

PATIENT

Walter Simon

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

American Bulldog

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

6

WEIGHT

77

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Walter was running and playing yesterday and started limping. He did hurt that leg a few months ago but got better.

PE: Healthy NO RECENT BLOOD WORK

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE STIFLES

R/L lateral and cranio-caudal, totaling four 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 smooth, continuous surfaces. Cortico-medullary development and differentiation of the long bones are physiological.

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

Stifle R: the joint presents with smooth, subchondral bone surfaces. The center of the femoral condyles appears to be in line with the intercondylar eminence of the tibia. The cranial fat pad is reduced and the caudal fascial plains are mostly obscured by a soft tissue opacity in the joint. On the cranio-caudal view medial joint swelling is evident. New bone (NB) formation is present on both poles of the patella, the proximal femoral ridges, one fabella and the tibial plateau. The patella is located centrally in its groove.

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

R stifle

- Joint effusion/fibrosis
- Arthrosis, mild

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The changes are compatible with cruciate ligament damage. As arthrosis is already present a preexisting tear with mild instability is likely and would explain the previous lameness and its improvement. The recent lameness has likely been caused by a complete rupture. Surgery is recommended.



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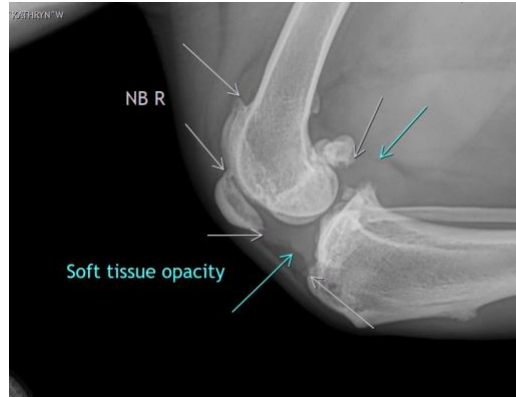
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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