



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

**PATIENT** Beau Burns  
**SPECIES** Canine  
**BREED** Chihuahua  
**SEX** MN  
**AGE** 16

Pt presented on 12/29 for neck swelling and gagging. O mentioned swelling is getting progressively worse, owner has already expanded collar once and it is now tight again. Primary DVM noted SQ tissue thickening/mass around the ventral neck, firmly attached to structures below, unable to isolate. Wondering if there is association with the thyroid glands or other structures. Dental procedure with over 25 extractions performed on 1/7/26

## COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE NECK

Plain and post contrast studies are available for review.

## COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

The thyroid gland presents normal in size, position, shape and attenuation. Soft tissues of the ventral neck are within normal limits; no discrete mass or swelling is identified.

Mild flattening of the cervical trachea is noted.

The laryngeal structures appear normal.

Mildly enlarged retropharyngeal lymph nodes are seen bilaterally.

The intervertebral disc spaces C2-3 and C5-6 are narrowed. Mild degenerative changes of the cervical spine without evidence of spinal cord compression are seen.

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## COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- No discrete mass identified in the ventral neck region.
- Soft tissues and thyroid glands appear normal.
- Mild bilateral retropharyngeal lymphadenomegaly compatible with reactive change in (recent dental procedure).
- Mild cervical tracheal flattening: secondary to external pressure or related to dynamic tracheal disease.
- Degenerative disc disease C2-3 C5-6

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## INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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The previously noted ventral neck swelling is not associated with a discrete mass or thyroid pathology on CT.

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The mild retropharyngeal lymph node enlargement could correspond to chronic inflammatory changes possibly related to prior dental disease.

Note the presence of mild tracheal flattening which may indicate dynamic tracheal collapse.

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Signs of degenerative disc disease are noted at C2-3 and C5-6 without evidence of acute myelopathy.



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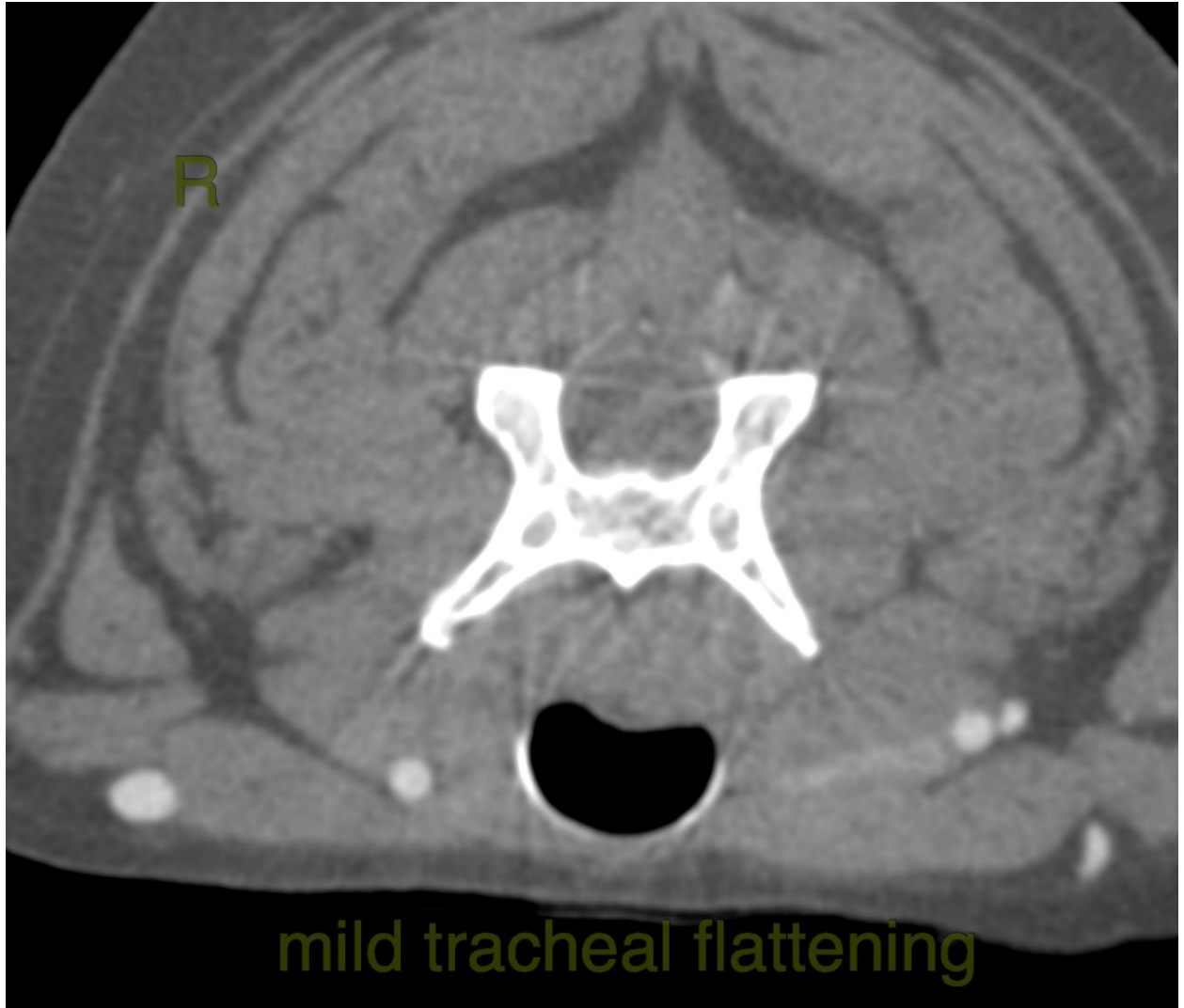
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Beau Burns      **The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.**

## SPECIES

Canine      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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