



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Jack Kowalski

History: Diagnosed with Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and heart murmur in 2016 Cardiac arrest during a dental in 2015 Hyperthyroid - being treated with methimazole suspension--1.25 mg PO q12
Kidney Disease - on K/D diet
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results:

SPECIES

Feline

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

BREED

DSH

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

13 Years

WEIGHT

15 Lbs.

FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	HR (BPM)	IVSd (cm)	LVIDd (cm)	LVWd (cm)	FS (%)	EF (%)
NORMAL PARAMETER	-----	150-240	0.3-0.6	1.0-2.1	0.25-0.6	35-67	80-100
PATIENT	--	230	0.6	1.37	0.6	63.5	96.7
FELINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	LA/AO (Boon)	LA/AO HEART BASE (Sisson)	LA 2D 4-chamber long axis AS to FW (Sisson) (cm)	LVOT VEL. (m/s)	RVOT VEL. (m/s)	IVRT (m/)	
NORMAL PARAMETER	<1.5	0.88-1.79	0.7-1.7	<1.6	<1.3	40-60	
PATIENT	1.3	1.21	1.4	1.0	1.1	NM	
Adapted from June Boon, Veterinary Echocardiography, 1998 Sisson D et al. JVIM 1991; 5: 232, Jacobs et al. Am J Vet Res 1985; 46:1705							

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Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size and structure with no evidence of "smoke" or thrombi. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets appeared mildly thickened with some insufficiency noted on Doppler. The **left ventricle** presented mildly excessive free wall and septal thicknesses with hypertrophic tendency compared to normal for this species. Concurrent mildly prominent papillary muscles within the left ventricle lumen were noted. The **myocardium** presented essentially normal echogenicity without immediate signs of fibrotic or ischemic disease. **Contractility** of the ventricular walls was considered excessive for this patient evidenced by the elevated fractional shortening measurement. The **left ventricular outflow** tract demonstrated turbulent laminar flow. Subjective assessment of the **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated linear morphology. The **right ventricle** was of normal size with normal chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonic** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter. No visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted. No echographically detectable evidence of infiltrative disease was visible. The **mediastinum** was free of masses in the visible window.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mild IVS and LV free wall hypertrophy with mildly prominent papillary muscles
- Normal left atrium



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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Echocardiogram consistent with previous diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. HCM is a rule out diagnosis assuming the patient is normotensive and euthyroid. Assessment of systemic blood pressure is recommended. The lack of left atrium enlargement indicates that the risk of current and immediate future complication is likely low. No other clinical issues such as systolic dysfunction were identified. A physiologic flow murmur is considered likely if a murmur is present. Given the overall lack of left or right heart chamber enlargement, cardiac medications at this time are not overtly indicated. Continued conservative monitoring for evidence of clinical signs associated with heart disease and with recheck echocardiogram in 6 months or sooner, if clinical signs suggestive of heart disease, is recommended.



The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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