



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Lily Tapia Lily, a two-year-old female, presents with neck discomfort, evidenced by reduced neck mobility and a change in mood, as she is less active than usual. Pain is indicated by occasional squealing when picked up. Excessive panting was noted during the car ride to the clinic

## SPECIES

Canine

## RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE CERVICAL SPINE

Lateral and ventrodorsal views of the cervical spine available for review.

## BREED

Miniature Dachshund

## RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Increased mineral opacity level with the intervertebral disc is seen at the C2-3 intervertebral disc space, compatible with intervertebral disc mineralization. Vertebral alignment, anatomy, and vertebral number are within normal limits. General vertebral anatomy is maintained.

## SEX

No evidence of traumatic osseous injury, atlantoaxial subluxation, or vertebral canal stenosis is seen.

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Surrounding soft tissues are unremarkable.

## AGE

2yr

## RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Mineralization of the intervertebral disc at C2-3 compatible with early chondroid degenerative disc disease.
- No radiographic evidence of acute disc extrusion or spinal canal stenosis, though disc herniation cannot be excluded based on radiographs alone.

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## INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Dachshunds are predisposed to early intervertebral disc disease and in general carry increased risk of disc extrusion compared to non-chondrodystrophic dog populations. However, disc mineralization on radiographs alone may indicate uncomplicated degeneration, but does not reliably imply the presence of or absence of spinal cord compression. Clinical signs of cervical pain can occur with disc protrusion, extrusion, or annular disruption that may not be visible on survey radiographs.

Conservative management may be considered if neurologic status remains normal. Advanced imaging, CT or MRI is recommended if pain persists or worsens, neurologic deficits develop and surgical planning becomes a consideration.

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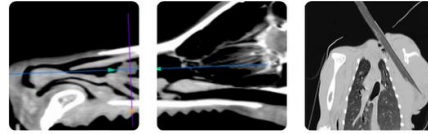
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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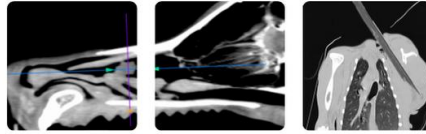
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