

PATIENT

Coral Pantoja

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Dachshund

SEX

FS

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

14.1 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

dental disease heart murmur - recent finding r/o: valvular disease, endocarditis, open lipomas bilateral cherry eye

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC: Reticulocytosis, mild monocytosis, Nrbc 3 Chem is wnl. Urinalysis: spgr 1.025, ph = 8, 1+ epi cells, 2+ struvite crystals T4 is wnl at 1.8 Cardiopet pr BNP = wnl at 250 Heart Rate and Respiratory Rates Heart Rate: 114, Respiration: 30 Blood Pressure Measurements None Current Medications NeopPolyBacDex Eye Ointment 1/4 inch strip each eye BID

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

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	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.2			1.26	46.2	81	0.16
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	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
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Cardiac Presentation

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **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 endocarditis. No evidence of valvular prolapse was noted. Doppler indicated measurable centralized to 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 adequate linear morphology. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of

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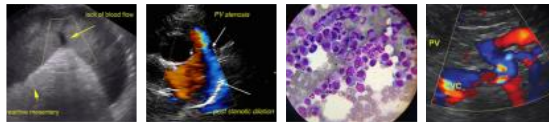
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LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonic** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx.1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted. No echographically detectable evidence of infiltrative disease was visible. The cranial **mediastinum and pericardial regions** were free of masses in the visible window.

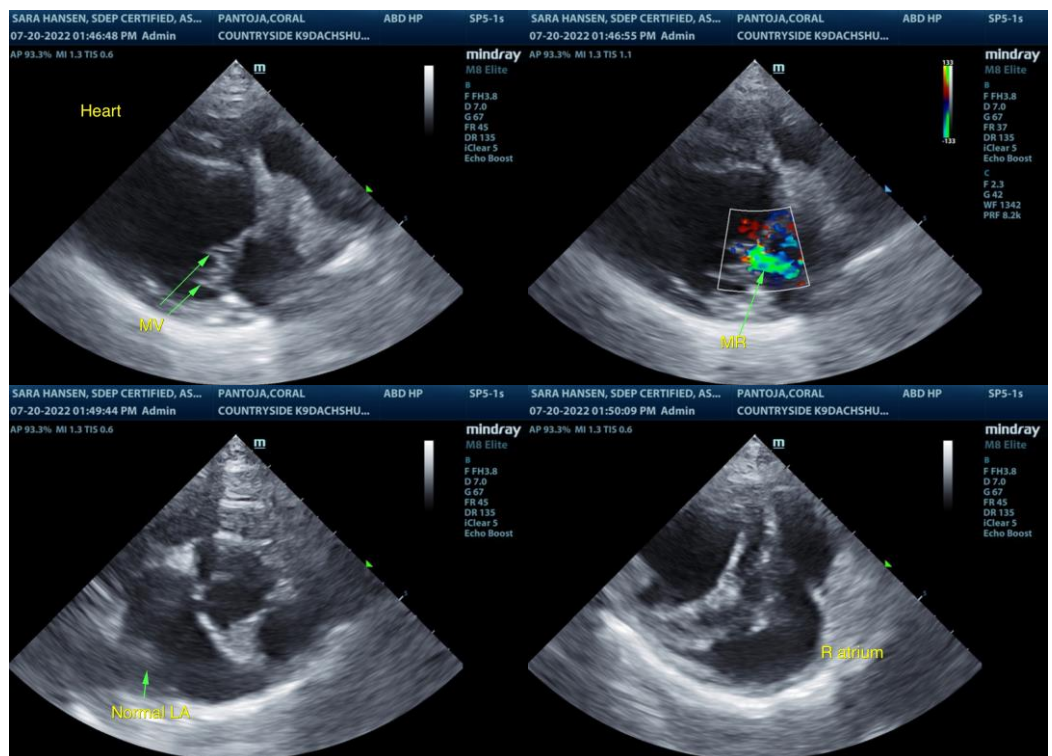
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Chronic mitral valve disease (ACVIM B1)

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of the murmur is chronic degenerative valvular changes with secondary centralized to eccentric mitral valve insufficiency. No evidence of endocarditis was noted. The lack of overt left atrial enlargement implies that the risk of complication secondary to mitral valve insufficiency is relatively low at this time and, without current clinical signs, indicates that medical therapy is not required. However, prognosis at this stage is highly variable and serial sonographic monitoring is recommended for further assessment.

Conservative monitoring at this stage is recommended with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 months, sooner if clinical signs suggestive of heart disease arise. No overt anesthetic contraindications. Assessment of systemic BP is recommended. If anesthesia is required, the following anesthetic 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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