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Guillermo Black

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

presented for a cardiac echo, three view thorax revealed a splenic mass, performed a full abdominal ultrasound He also is lame on left hind, luxating patella grade 3 out of 4, positive drawer sign stage B2 mitral insufficiency (Idexx reviewed)  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: pending lab work

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**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE STIFLES, PELVIS, & ABDOMEN**

Right/left lateral and ventrodorsal views of the abdomen totaling 3 images available for review.

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**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Abdomen**

The surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.

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No abnormalities of the extraabdominal soft tissues are noted. The abdominal wall is smooth and thin.

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The serosal detail is maintained throughout the peritoneal and retroperitoneal space.

The liver is appropriate in position, size and presents uniform opacity.

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An ovoid approximately 3.5 cm sized soft tissue opaque mass is seen in the cranioventral abdomen and border effacing with the splenic tail.

Both kidneys are seen and present with normal size, shape, delineation and opacity. The urinary bladder is in its anticipated position. No radiopaque calculi are noted throughout the upper and lower urinary tract.

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The stomach is in its anticipated position and presents normal content.

The small intestinal loops are of even diameter and non-dilated, a small amount of gas is seen within the small intestinal loops and considered within normal limits.

The colon is seen in the expected position and presents with appropriate content.

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**Stifles**

Mild articular swelling of the right stifle joint in seen. There is apical osseous remodeling of the patella. The patella is in situ in the right stifle joint.

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Medial patella luxation is noted in the left stifle joint with significant cranial thrust of the tibia and severe articular swelling. Moderate osteophytes of the femoral trochlea are seen.

There is mild disuse atrophy of the left hind limb musculature.

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A cartilage remnant is seen in the tibial tuberosity in both proximal tibiae.

**Pelvis**



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The coxofemoral joints present within age related normal limits. There is no evidence of dysplasia or osteoarthritis. No significant tibial curvature is noted.

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- Cranioventral abdominal soft tissue mass of presumed splenic origin.
- Left stifle arthropathy with radiographic evidence of medial patella luxation and cranial cruciate ligament failure as well as moderate osteoarthritis.
- Mild disuse atrophy of the left hind limb musculature.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The radiographic study of the abdomen reveals a soft tissue mass in the cranioventral abdomen. Splenic origin is assumed and parallels the history of a splenic mass seen on thoracic radiographs and ultrasound.

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The radiographic study of the hind limbs reveals medial patella luxation of the left stifle. There also is evidence of cranial cruciate ligament failure in the left stifle as indicated per the cranial thrust of the tibia. Moderate osteoarthritic changes and mild disuse atrophy of the left hind limb musculature are seen. The right stifle joint presents minimal signs of osteoarthritis. The patella is in situ at the time of the examination. Correlation with the clinical palpation recommended.

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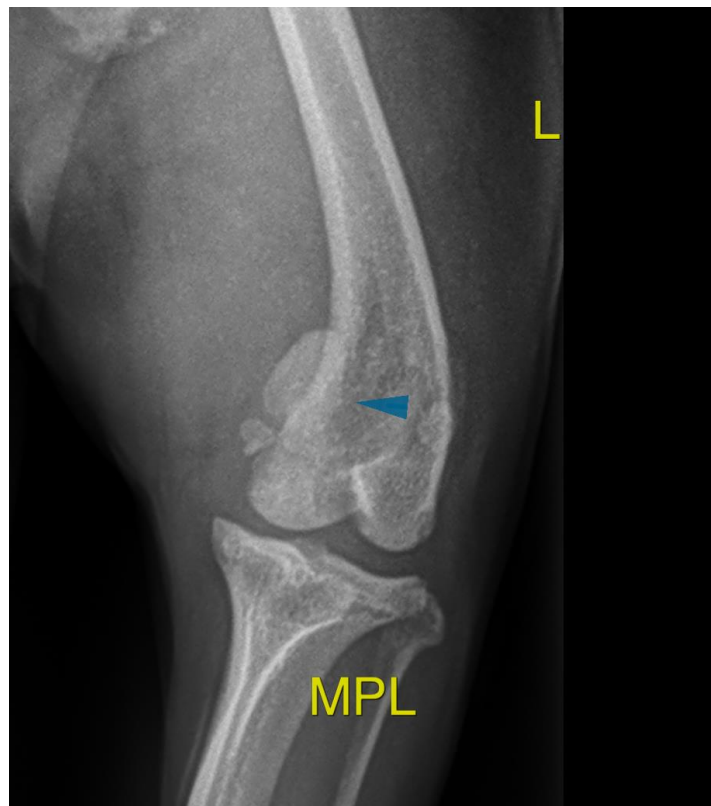
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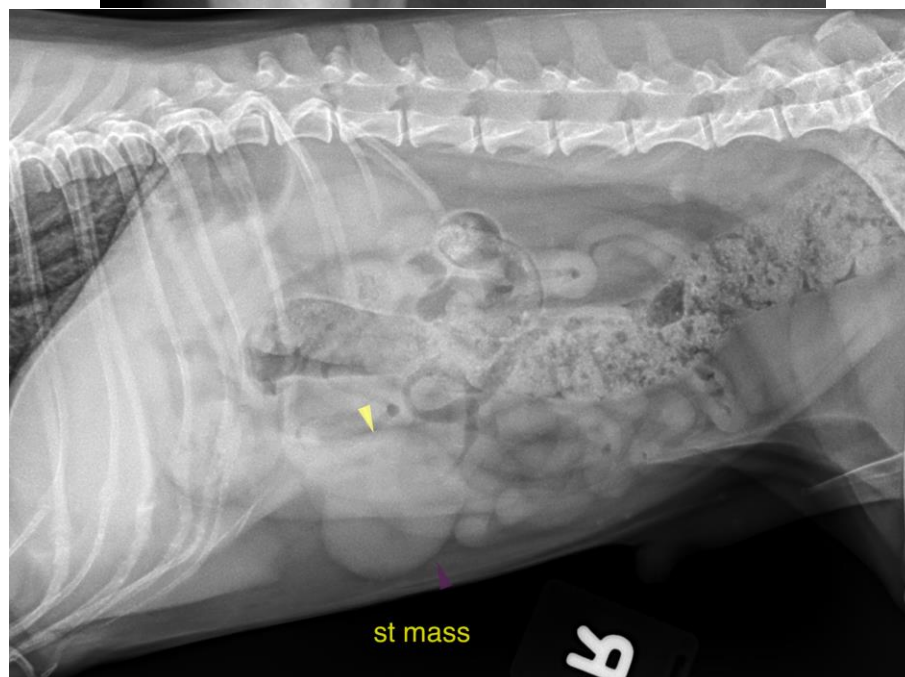
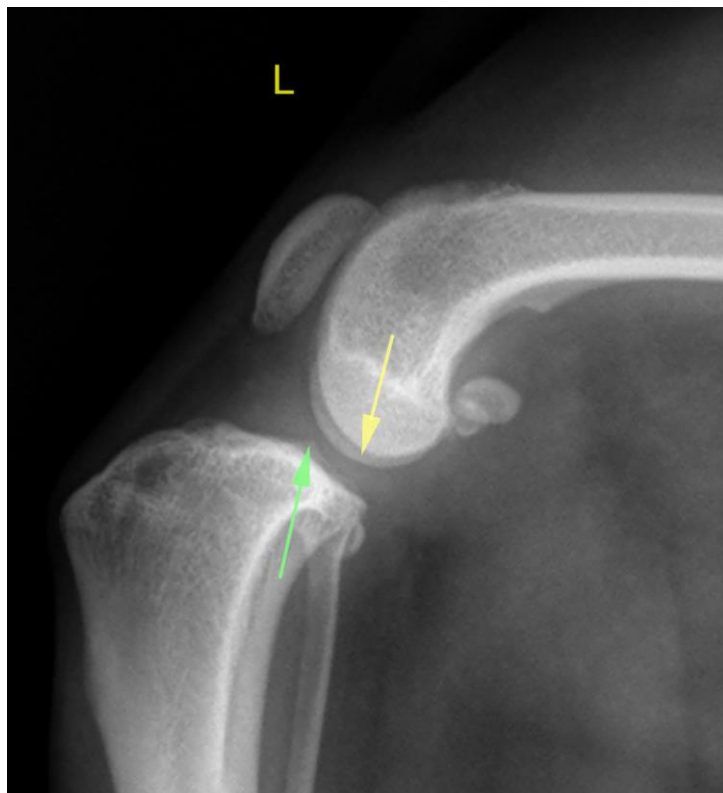
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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