



PATIENT

Spike Scholtes

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Pitbull

SEX

Neutered

AGE

7Y, 10M

WEIGHT

88.8

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

-Saturday around the afternoon time brought him inside. He got up and he was limping really bad on his left hind leg.

-He seemed to get a little better. This Sunday he was doing good then when he started to play and really hurt himself and he is barely put any weight on that leg.

-He does have Addison disease

-On Pred and Zycortal

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE:Musculoskeletal: Left hind limb lameness 3/5. Medial buttress on both stifles, left worse than right. Right stifle stable. Left stifle with cranial drawer and joint effusion. SENDING BLOOD OUT TODAY

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE PELVIS & STIFLES

Mediolateral and craniocaudal views of the stifles and lateral and ventrodorsal views of the pelvis totaling 6 images available for review.

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Left Stifle

Moderate articular swelling of the left stifle joint is seen. There is mild cranial tibial subluxation relative to the femur. Moderate periarticular osteophyte formation is identified consistent with osteoarthritis.

A small faint mineral opacity is present within the cranial aspect of the femoral tibial joint space compatible with a small mineralized intraarticular fragment or chronic degenerative mineralization.

Right Stifle

Mild to moderate osteoarthritic remodeling is present within the right stifle joint with mild to moderate articular swelling.

The incline angle of the tibial plateau is relatively steep in both stifle joints.

Pelvis

Moderate bilateral hip dysplasia is present with associated moderate bilateral coxofemoral joint osteoarthritis characterized by acetabular remodeling and osteophyte formation around the femoral head and neck and moderate joint incongruity with subluxation.

Mild muscle atrophy is present involving the right gluteal muscles and left thigh musculature consistent with chronically altered weight bearing / use.

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Left stifle arthropathy with mild cranial tibial translation and moderate osteoarthritis: Findings highly suspicious for cranial cruciate ligament disease.
- Small mineralized intraarticular opacity within the left femoral tibial joint.
- Mild to moderate right stifle osteoarthritis.
- Moderate bilateral hip dysplasia with secondary milder osteoarthritis.
- Mild regional muscle atrophy: right gluteal region, left thigh.



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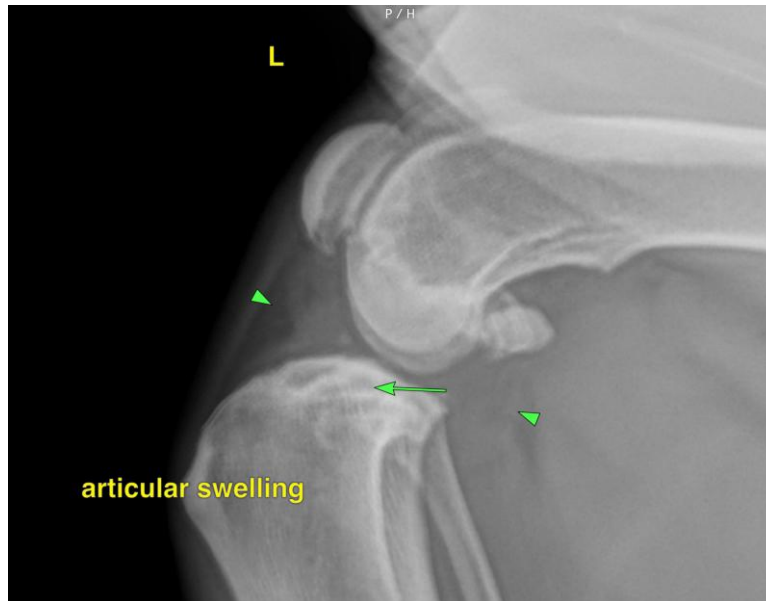
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INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The stifle findings are most consistent with clinically significant cranial cruciate ligament disease likely complete rupture. The small mineral opacity in the femoral tibial joint space may represent chronic degenerative mineralization or small detached articular fragment.

The right stifle and both hip joints demonstrate chronic degenerative orthopedic disease likely contributing to altered biomechanics and limb loading with compensatory weight shifting. Underlying cranial cruciate ligament pathology may be present at an earlier stage in the right stifle joint as well. Concurrent meniscal injury remains a possibility for both the left and right stifle joints.

Orthopedic surgical consultation for TPLO, TTA, or other surgical technique may be considered for the left stifle. Weight and pain management appear of particular importance in this patient.



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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