PATIENT

Angel Valeuven

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Miniature Dachshund

SEX

Female Intact

AGE

15Y

WEIGHT

9.2lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Labored breathing, newly acquired cough
Harsh lung sounds, no cardiac murmur but weak femoral pulses. Pk MM.
Current meds: Doxycycline pulse dosing

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			--	1.1	38	71	0.1
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		1.7	1.0		2.7	2.4	

Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 2 different LA measurement methods. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented thickening consistent with endocardiosis. Doppler indicated measurable moderate eccentric insufficiency 5.7 m/s. 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. Normal measured LVOT velocity with aortic insufficiency on Doppler 5.7 m/s max. 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 cardiac / pericardial tumors was visible.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Chronic mitral valve disease (B1).
- Aortic valve insufficiency.

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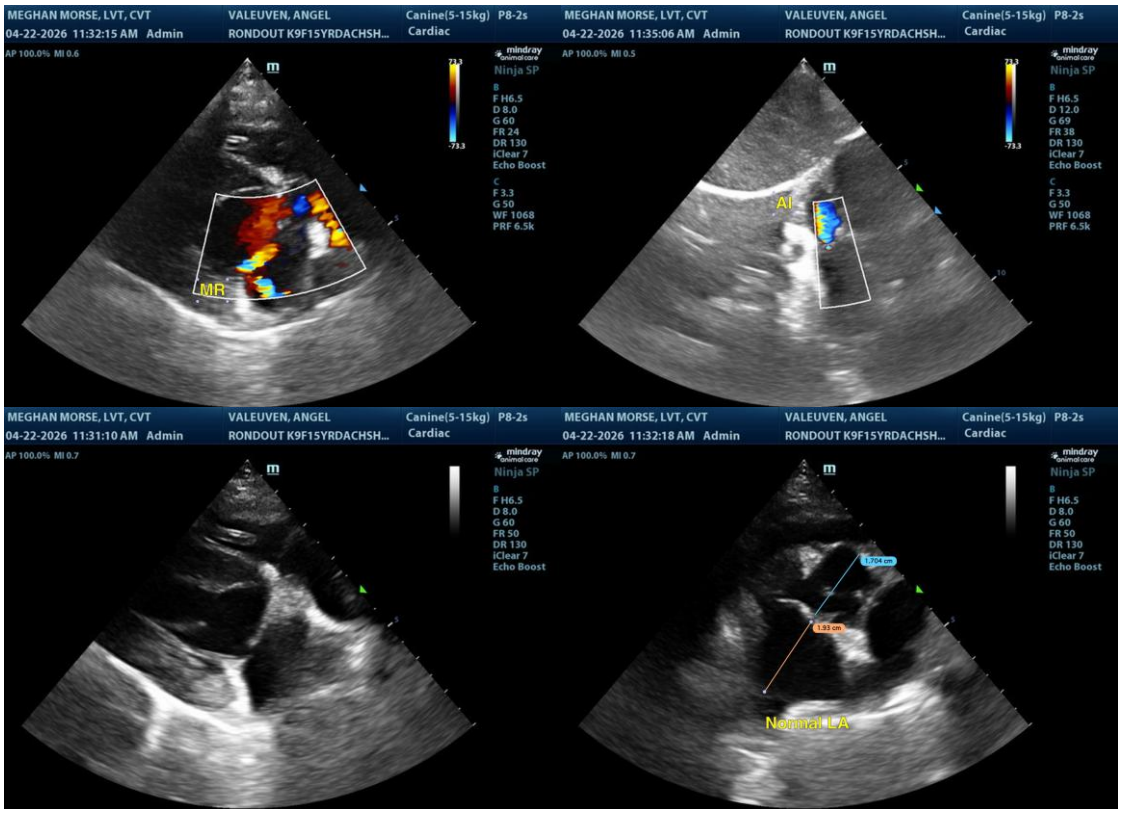
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of the murmur is chronic degenerative valvular changes with secondary eccentric mitral valve insufficiency. The lack of left atrial enlargement implies that the risk of complication secondary to mitral valve insufficiency is low at this time, and without current clinical signs, indicates that medical therapy is not required. No evidence of pulmonary hypertension. The respiratory signs in this patient are noncardiogenic in origin. As needed respiratory support indicated. Prognosis is considered variable and sonographic monitoring is advised. Recheck echo cardiogram is suggested in 6-12 months, sooner if clinically indicated. Correlation with three-view chest radiographs recommended if not done. Assessment of systemic BP for hypertension given aortic valve insufficiency is recommended. If patient is normotensive and pending thoracic radiographs, cardiac anesthetic risk is considered mild.

If elected, the following protocol is suggested:

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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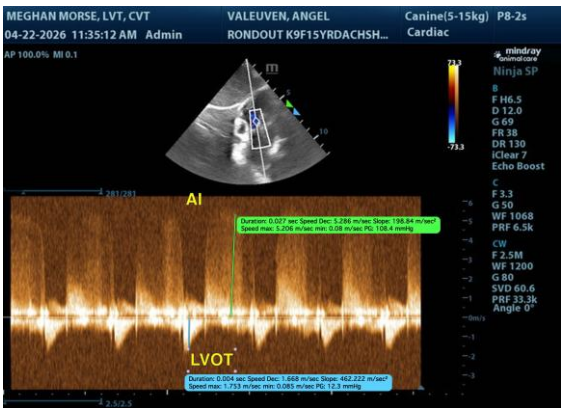

The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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