



PATIENT

Dede Brookins

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Bichon Frise

SEX

FS

AGE

11yr

WEIGHT

15.8lb

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Pt presents for echo for evaluation of heart murmur prior to a COHAT.
- Medications: Pimobendan, trazodone, Simparica Trio
- Problem List:
 - Periodontal disease
 - Heart murmur - increased loudness Grade 3-4/6
 - Tracheal cough (chronic)
 - Hx of urolithiasis, removed & managed on urinary Rx diet
 - Multiple cutaneous masses
 - Fur staining - worsened on urinary diet but improved drinking distilled water

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE: BCS 5/6, heart murmur systolic left 4/6, moderate to significant tartar, saliva staining and tear staining BP: 120 average MAP CBC/CHem: NSF ProBNP 1160 UA: 3+ CaOx crystals T4: 1.1 4dx: negative Fecal: negative

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO M-mode	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	Up to 1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.0	--	--	1.42	40	75	0.2
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT	LAD LA MAX 4 Chamber	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
PATIENT	NM	2.3	1.0	15.8lb	3.1	3.2	--

Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal left atrial size based on 2 different LA measurement methods. Chamber volumes and echogenicity were normal. The cranial and caudal mitral valve leaflets presented vegetative thickening consistent with endocardiosis. Doppler indicated measurable mild to moderate eccentric insufficiency. The left ventricle presented thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The myocardium presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. Contractility of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions of the myocardium. The left ventricular outflow tract demonstrated mild increased measured LVOT velocity without evidence of



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subaortic valve or aortic valve pathology. The right atrium and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. Tricuspid valvular assessment demonstrated thickening with mild TR on Doppler. The right ventricle was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. Pulmonic tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx.1:1 pa/ao ratio). Normal measured RVOT velocity. No visible pericardial or free pleura fluid was noted. No echographically detectable evidence of infiltrative disease was visible. The cranial mediastinum and pericardial regions were free of masses in the visible window.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary

- Compensated mitral valve disease (B1)
- Mild TR - no evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension
- Mild increased measured LV outflow velocity - likely incidental.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of the murmur is subjective mild chronic degenerative valvular changes with secondary MR. No evidence of additional issues such as DCM criteria, LV systolic dysfunction or clinical pulmonary hypertension. The lack of left atrial enlargement implies that the risk of complication secondary to mitral valve insufficiency is relatively low at this time and, without current clinical signs, indicates that medical therapy is not required at this stage.

Prognosis at this stage is variable and serial sonographic monitoring is recommended with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if clinical signs suggestive of heart disease develop.

Anesthetic risk is considered low without anesthetic contraindications. Suggested anesthetic protocol may include opioid or Benzodiazepine pre-med, induction with Propofol or Alfaxalone, and appropriate gas anesthesia with avoidance of alpha 2 agonists.



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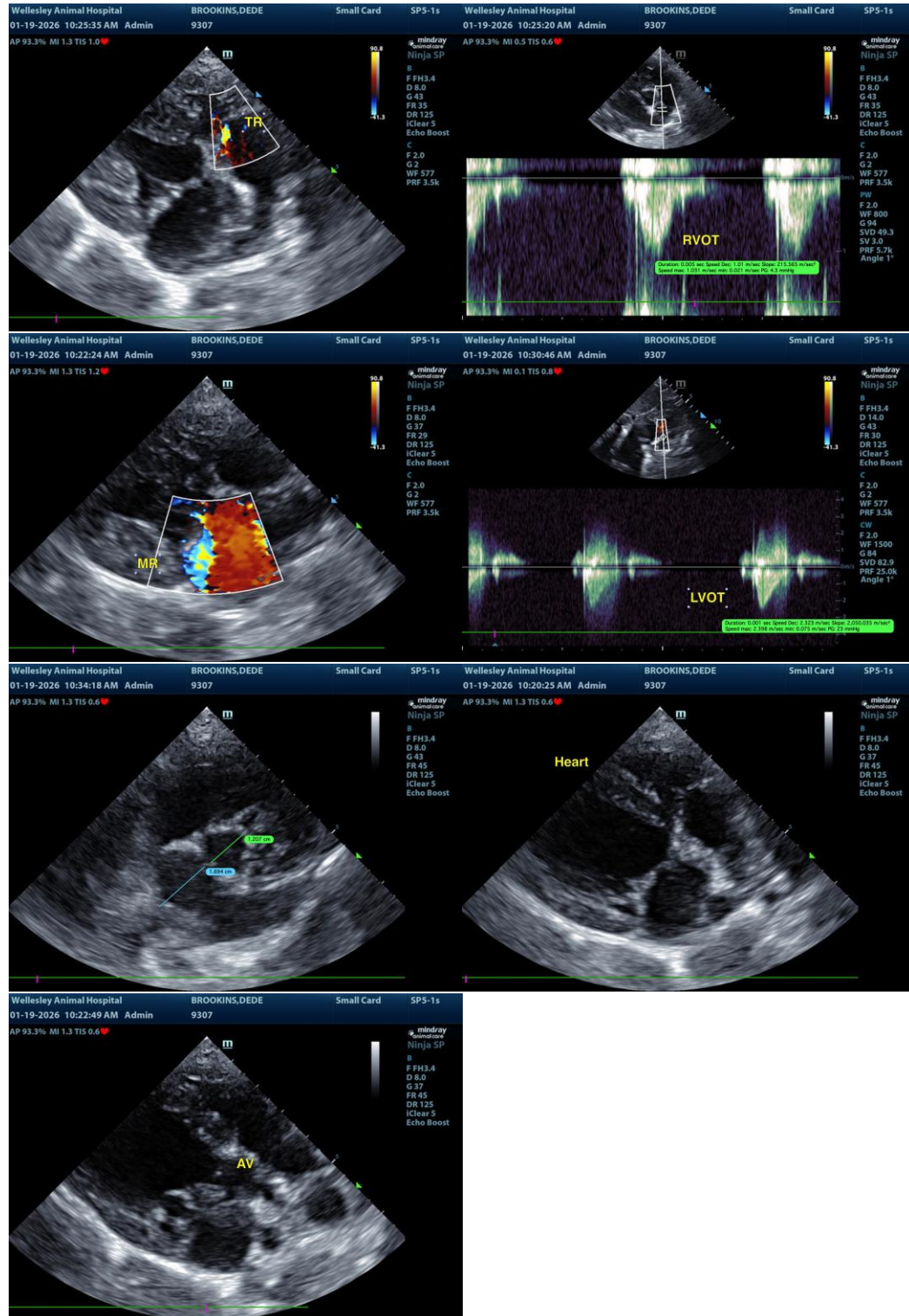
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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