-8/9 with smooth alternating layers of fat and soft tissue opacity.

SEX

No structural alterations are evident along the thoracic and lumbar spine. No signs of aggressive osteolysis have been identified.

MN

The lungs are in contact with the thoracic boundaries and the tips are pointed. The proximal aspects of the main vessel appear prominent on the lateral views and a generalized, ground glass appearance is evident.

AGE

9 Years

The cranial mediastinum is of physiological size and opacity. The trachea runs parallel to the thoracic vertebrae and dips at the carina.

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The cardiac silhouette occupies 85% of the chest height and 3 intercostal spaces (VHS 11). The cardiac silhouette occupies more than 90% of the chest width and a small bulge is located at 3 o'clock.

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North Idaho Animal
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RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- L sided cardiomegaly

REFERRING VET

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cardiac changes are compatible with mitral endocardiosis, and the requested echocardiographic examination will provide a full answer. The ground glass appearance of the lungs in the lateral views is due to the surrounding fat. Mild pulmonary vein distension may be present, and echocardiography will help identify this. Spinal radiography cannot identify cord compression. Only myelography or cross-sectional imaging will be able to tell if disc disease is the cause for the spinal pain.

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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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