


PATIENT

Pluto Agurre

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Grade 6/6 murmur. No cough. No CXR done. Possible pre-anaesthesia.

SPECIES

Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART
BREED

Cocker Spaniel Mix

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.3	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT				1.5	52	85	0.25
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm)	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		1.6	1.5		3.8	3.4	

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AGE

13yr

WEIGHT

8.5kg

Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal left atrial size based on 3 different LA measurement methods. The cranial and caudal mitral valve leaflets presented moderate thickening consistent with endocardiosis (anterior greater than posterior). No evidence of chordae tendinea rupture. Minor anterior leaflet prolapse was present. Doppler indicated 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 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 minor 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). 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.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Chronic mitral valve disease (ACVIM mild to early B2)
- Mild mitral valve prolapse.
- Mild TR-no evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
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The mild increased LA size may suggest mild increased risk for complication secondary to MR yet overall, the heart appears to be compensated without evidence of significant left chamber



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enlargement. No evidence of LV systolic dysfunction or evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension present. In a non-clinical patient without evidence of significant cardiac changes, medical therapy is not overtly indicated yet Pimobendan 0.3 mg/kg PO SID would be warranted given evidence of mild LA enlargement. Prognosis is highly variable and serial sonographic monitoring is required for further prognosis. Recheck echocardiogram recommended in 6 months, sooner if clinical signs arise.

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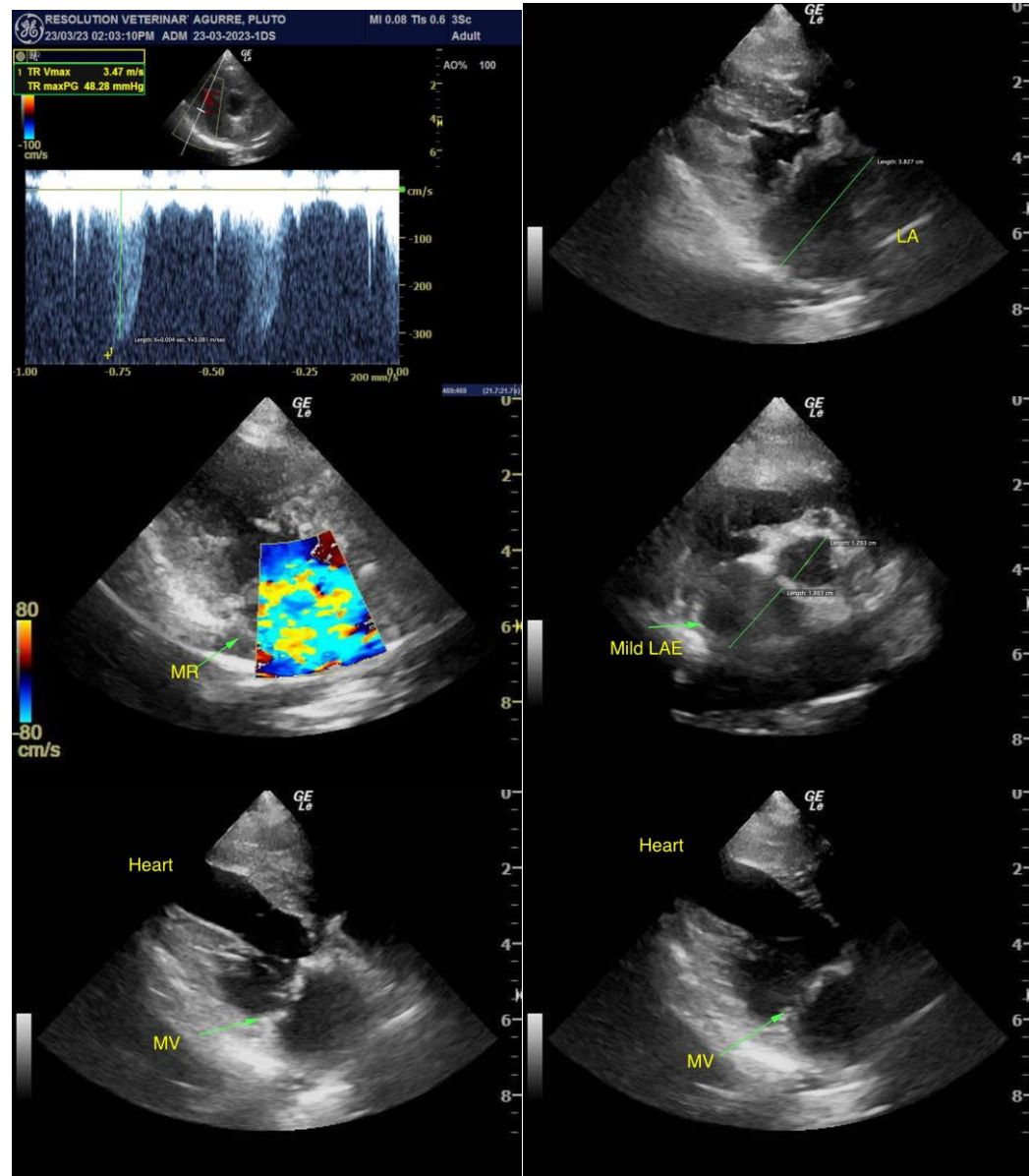
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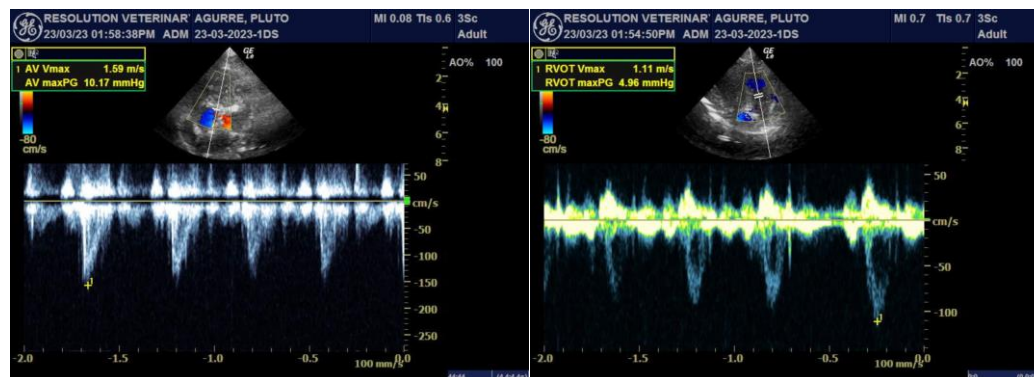
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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