



**PATIENT**

Cooper Dispalatro

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: High Grade pansystolic, heart murmur. Chronic Bronchitis, also has disk disease. Would like to have pt on steroids for IVDD but please assess

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART**

**BREED**

Jack Russell Terrier

**SEX**

MN

**AGE**

8yr

**WEIGHT**

26lb

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	5.5	2.5	--	1.6	35	65	0.34
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	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	116	1.3	0.95	--	3.7	3.4	--

**Cardiac Presentation**

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated mild increased left atrial size with early intra atrial septal deviation based on 2 different LA measurement methods. The cranial and caudal mitral valve leaflets presented thickening consistent with endocardiosis. Mild valve prolapse present. Doppler indicated measurable moderate eccentric insufficiency. The left ventricle presented normal thicknesses with linear contour and mild increased LV dimension. 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 mild thickened with mild TR. 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 cardiac / pericardial tumors was visible.

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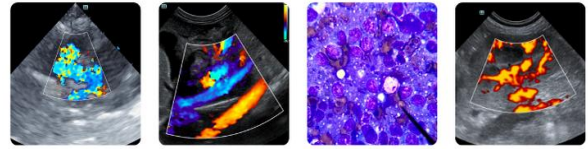
**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary**

- Chronic mitral valve disease with mild valve prolapse (B2)
- Mild TV insufficiency - no evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension

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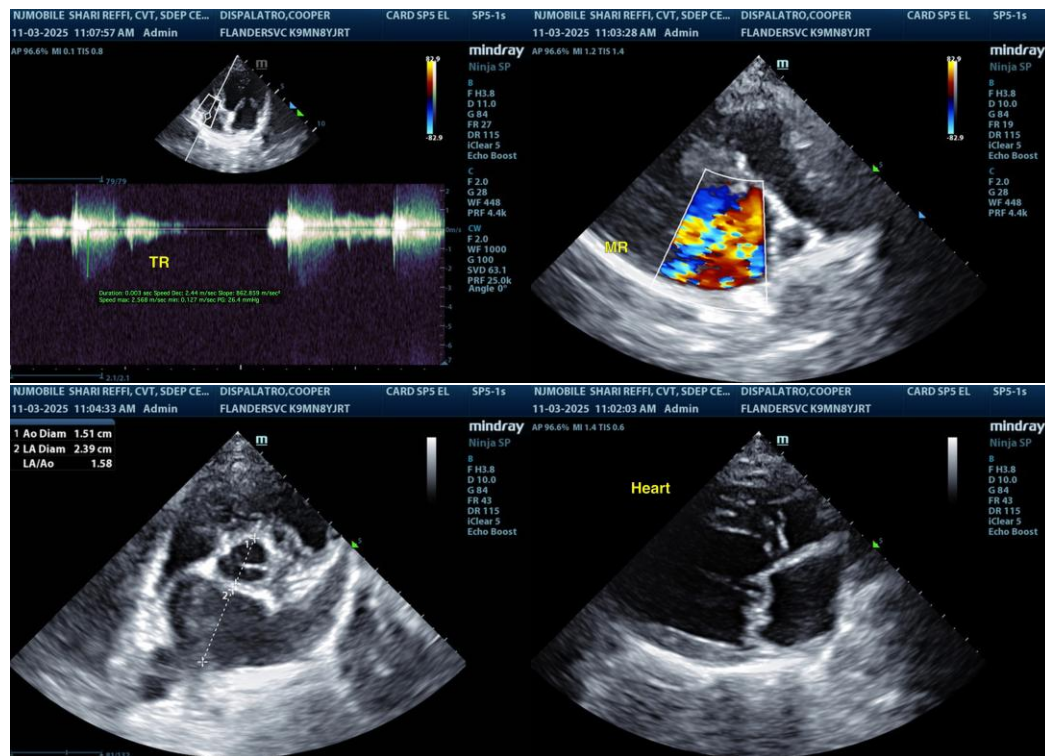
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The cause of the murmur is chronic degenerative valvular changes with secondary eccentric mitral valve insufficiency. The left atrial enlargement implies that the risk of complication secondary to mitral valve insufficiency is elevated, yet overall, the heart appears stable. No other clinical issues such as LV systolic dysfunction or clinical pulmonary hypertension. Pimobendan 0.3 mg/kg BID is recommended.

No overt indication for additional medication. No overt contraindication to steroid therapy however, the prognosis is considered variable and sonographic monitoring is recommended. Recheck echo cardiogram is suggested in 6 months, sooner if clinical signs arise.

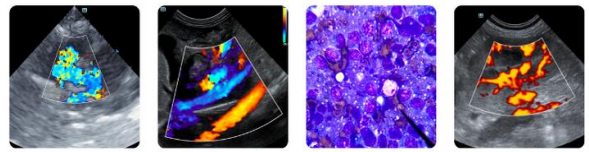
Anesthetic risk is considered mild yet likely mildly reduced once the patient has been on Pimobendan for 3-5 days. Suggested anesthetic protocol may include opioid or Benzodiazepine pre-med, induction with Propofol or Alfaxalone, and appropriate gas anesthesia with avoidance of alpha 2 agonists.



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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