



## PATIENT

Birch Sassano

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Wirehaired Pointing  
Griffon

## SEX

Neutered

## AGE

7Y

## WEIGHT

56

## INTERPRETED BY

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Right Rear leg non weight bearing for 2-3 weeks
- Would get better then get worse again

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE: Pain Score: 2 Behavior/Mentation: BAR, active, anxious; muzzle used as a precaution due to pain Musculoskeletal: Non-weight bearing right hind limb. Right stifle severely thickened. Complete cranial cruciate ligament rupture suspected. Positive cranial drawer and tibial thrust. Left stifle appears normal.

## RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE STIFLES & PELVIS

Mediolateral and craniocaudal views of both stifles and ventrodorsal and lateral views of the pelvis are available for review totaling 7 images.

## RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### Pelvis

The pelvis and lumbosacral junction present within normal limits.

The coxofemoral joint conformation and joint space are normal on both sides. No evidence of osteoarthritis or hip dysplasia is seen.

### Right Stifle

Marked articular swelling consistent with joint effusion and synovial thickening is seen. There is severe osteophyte formation along the femoral condyles, tibial plateau, patella margins, and fabellae.

Cranial displacement of the tibia is seen indicating failure of the cranial cruciate ligament.

Muscle atrophy of the right thigh musculature is noted.

### Left Stifle

Mild remodeling of the patella apex is seen.

No radiographic evidence of joint effusion or articular swelling is present.

The position of the tibia is within expected limits.

## RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

Right Stifle:

- Severe chronic osteoarthritis of the right stifle joint with radiographic evidence of CCL injury.

Left Stifle:

- Mild patella apex remodeling, otherwise unremarkable.

Pelvis/Hip Joints

- Within normal limits.
- Disuse atrophy of the right hind musculature.



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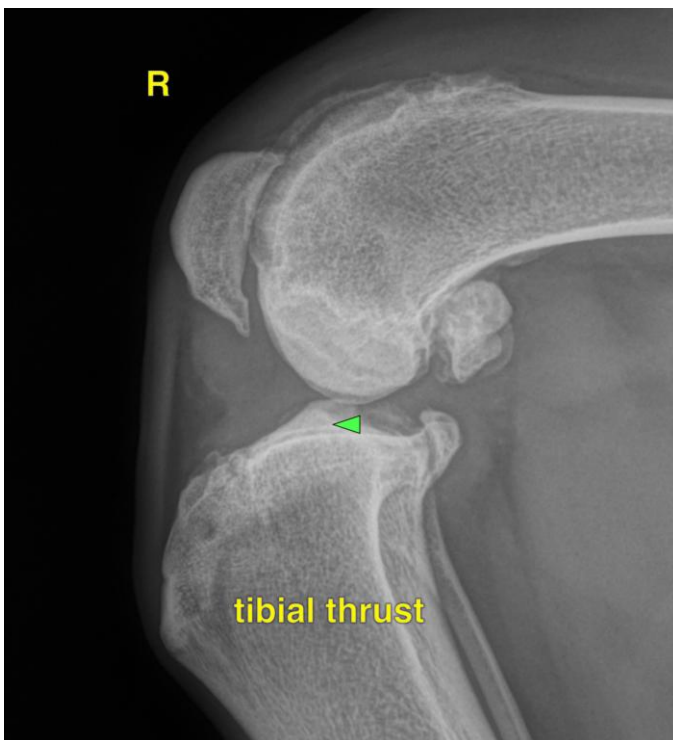
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## INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The radiographic findings of the right stifle are consistent with chronic instability due to CCL injury with degenerative joint disease. Concurrent meniscopathy or other intraarticular injury cannot be ruled out. Muscle atrophy reflects disuse and chronic lameness.

The hip joints are normal and do not contribute to current lameness.

Orthopedic consultation for surgical stabilization of the right stifle and meniscal review is recommended.





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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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