



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

**PATIENT** Arnie Gzybowski  
**SPECIES** Canine  
This is a 6 week follow up of a partial tear of the left gastrocnemius tendon. The owner is a DVM. She continues to work with a rehab specialist but is concerned that there is no significant improvement. Lameness persists. Treatment history: Acute NWB lameness noted November 2nd after training for a field trial. 1st ultrasound November 4th PRP injection November 13th Shockwave #1 November 20th 2nd ultrasound November 25th Shockwave #2 December 3rd Shockwave #3 December 19th Has been in custom splint since November 16th Have done laser therapy prn

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: I have attached your previous reports.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE LEFT ACHILLES TENDON

**SEX** MI  
Second recheck examination of a known partial tear of the left gastrocnemius tendon. Focused ultrasonographic examination of the left Achilles tendon complex. The findings are compared with prior examinations.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

**AGE** 3yr  
The gastrocnemius tendon of the left Achilles tendon complex demonstrates mild improvement compared with prior study. Overall tendon thickness is mildly reduced. There is increased echogenicity of the previously identified defect region with development of moderate length linear echogenic fibers consistent with early reparative tendon tissue. However, small focal areas of decreased echogenicity and incomplete texture and organization persist, indicating residual structural disruption. A normal pattern is not fully restored in these smaller areas. Peritendinous fluid is decreased further compared with a prior examination. Mild thickening of the superficial digital flexor tendon and deep common calcaneal tendon components remains but appears subjectively improved.

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Partial tear of the left gastrocnemius tendon with mild interval improvement characterized by reduced tendon thickening, increased echogenicity and partial development of reparative fiber texture.
- Persistent focal regions of hypoechogenicity and incomplete fiber organization consistent with incomplete tendon healing.

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## INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Compared with the previous recheck there is evidence of measurable progression of tendon healing including reduced swelling, decreased peritendinous fluid and partial restoration of tendon texture. The persistence of small focal hypoechoic areas indicates that healing remains incomplete at this stage. Overall, the findings suggest gradual tendon healing albeit at a slower rate than expected. Carefully controlled incremental loading may be implemented provided that strict supervision is maintained.

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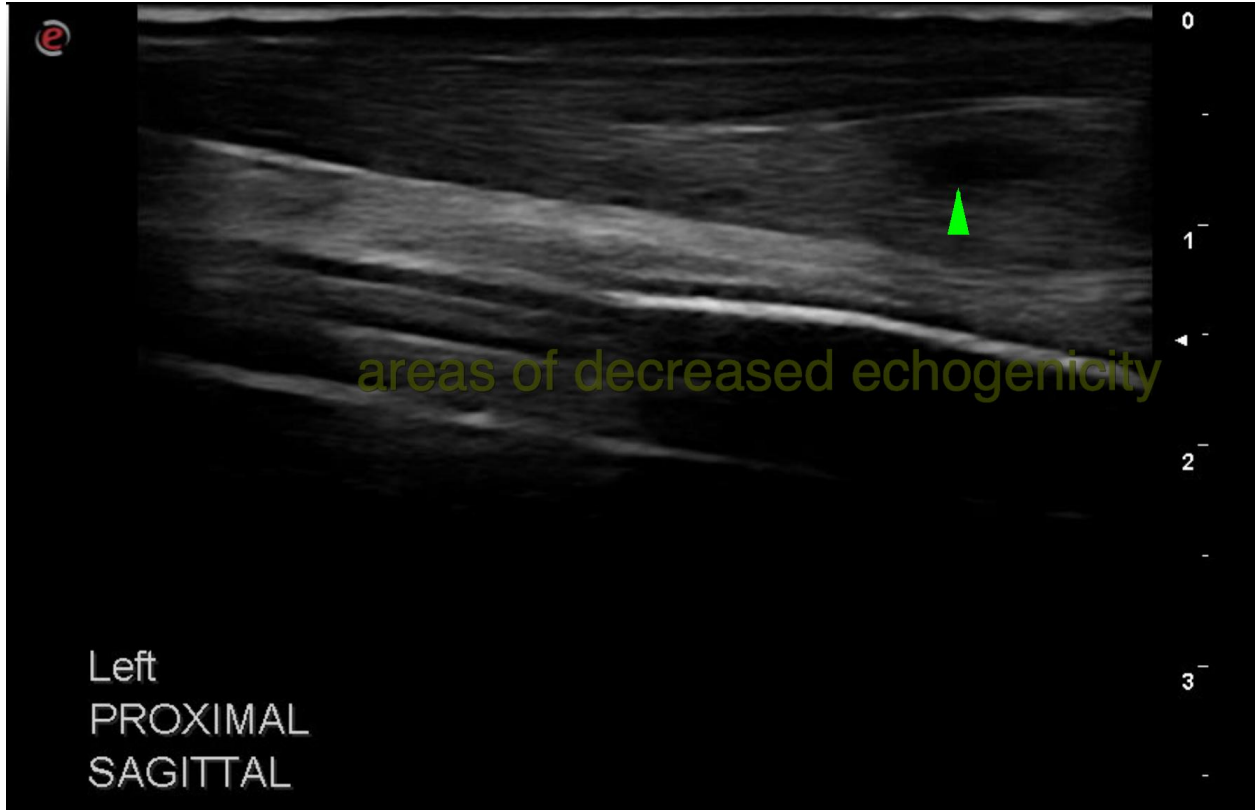
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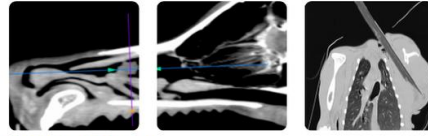
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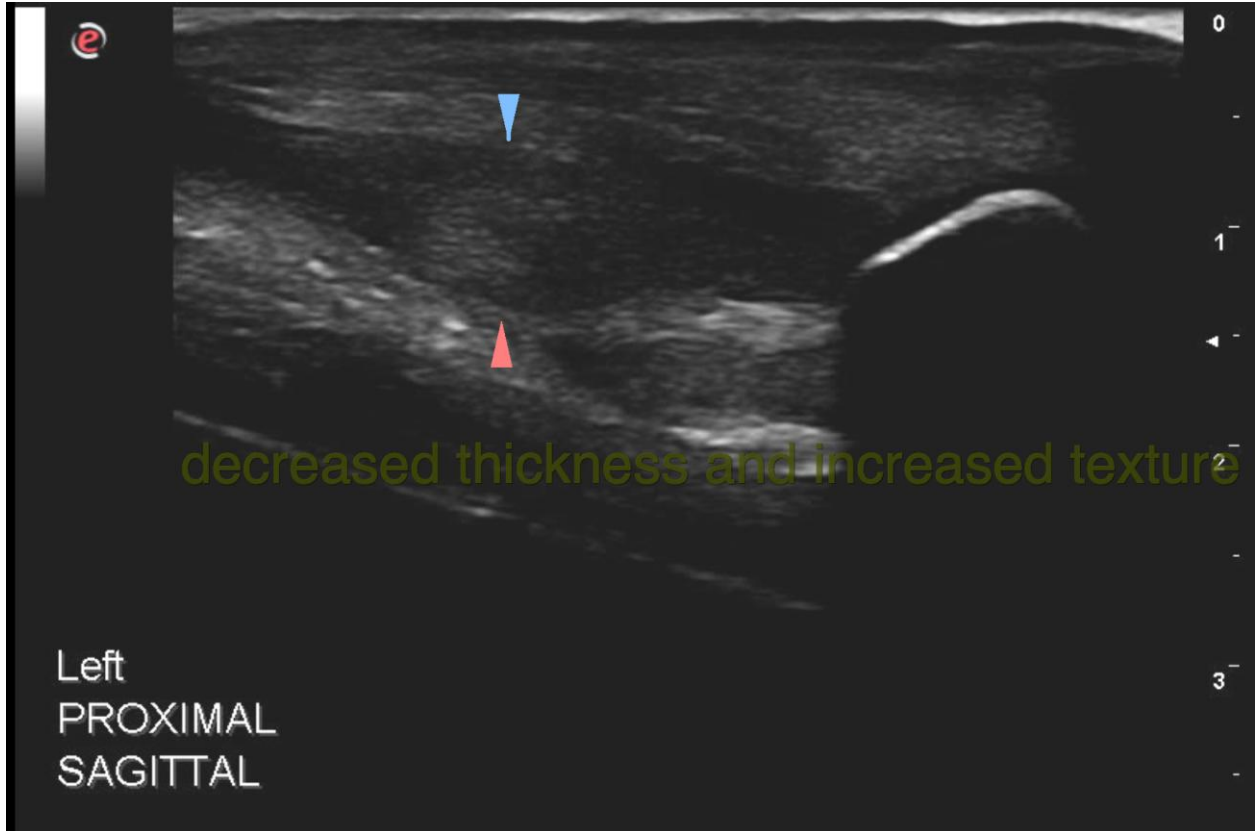
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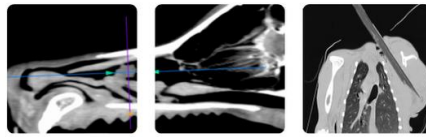
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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