


PATIENT

Nubi Alpern

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Patient presents for coughing, extremely pinched trachea on radiographs.

SPECIES

Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART
BREED

Miniature Pinscher

SEX

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AGE

15yr

WEIGHT

6.7lb

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	46	80.7	0.24
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	108	1.4	0.73		2.4	2.4	

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 minor vegetative thickening consistent with minor endocardiosis. Doppler indicated mild 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 overall structural integrity. Mild to moderate aortic insufficiency measuring 2.7 m/s was present on Doppler. 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 minor 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). Trace pulmonic insufficiency was noted on Doppler. 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
Primary

- Overall normal cardiac structure and function
- Mild mitral valve endocardiosis with secondary compensated mitral valve insufficiency



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- Tricuspid valve insufficiency-no evidence of clinical pulmonary hypertension
- Aortic insufficiency
- Trace pulmonic insufficiency

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No evidence of structural or functional cardiomyopathy was observed in this study. The cardiac presentation was not consistent with underlying cardiogenic cause of the patient's coughing. Primary upper or lower airway disease is most likely. No indication for cardiac medications.

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As needed respiratory support would be reasonable. Systemic BP measurement is recommended to assess for evidence of hypertension given the aortic insufficiency.

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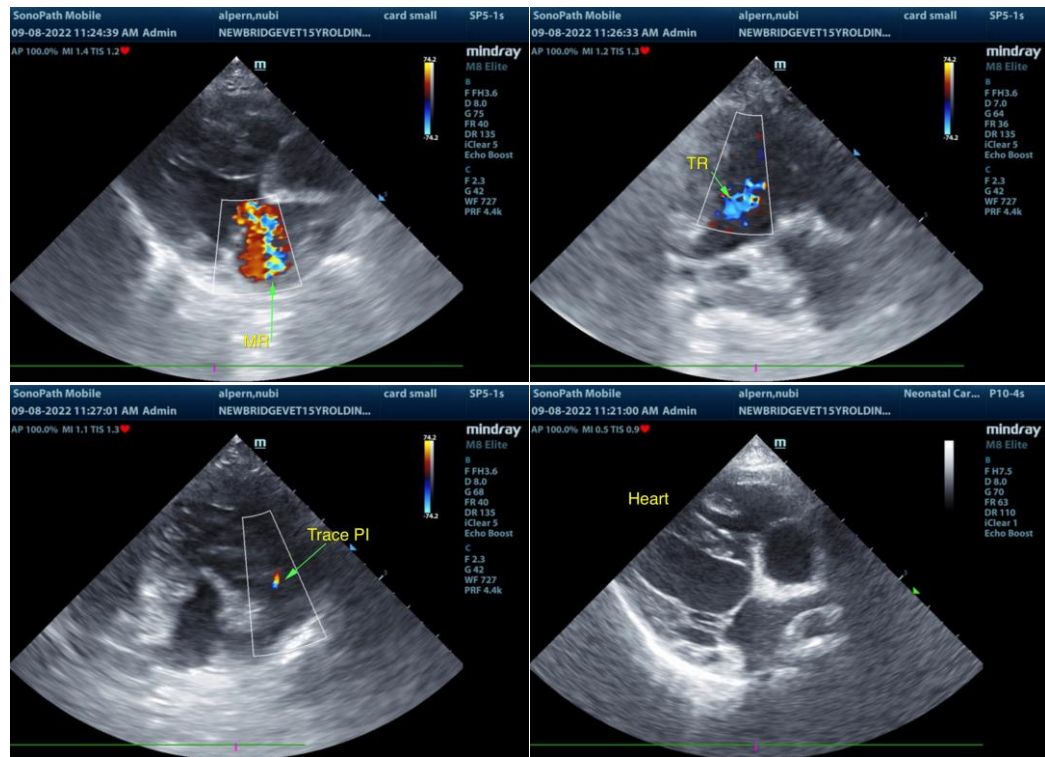
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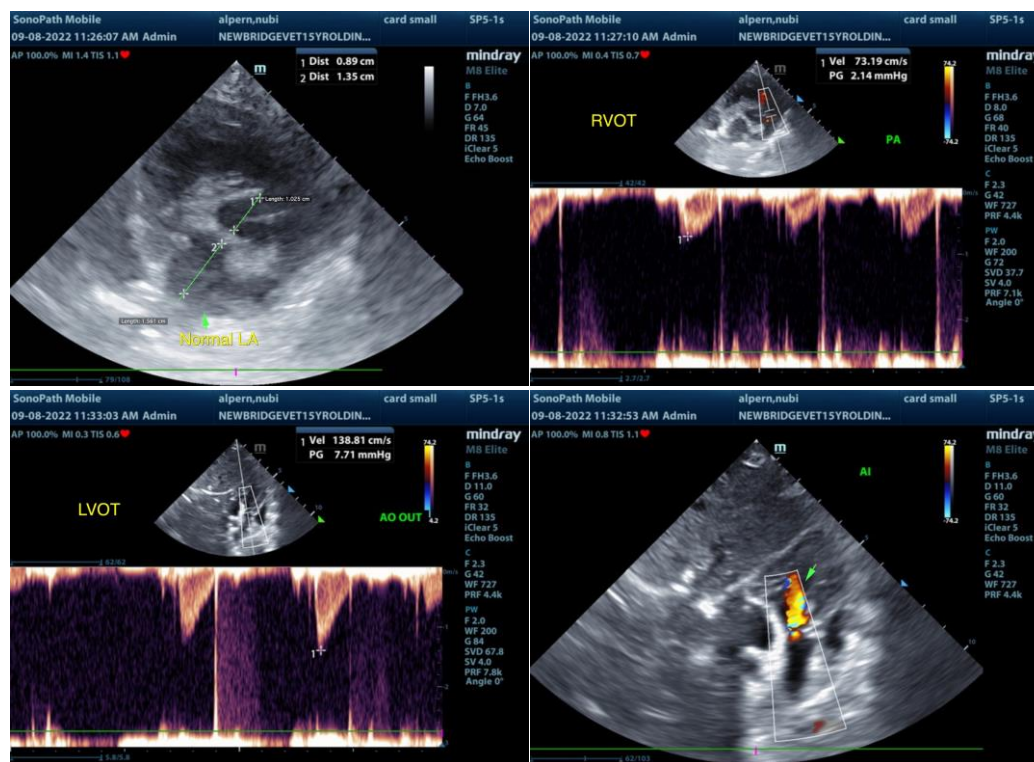
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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