



**PATIENT**

Bella Pascucci

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Acute lameness on 5/7 of left forelimb. on exam there was swelling of the lateral aspect of carpus only. Mild improvement with rimadyl + gabapentin, but then P ran and is now painful and swelling has greatly increased since then. Now carpus and metacarpal area are swollen with minor swelling of proximal forelimb. No heat on palpation, mild crepitus of carpus.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: mild stress leukogram, mild hyperglobulinemia, no other abnormal values, 4dx negative.

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Pitbull

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE CARPI**

2 sets of images dated 5-7 and 5-9 comprising mediolateral and dorsopalmar views of the left carpus totaling 5 images available for review.

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The initial image set reveals mild soft tissue swelling circumferential to the carpal joint accentuated in the lateral aspect. No overt articular changes are seen.

**AGE**

4 Years

There is no evidence of traumatic osseous injury, joint luxation, or subluxation on the recent recheck radiographs.

Extensive soft tissue swelling is seen circumferential to the entire left distal thoracic limb with again, no evidence of osseous or articular injury.

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No radiopaque foreign material can be identified.

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Progressive diffuse and unspecific soft tissue swelling of the distal left front limb with no evidence of concurrent osseous or articular injury.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The cause of the progressive soft tissue swelling is unclear. Cellulitis, compartment syndrome, and edema are primary differential diagnoses; however, hematoma and paraneoplastic swelling such as in lymphedema or other cannot be ruled out entirely as differential diagnoses. Clinical correlation is required, and fine needle aspiration could be considered for further definition.

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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. 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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