



## PATIENT

Sophie Schwartz

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

history of a new murmur (rDVM reports grade III). Patient is not having any clinical signs. Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: none reported

## SPECIES

Canine

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

## BREED

Maltese Mix

## SEX

Female Spayed

## AGE

7 Years, 11 Months

## WEIGHT

15.8 lbs

| CANINE                    | MR                   | TR                   | LA/AO               | LA/AO             | FS                              | EF                                    | EPSS                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b> | <b>VMAX</b><br>(m/s) | <b>VMAX</b><br>(m/s) | (Boon method)       | (Heart Base; Swe) | (%)                             | (%)                                   | (cm)                                  |
| <b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>   | 4.5-5.5              | <2.7                 | 1.3                 | <1.6              | 28-40                           | 40-100                                | <0.6                                  |
| <b>PATIENT</b>            |                      |                      | NM                  | 1.57              | 46.7                            | 82                                    | 0.2                                   |
| CANINE                    | HR                   | AV                   | PV                  | BODY WEIGHT       | LA                              | LVIDd                                 | LVIDs                                 |
| <b>CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b> | (BPM)                | <b>VMAX</b><br>(m/s) | <b>MAX</b><br>(m/s) | (kg)              | 2D short axis Base view<br>(cm) | Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis<br>(cm) | Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis<br>(cm) |
| <b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>   | 50-100               | 0.7-1.7              | 0.7-1.6             | BELOW             | BELOW                           | BELOW                                 | BELOW                                 |
| <b>PATIENT</b>            | NM                   | 1.33                 | 0.8                 |                   | 3.0                             | 2.5                                   |                                       |

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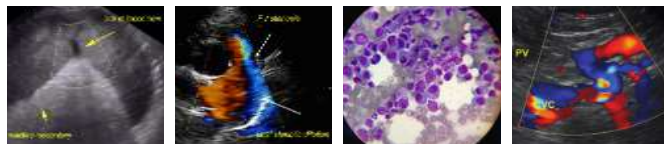
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## Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated mild enlarged **left atrial** size based on 3 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 subjective mild eccentric mitral valve 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 normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology. 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). 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

- Chronic mitral valve disease (ACVIM b1 - early b2)



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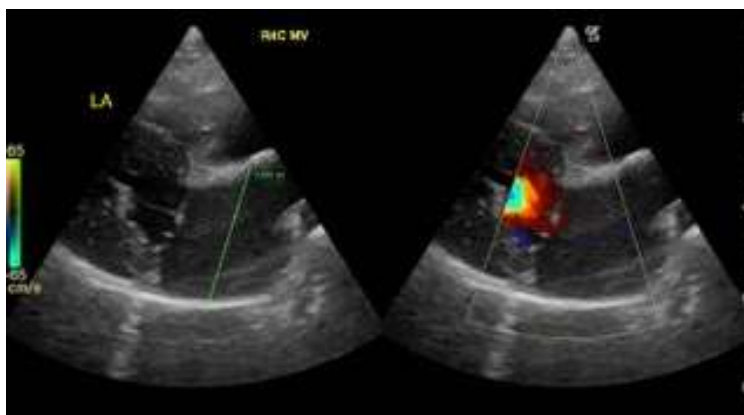
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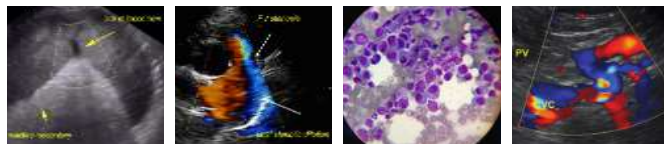
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## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of the murmur secondary to mild chronic degenerative valvular changes and secondary mild eccentric mitral valve insufficiency. Mild LA enlargement is present indicating that the risk of future complication is mildly elevated yet overall, the heart appears to be compensated. No evidence of significant left heart volume overload as well as no evidence of additional issues such as systolic dysfunction or evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension. In a nonclinical patient without evidence of significant cardiac changes, medications are not specifically indicated.

Conservative monitoring of the murmur and for clinical signs at this stage would be appropriate; however, serial echocardiographic monitoring is needed for further prognosis. Recheck echocardiogram suggested in 6 months, sooner if clinical signs suggestive of heart disease arise.





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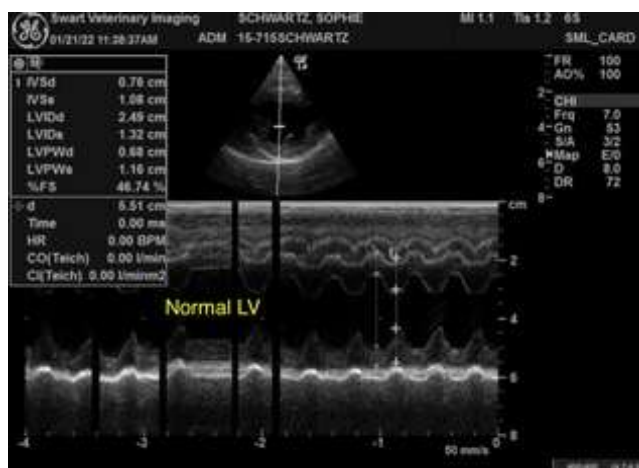
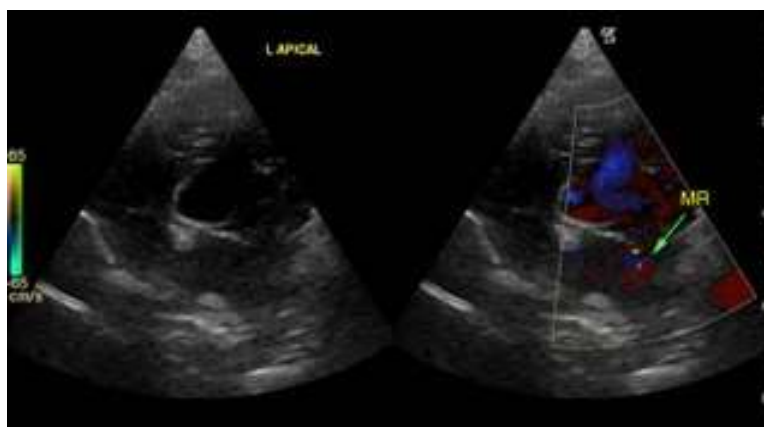
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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