



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Sophie Steffen History: Coughing for 3-4 days. Dry, non-productive. Lethargic.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX**

The body condition score is 6/9 with smooth alternating layers of fat and soft tissue opacity.

**BREED**

St. Bernard Mix

The bony structures appear physiological.

**SEX**

Spayed Female

The lungs are in contact with the thoracic boundaries and the tips are pointed. The outline of the peripheral lobar vessels is blurred, esp. in the caudo-dorsal lung fields. Bronchial wall calcification is present in the hilar region and peripherally small doughnuts are evident. In the cranial lobes some round opacities are superimposed onto longitudinal blood vessels and their diameter is larger than that of the longitudinal vessel. The cranial lobar vessels are half the size of rib 4 at their intersection with the rib. In the ventral lobes some small, roundish opacities with irregular margins are present.

**AGE**

7 Years 4 Months

The cranial mediastinum is of physiological size and opacity. The trachea diverges from the thoracic vertebrae and dips at the carina.

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The cardiac silhouette is elevated from the sternum by fat and aerated middle lobe. It thus occupies 60% of the chest height and 2 intercostal spaces (VHS 9.5). No chamber or outflow tract enlargement is evident.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Gentle Doctor AH

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Microcardia
- Hypovolemia
- Broncho-interstitial pattern
- Nodular opacities
- Osteomata

**REFERRING VET**

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Peribronchial cuffing is due to infiltrate which may be chronic or acute. Primary inflammatory, non-infectious causes (e.g. neutrophilic, eosinophilic, allergic), as well as infectious causes (bacterial, viral, parasitic) should be considered. Bronchoscopy including BAL is necessary for a definitive diagnosis. Hypovolemia and microcardia could be the result of volume loss due to dehydration (e.g. vomiting, diarrhea) or bleeding (e.g. into the GIT or peritoneal cavity); Addison's disease is another differential diagnosis. The nodular structures are suspicious for pulmonary metastases but could still represent end-on blood vessels or osteomata. Abdominal ultrasound is recommended to rule out a tumor such as splenic hemangiosarcoma. Should the abdominal organs be physiological monitoring of the



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thoracic nodules is recommended. Alternatively, a CT examination can be performed which will be able to differentiate between vessels, osteomata and metastases.

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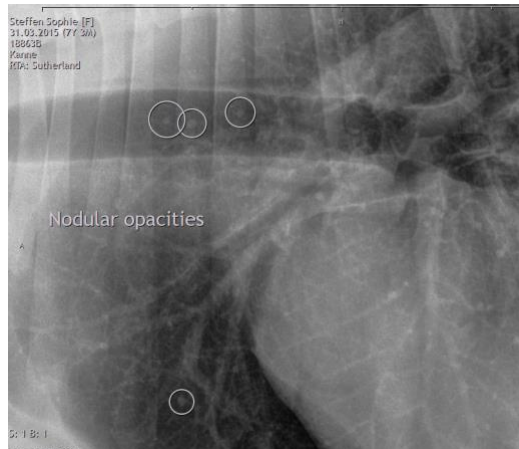
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**The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.**

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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