



PATIENT

Samson Dickey

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Miniature Pinscher

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

7 Years 2 Months

WEIGHT

8.9 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Acute onset left hindlimb lameness noted since yesterday. No known history of trauma. Pain was elicited on palpation of the left stifle. The patient is non-weight-bearing on the affected limb, consistent with grade 4/5 lameness.

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF PELVIS AND STIFLES

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

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

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. The patella tendon indents the fat pad from cranially.

Stifle R: the joint presents with smooth, subchondral bone surfaces. The cranial fat is reduced and the caudal fascial plains not visible. New bone formation is not evident and the patella is located centrally in its groove.

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

L stifle

- Alteration in path of patella tendon

Right stifle

- Effusion

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

I can see no bony changes that would explain the severe left sided lameness. Alteration in the path of the patella may represent fiber disruption or may just be the result of positioning. Should pain be present in this region, comparative ultrasound of both legs is recommended; examination of the Achilles tendon will help rule out a partial rupture. A mild effusion suggests cruciate ligament damage on the right. I suggest conservative treatment with rest and pain killers for 3 days. Re-examination of the dog may then allow pinpointing the exact location of the pain. Should pain and lameness still be severe, cross-sectional imaging is recommended in case a soft tissue injury is present.



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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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