

## PATIENT

Mr. Woodles Lutz

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Dachshund

## SEX

MN

## AGE

14 yrs

## WEIGHT

14.3 lbs.

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Animal Mansion

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## DATE

8/25/22

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

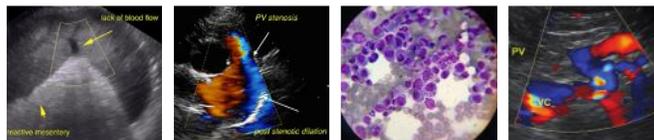
Routine wellness exam revealed grade III/VI murmur. No clinical signs present.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

CANINE	MR	TR	LA/AO	LA/AO	FS	EF	EPSS
<b>CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b>	<b>VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>VMAX</b> (m/s)	(Boon method)	(Heart Base; Swe)	(%)	(%)	(cm)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.3	28-40	40-100	<0.6
<b>PATIENT</b>	5.4	1.8		1.4	37	69	0.21
CANINE	HR	AV	PV	BODY WEIGHT	LA	LVIDd	LVIDs
<b>CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b>	(BPM)	<b>VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>MAX</b> (m/s)	(kg)	2D short axis Base view (cm)	Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
<b>PATIENT</b>	134	1.1	0.8		3.3	3.2	

## 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. Assessment of the mitral valve revealed mild thickening consistent with mild endocardiosis. Doppler eccentric mitral valve 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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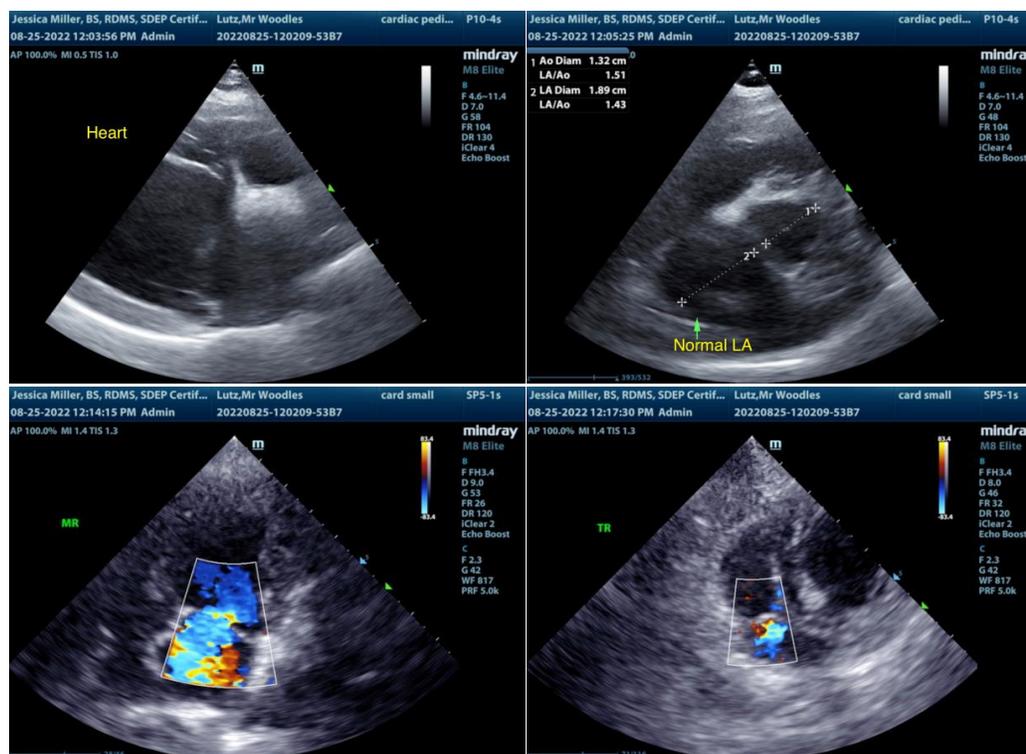
## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Chronic mitral valve disease (ACVIM B1)
- Mild TR - estimated pulmonary pressure gradient (<20 mmHg)

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of the murmur is secondary to chronic degenerative valvular changes with primary eccentric mitral valve and mild tricuspid valve insufficiency. The lack of left atrium enlargement or left heart volume overload indicates that the hemodynamic effects of the mitral valve Insufficiency are low and thus risk of current and future complication at this stage is low. No other clinical issues such as LV systolic dysfunction or evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension were noted.

In a nonclinical patient without evidence of chamber enlargement, cardiac medications are not indicated. However, prognosis at this stage is highly variable, and serial sonographic monitoring is recommended for further assessment. Recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6-12 months, sooner if murmur intensity increases or if clinical signs arise.



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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