



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- PATIENT** Britta Mattsfield
- A large abscess had ruptured on 12/13/25.
 - Britta had been out hunting and may have been punctured by something.
 - The wound was treated and had healed completely with hair growing back, but the skin never flattened completely and remained raised.
- SPECIES** Canine
- Since mid-Jan Britta has been bothered by the mass and has been licking the skin raw.

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE LEFT CAUDOVENTRAL THORACIC WALL

- BREED** German Shorthair Pointer
- Plain and post contrast studies are available for review. Both include the lesion in question incompletely. The assessment is based on the parts of the thoracic wall lesion that are included in the field of view.

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- SEX** F
- Subcutaneous soft tissue thickening measuring ~ 7 by 1 by 5 cm is seen in the left ventrocaudal thoracic wall. The caudal aspect of the lesion is not fully included in the field of view. Lesion margins are ill-defined. Increased and heterogeneous contrast enhancement is noted within the tissue suggesting non-uniform tissue composition. There is no evidence of involvement of the underlying ribs, pleural cavity or lung identified.

- AGE** 6yr
- The lesion does not appear to infiltrate the deeper layers of the thoracic wall. No foreign body is visualized. Evaluation is limited by partial coverage of the lesion.

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- A partially split xiphoid process of the sternum is noted with a small peritoneal pericardial diaphragmatic hernia without herniation of abdominal organs or tissues.

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- HOSPITAL NAME** Casselton Vet Service
- Flat subcutaneous mass in left ventrocaudal thoracic wall-assessment is limited to the lesion parts inside the field of view.
 - No invasion of rib cage or pleural cavity detected.
 - Incidental congenital split caudal sternum with small PPDH-currently without herniation or clinical impact.

INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- REFERRING VET** Dr Wendy Thill
- The subcutaneous thoracic wall lesion may represent reactive or post-traumatic changes given the patient's history of local injury. Neoplastic or inflammatory etiologies cannot be excluded completely based on imaging alone but appear less likely in the light of the patient history. The ill-defined margins and heterogeneous enhancement could reflect fibrosis, organizing hematoma and less likely early neoplastic change. En bloc resection with histopathology of the excised tissue for definitive diagnosis could be considered. Evidence of involvement of the thoracic wall or thoracic cavity is not seen.
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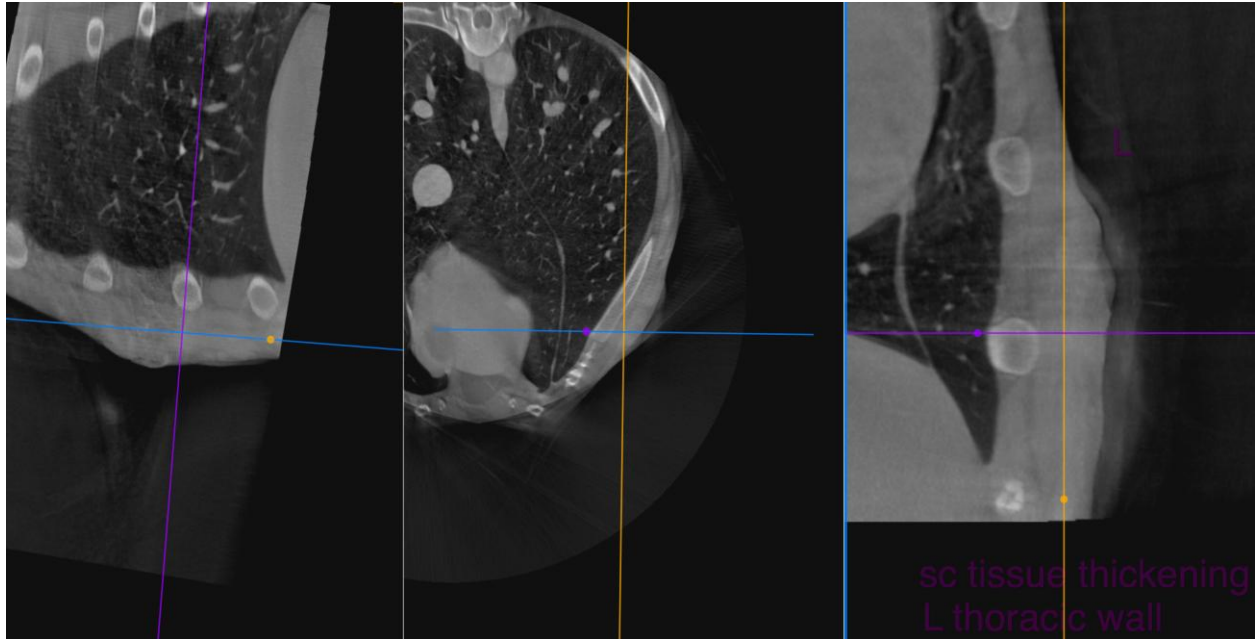
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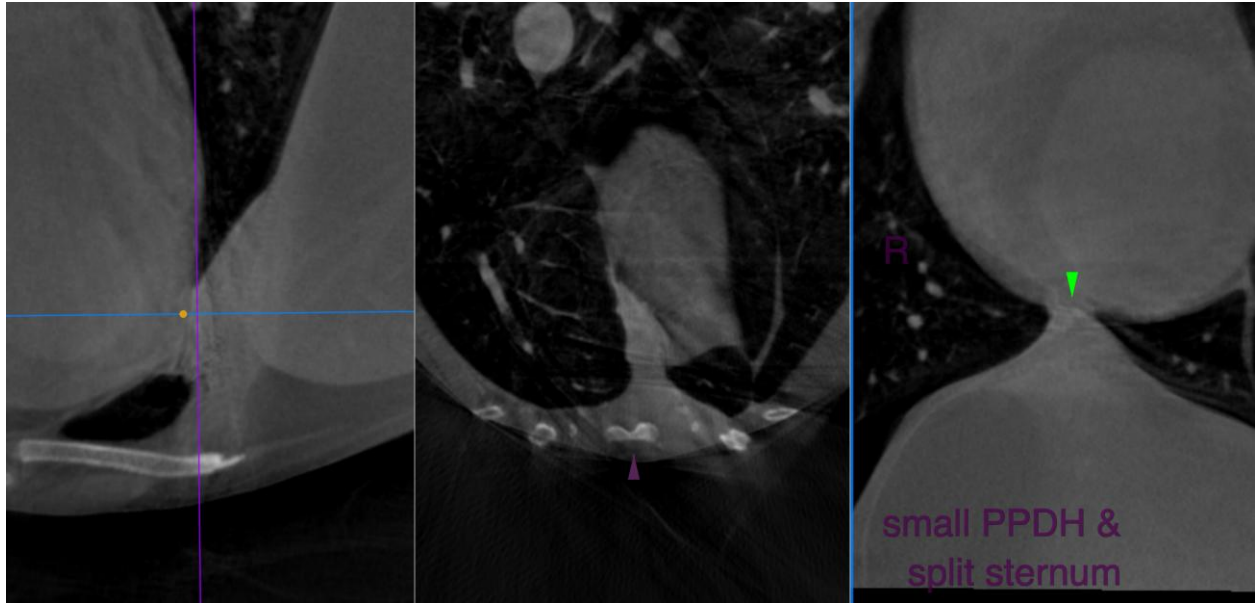
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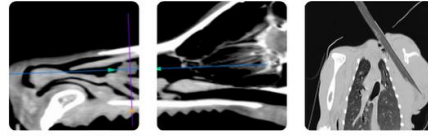
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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