



**PATIENT**

Jelly Ohlendorf

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Morkie

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

10 Years 4 Months

**WEIGHT**

13.7 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: BCS 5/9. Coughing/gagging. Goose honking cough. Episode of fainting today. Rads show enlarged heart.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART**

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA long axis	LAmxN	Ao long axis	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe, short axis)	LA/AO long axis	LVIDd	LVIDdN
NORMAL PARAMETER		<1.57		<1.6	<2.5		<1.7
PATIENT	2.68	1.53	1.08	1.5	2.48	2.59	1.45
CARDIAC PARAMETERS	Body Weight (kg)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	FS (%)	LVIDsN
NORMAL PARAMETER		0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6			22 - 49%	<0.9
PATIENT	6.2	1.03	0.75	5.74	1.65	27.8	0.91
CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (bpm)	MV E (m/s)	MV A (m/s)	MV E/A (m/s)	EF (%)	IVSdN	LVFWdN
NORMAL PARAMETER						<0.6	<0.6
PATIENT	114	0.6	0.6	1.0	55.9	0.48	0.39

**Cardiac Presentation**

The mitral valve leaflets are mildly thickened with mild eccentric and posteriorly directed mitral valve insufficiency. There is no prolapse of the mitral valve leaflets. The left atrial size is normal. Left ventricular internal dimensions during diastole are within normal limits and the global left ventricular systolic function is normal. There is normal right atrial size with mild tricuspid regurgitation. There is no prolapse of the tricuspid valve leaflets and no evidence of pulmonary hypertension based upon tricuspid regurgitant velocities. The right ventricle subjectively appears normal in structure and function. The aortic and pulmonary valves have normal appearance and motion, and the corresponding outflow velocities are within normal limits. There is no evidence of pulmonary or aortic valve insufficiency. The aorta appears normal. The pulmonary artery and associated branches appear normal. There is no evidence of pleural effusion, pericardial effusion, or intracardiac masses.



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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Myxomatous mitral valve disease, ACVIM stage B1

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The echocardiogram showed evidence of myxomatous mitral valve disease. Based on this echocardiogram, the left atrial and left ventricular chamber sizes do not meet the criteria for the initiation of pimobendan. No medications are recommended at this time. The overall risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes is considered very low in the near future. This is, however, a progressive disease, and as such repeat echocardiogram in ~9-12 months is recommended to screen for progression. Recheck sooner if there is a new cough, increase in the resting RR, or other concern for progressive cardiac disease. Recheck for an echocardiogram in 9-12 months or sooner if concerns arise.

### Monitoring

It is very important to catch any clinical signs concerning for emerging CHF as early as possible. The client should be closely monitoring and ideally tracking the sleeping respiratory rate. The sleeping RR should be between 10-30 breaths per minute or less (ideally in the teens or low 20s). **If the resting RR is trending upward, consistently >35/min while resting/sleeping AND/OR there is a new or progressive cough, the patient should be seen urgent for evaluation to determine if CHF is developing.**

The echocardiogram showed no evidence of an underlying cause of either the cough or fainting episode. An arrhythmia was not observed during the echocardiogram today. However, an intermittent arrhythmia remains a less likely possibility, so an ECG and/or Holter monitor could be considered if an arrhythmic cause of the syncopal episode is suspected.



**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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