

**PATIENT**

Stella Aquino

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

fell down 13 steps yesterday limping right hind

**SPECIES**

Canine

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE STIFLES**

Mediolateral and craniocaudal views of both stifles available for review.

**BREED**

Boston Terrier

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Fragmentation and cranioproximal displacement of the apophyseal ossification center of the tibial tuberosity is seen in one of the hind limbs labeled as the left. Submission form refers to lameness on the right hind.

Moderate regional soft tissue swelling as well as moderate thickening of the patella ligament are seen.

**SEX**

Female

The proximal apophyseal growth plate of the tibia appears to be in situ.

No evidence of patella luxation is seen.

**AGE**

5 Years

The distal femoral growth plates present within normal limits.

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- Traumatic avulsion with fragmentation of the tibial tuberosity and patella ligament desmitis versus rupture.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS****HOSPITAL NAME**Rockaway Animal  
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The radiographic findings suggest traumatic avulsion fracture of the tibial tuberosity with patella ligament involvement. The split of the apophysis may pose a particular challenge in this case to the surgical reduction and fixation. No significant proximal displacement of the patella appears to be present at this point; however, partial rupture of the patella ligament appears likely.

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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.

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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