

PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Mini Taylor 02/11/2025 OR not been herself the last week, grunting a little when being picked up and sometimes just when lying down licking her paws etc, currently on metacam long term for arthritis in left hind leg but not been having as had hyporexia for last ~5 days- eating v slowly and only around half of each meal No vomiting or diarrhoea, no coughing or sneezing QAR Today still hunched - CT scan ultimately to see if any FB - stick etc and may easily come back with nothing but is advisable in this case for completeness

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 271U/L (10-125)

BREED

Springer Spaniel

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX & HEAD/NECK

Plain and post contrast studies are available for review.

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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

HEAD/NECK

AGE

12yr

Mild mineralized dorsal protrusion of the intervertebral disc C3-4 is seen. The intervertebral disc space C4-5 is collapsed with vertebral end plate sclerosis compatible with chronic degenerative disc disease. The intervertebral disc C6-7 shows a vacuum phenomenon within the disc consistent with chronic degeneration.

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No evidence of acute soft tissue swelling or foreign material is seen. There is no evidence of soft tissue injury.

The brain presents no deviation from normal anatomy and symmetry. The grey and white matter distinction and the neuroparenchyma attenuation are as expected. The distribution of contrast enhancement is within normal limits throughout the parenchyma and meninges. The ventricular system is non-dilated and within the limits of the expected volume and symmetry.

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Thin and smoothly folded conchae and turbinates with even smooth mucosal lining. The osseous lining of the nasal cavities is intact.

Both temporomandibular joints present congruent joint spaces with even subchondral bone surfaces and are considered within normal limits.

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Both tympanic bullae are aerated, the mucosal lining is not seen, the bony wall is smooth and thin. The external auditory meatuses present within normal limits.

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The submandibular and medial retropharyngeal lymph nodes are small and elongated with a normal short-to-long-axis-ratio is < 0.5, the attenuation and contrast enhancement pattern is uniform.

The salivary glands present within normal limits.

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Deep crown abrasions on all canine teeth with open pulp exposure are seen combined with periodontal space widening especially of the teeth 204 and 304.



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THORAX

Redundancy of the cervical and cranial thoracic esophagus is noted with no evidence of foreign material, mural thickening or perforation.

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No cervical soft tissue mass or gas collections are seen.

The central airways are normal. The pulmonary parenchyma is unremarkable for age. No pulmonary masses, nodules or pleural effusion is seen.

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No mediastinal abnormality is noted.

The surrounding soft tissue structures are within normal limits.

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The sternal, cranial mediastinal and tracheobronchial lymph nodes are small elongated with a normal short-to-long-axis-ratio is < 0.5 , the attenuation and contrast enhancement pattern are uniform and considered within normal limits.

The cardiovascular structures, including the pulmonary vasculature are within normal limits.

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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Chronic multilevel cervical intervertebral disc degeneration at C34, C45 and C67.
- Redundancy of the esophagus without foreign body or traumatic change.
- Significant dental disease with open pulp cavities and periodontal widening 204, 304.
- Normal age-related thorax.

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INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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No foreign material or traumatic soft tissue injuries seen in the cervical region or thorax. The cervical disc disease is chronic and may contribute to discomfort or altered posture but does not show overt spinal compression on CT. MRI would assess this more sensitively.

Esophageal redundancy is often incidental particularly in older dogs. No structural injury or foreign body is present.

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The dental lesions are clinically important and can cause significant oral pain which may contribute to hyporexia.

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Clinical monitoring is advised. Consider cervical MRI if clinical signs support the presence of disc disease. Dental evaluation and treatment could be considered.

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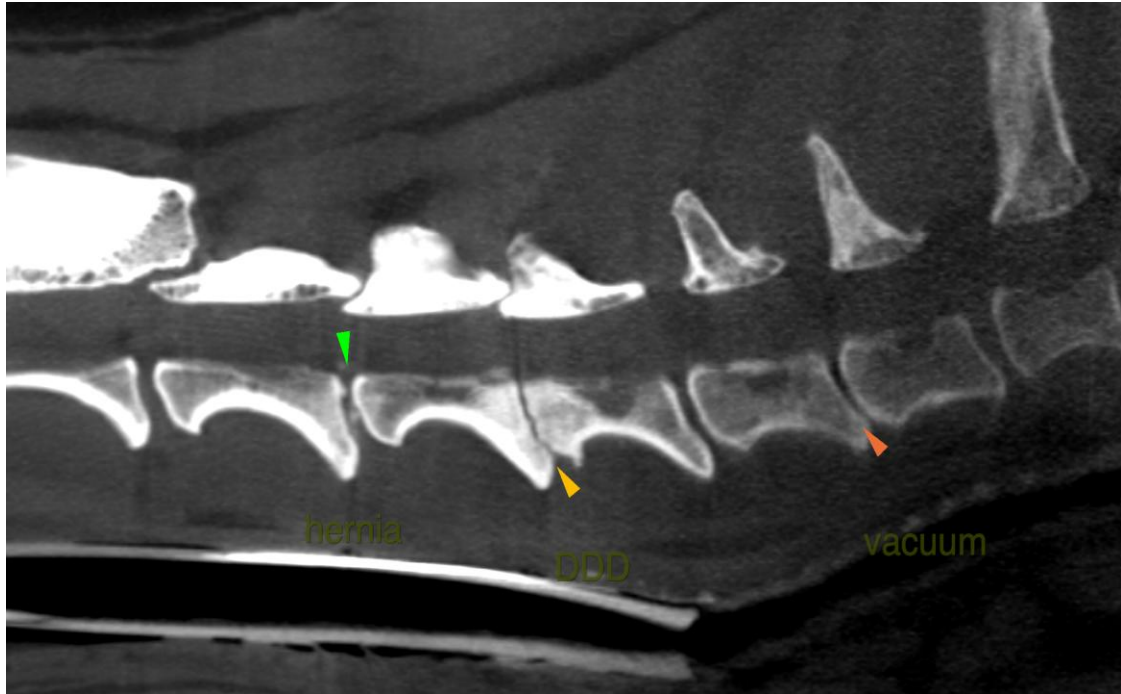
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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