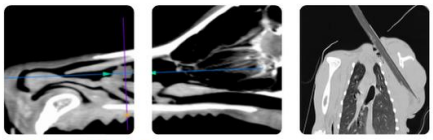

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Right hindlimb lameness for approx. 1 year. Suspect partial CCL tear. Joint has moderate DJD

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: none

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE BILATERAL STIFLE JOINTS

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

RIGHT

Moderate anechoic effusion is seen within the supra and infrapatellar recesses of the right stifle joint, accompanied by moderate synovial thickening. Moderate periarticular osteophyte formation is present along the femoral tibial margins, compatible with degenerative joint disease. The cranial cruciate ligament shows discontinuity of fibers with loss of normal architecture and increased echogenicity. A hypoechoic halo is seen, circumferential to the disrupted fibers. The medial meniscus demonstrates internal heterogeneity without clear displacement.

LEFT

No abnormal effusion is seen within the supra- and infra patellar area. There is no evidence of synovial or capsular thickening or proliferation. The cranial cruciate ligament appears to be continuous and well-delineated, no deviation from normal echoarchitecture is noted. Lateral and medial menisci are within their anticipated positions and align well below the bone surfaces, meniscal surfaces are even and smooth. The echotexture is hypo echoic and uniform. The joint margins are smooth; no osteophytes are seen. The infra patellar fat pad present, the expected echo architecture.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Moderate synovitis, effusion, osteoarthritis and cranial cruciate ligament injury of the right stifle joint.
- Suspicion for medial meniscus pathology of the right stifle joint.
- Normal ultrasonographic presentation of the left stifle joint.

INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The ultrasonographic findings of the right stifle joint support the clinical suspicion of cranial cruciate ligament injury with concurrent degenerative joint disease.

The meniscus changes are mild and suspicious for meniscus degeneration. A meniscus tear is considered less likely but cannot be completely excluded. Surgical stabilization and intra-articular assessment of the medial meniscus should be considered in conjunction with orthopedic examination and radiographic findings.

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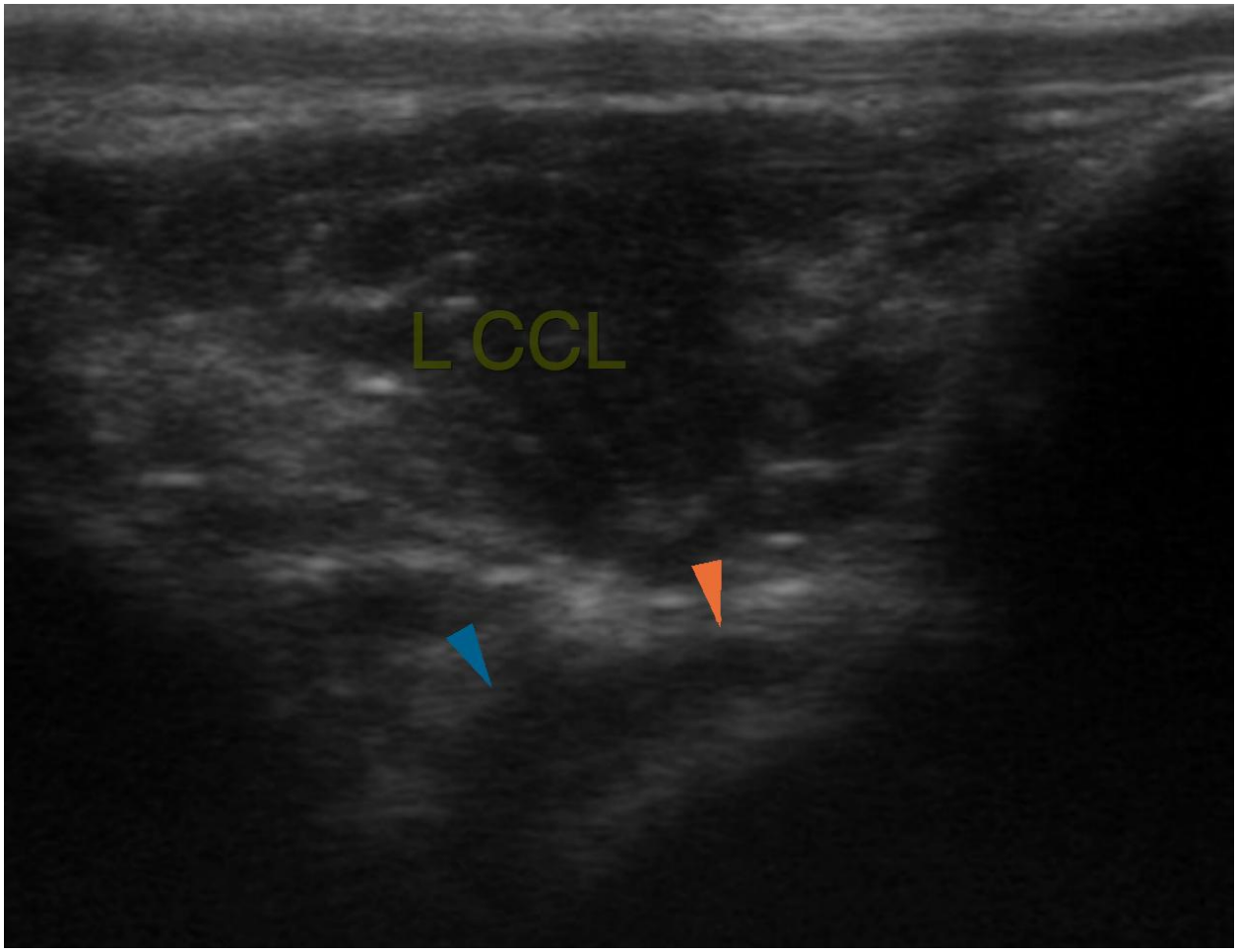

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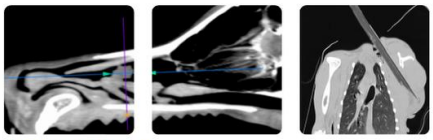

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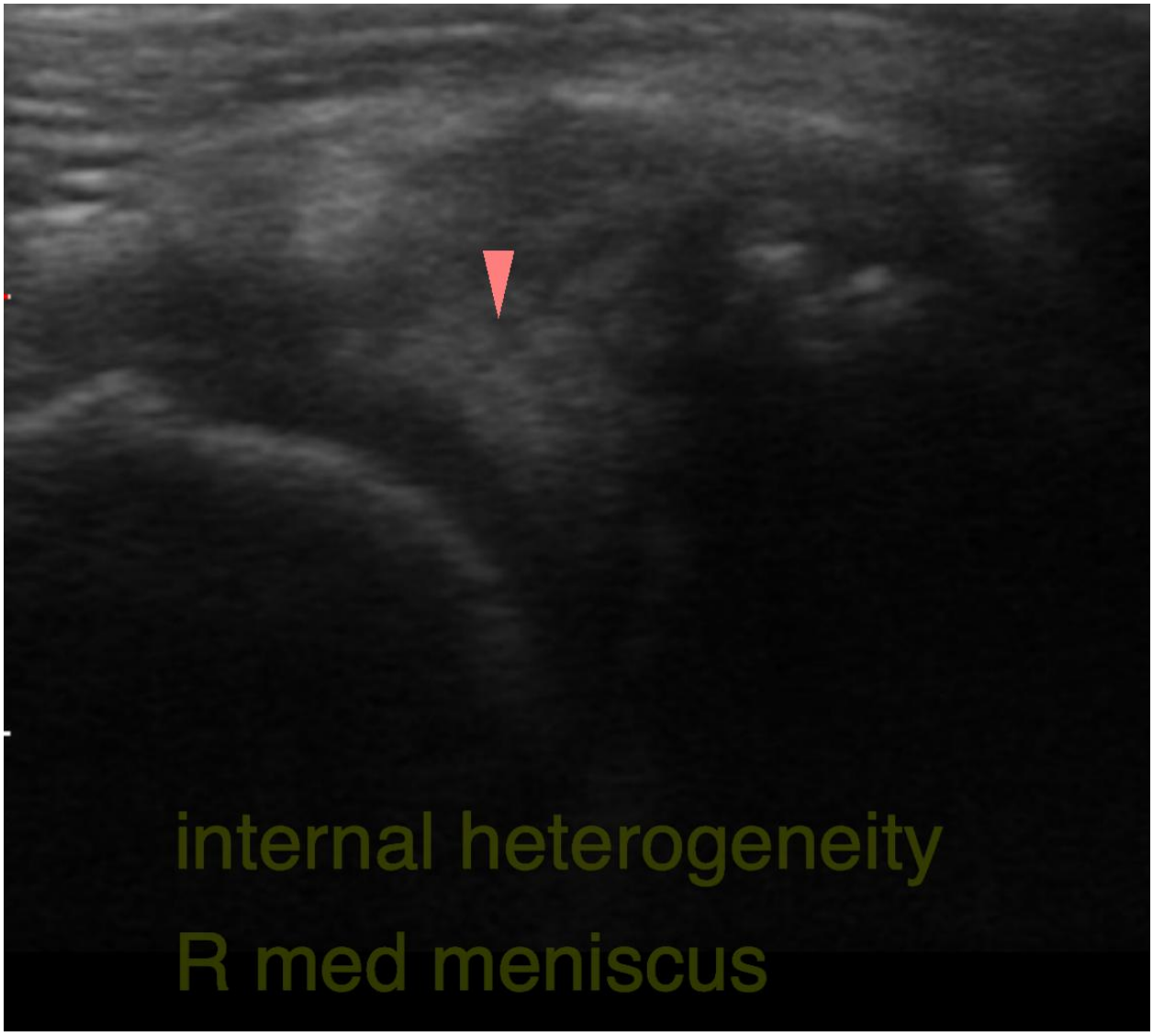

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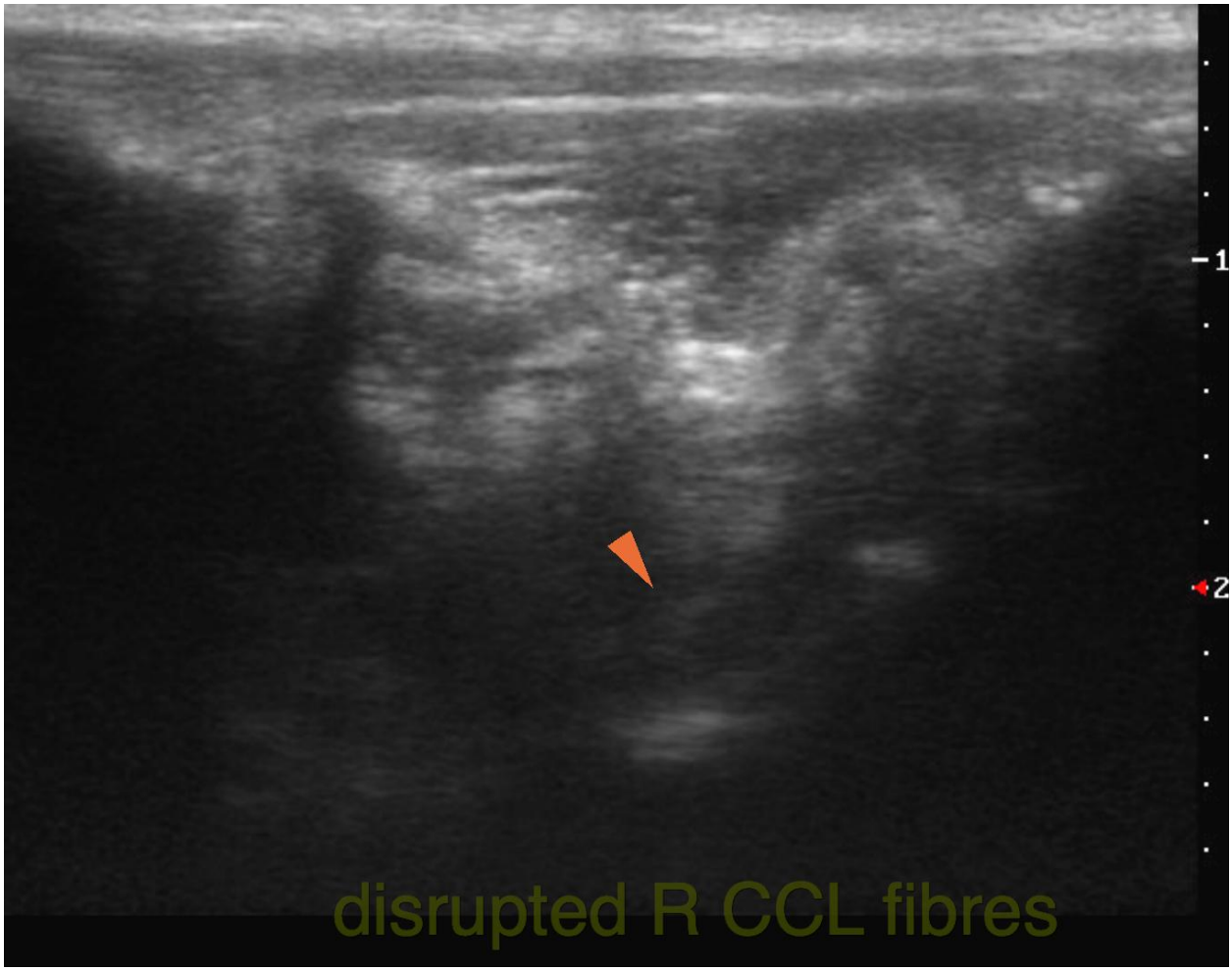

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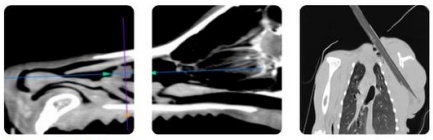

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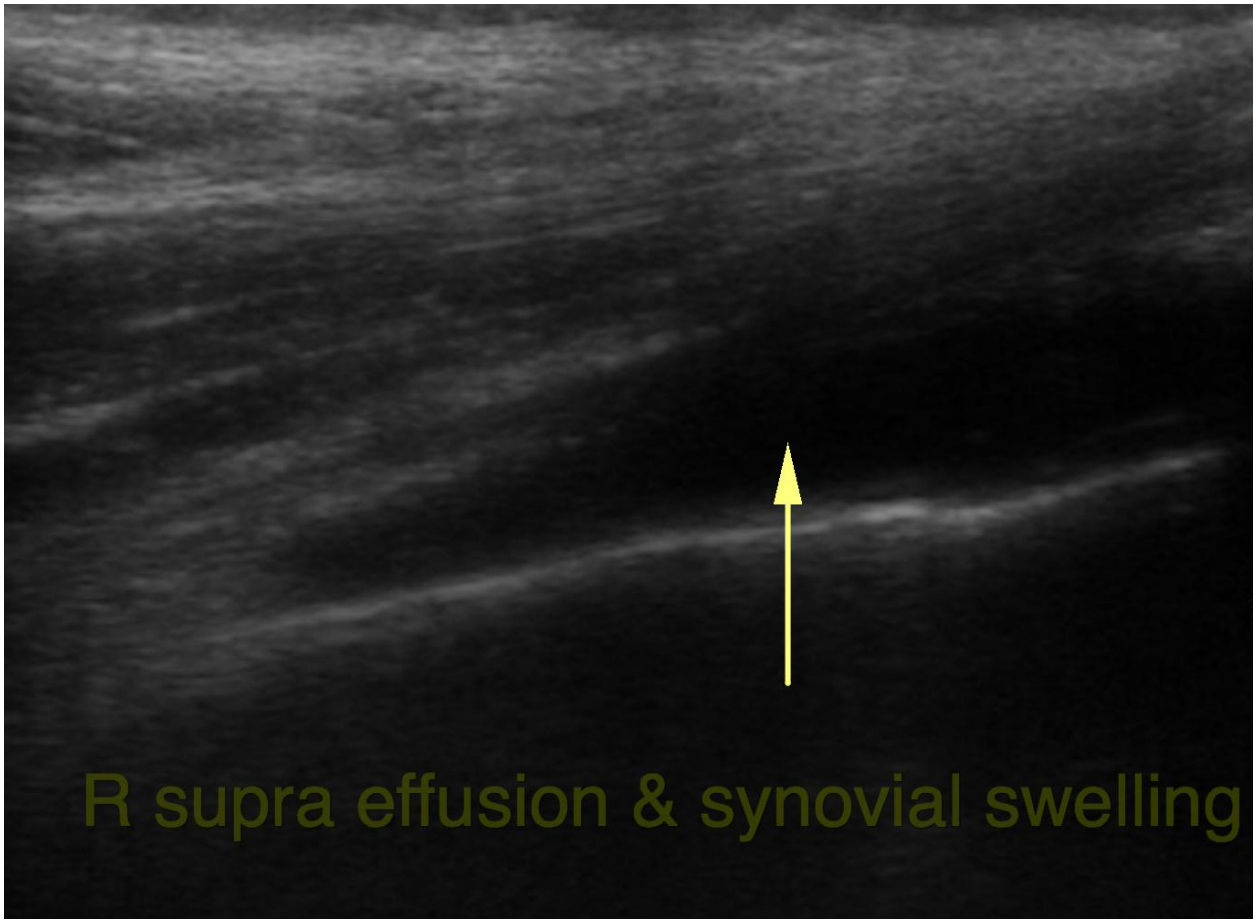

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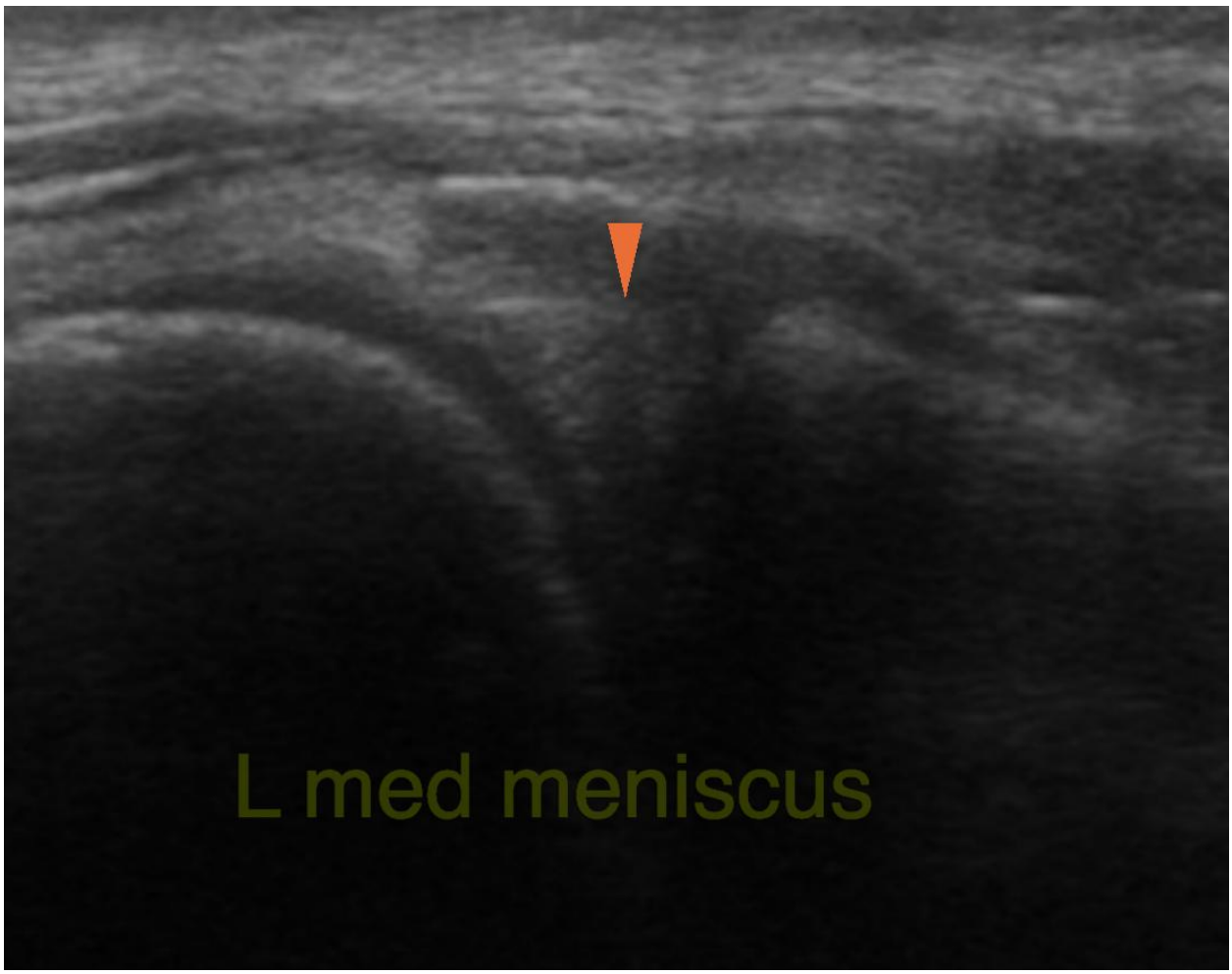

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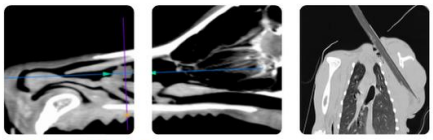

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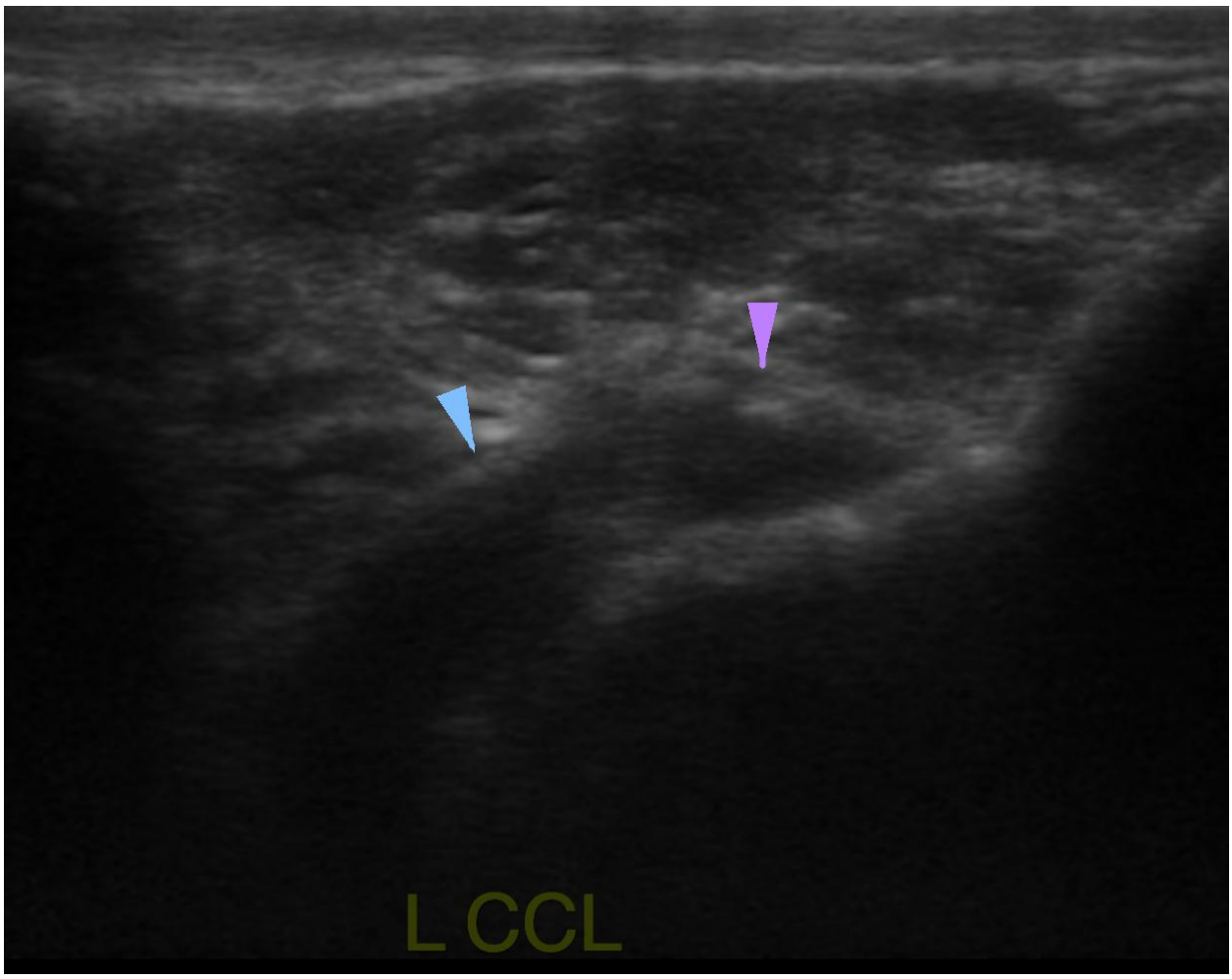

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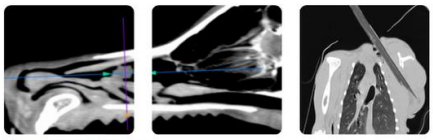

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