



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Cricket Fisher

- Cricket is a 6.2-year-old female spayed mixed-breed dog with a primary history of musculoskeletal pain and lameness, suspected atopic dermatitis, and a past, resolved skin infection.
- On 01/08/2026, Cricket presented for an acute onset of left-sided lameness. The examination revealed muscle atrophy of the left hindlimb, pain on palpation of the lumbar spine, and a pain score of 3/5. A cruciate ligament tear was suspected, with concurrent myofascial/back pain. A pain management plan was initiated with carprofen and gabapentin, and a therapeutic laser session was performed on the left knee. A sedated joint ultrasound of the stifles was recommended for further diagnosis.

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Pit Mix

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Lab work from 01/09/2026 was negative for tick-borne diseases (IDEXX 4Dx Plus), making infectious causes of polyarthritis less likely, though a mild hypokalemia was noted. A follow-up exam on 01/29/2026 noted a pain score of 2/4. A urinalysis on this date revealed 3+ ammonium mg phosphate crystals. NSF other

## SEX

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE BILATERAL STIFLES

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

## AGE

6.5yr

The left stifle presents mild anechoic joint effusion. The cranial cruciate ligament is intact with smooth delineation and uniform fiber pattern. Lateral and medial meniscus are in situ with no evidence of displacement or no evidence of alterations in echogenicity and integrity. No evidence of synovial proliferation, periarticular bone remodeling or other abnormalities are seen.

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Right stifle mild joint effusion slightly more pronounced than the left is seen. Mild synovial thickening is noted. There appears to be early periarticular bone remodeling. The cranial cruciate ligament demonstrates slightly heterogeneous echotexture and is less well defined consistent with early degenerative changes or early partial fiber compromised. The menisci are normal.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

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- Left stifle normal except for mild joint effusion
- Right stifle mild effusion, synovitis, early periarticular osteophyte formation and early cranial cruciate ligament changes
- Normal bilateral menisci

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## INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Clinical correlation with orthopedic examination particularly for right stifle ligament function is recommended. This seems to contradict the clinical history of the patient so that lameness of other origin could be considered in this patient.

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Consider follow-up imaging if clinical signs progress or surgical planning is required. Feel free to supplementarily provide the radiographs of the stifle of this dog if available for cross reference of the ultrasonographic findings.

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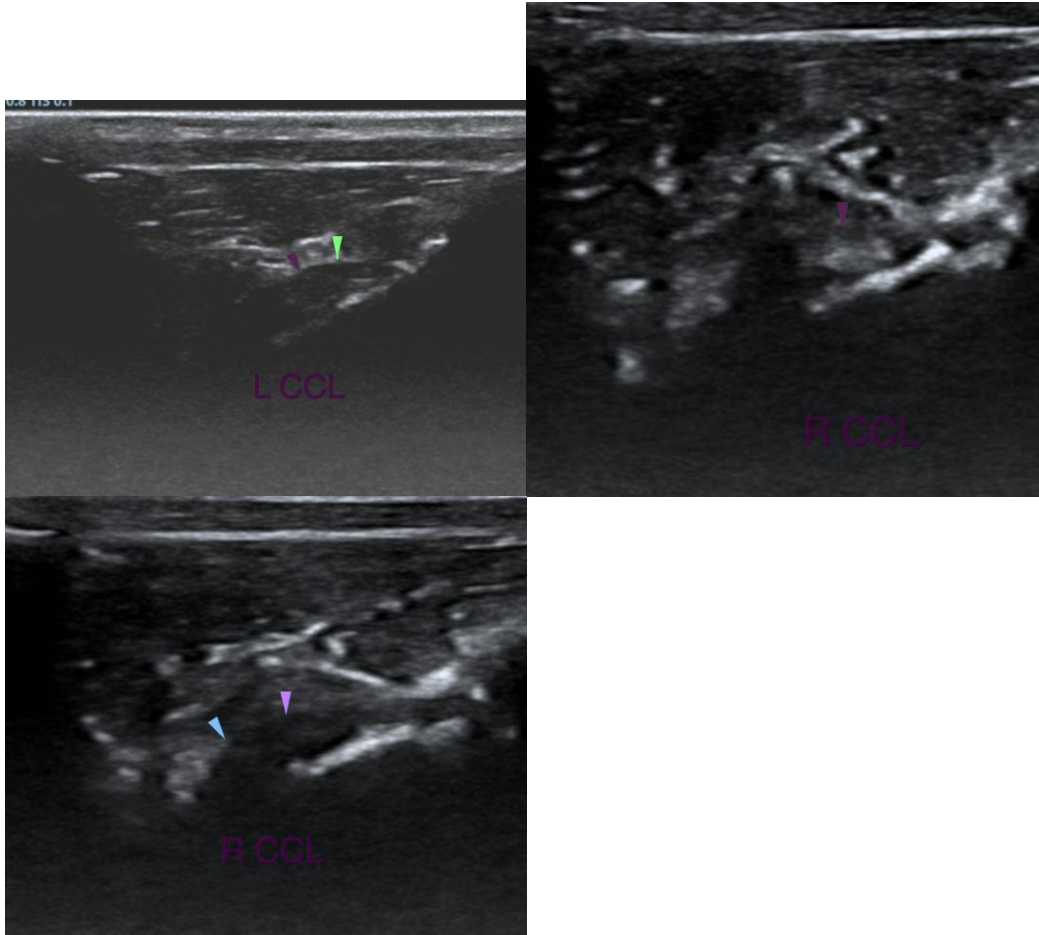
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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