



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Pete Gehlert O. feels that dog is not as playful. Feels heat at mid thoracic vertebrae area behind scapula. Dog is clinically fine. Walking ok. Lifts leg to urinate no problem. No CP deficits. Does full body shakes and jumped into the backseat of the car with no problem. O. feels that dog is better on a small dose of arnica and collagen.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE T- AND L-SPINE**

2 orthogonal views

**BREED**

Shih Tzu

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

A moderate amount of s.c. fat is present (BCS 7-8).

**SEX**

Number and shape of the vertebrae are physiological. The skeletal structures are well mineralized and have smooth surfaces. No signs of aggressive osteolysis have been identified.

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The facet joints are congruent.

**AGE**

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The L1/2 disc spaces appears slightly narrow. The same is true on the abdominal image dated 20.12.21.

Both acetabula appear shallow, and the cranial acetabular edges are straight.

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A large amount of faecal matter is present in the descending colon.

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Mild narrowing L1/2 disc space
- Mild, bilateral HD

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Healing Paws

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**REFERRING VET**

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I can see no convincing spinal abnormalities. Accurate positioning of the spine is difficult even under G.A. and cord compression can only be identified with myelography or in cross sectional imaging. Should neurological deficits develop, this is recommended to identify space occupying/compressive lesions.

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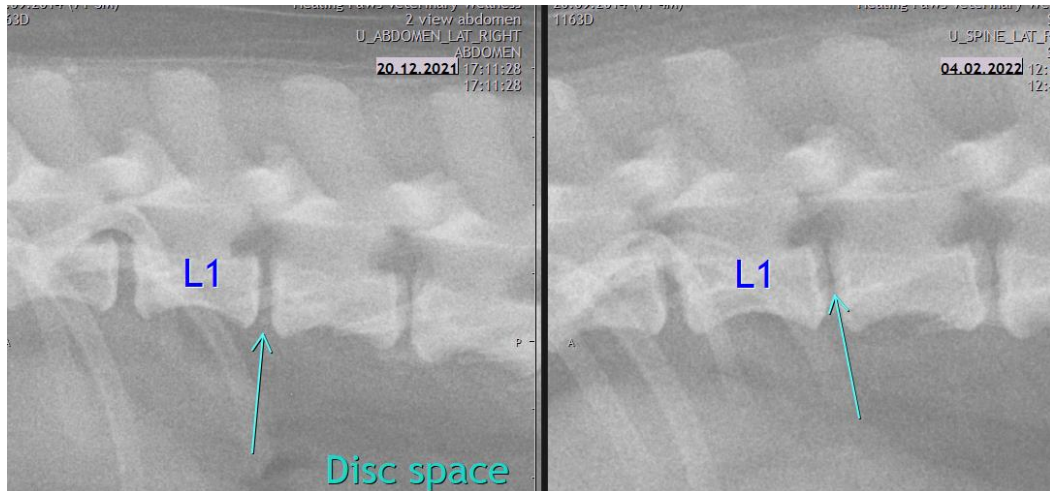
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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