



PATIENT

Sami Koutecky

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Sami presented today for a ~1 week history of coughing/gagging off and on (5-6 episodes in the past week). *O showed me video of Sami doing dry hacking cough with a gag at the end. O mentioned her dog walker also says that sometimes Sami is panting quite a lot during her walk (more than what dog walker thinks should be 'normal') and she will sometimes hold her head at an odd angle - O is trying to get dog walker to get video of this. O also mentioned that she has been syringing water into Sami as it seems like she is having difficulty drinking at times - seems better with head upright vs. down. O also mentioned that back in April 2021 she appeared to have lost her bark for awhile - was treated with Sulcrate and now she is fine. Eating okay. U/BM normal; no s/v/d.

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Yorkshire Terrier Mix

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Sinus arrhythmia, no murmur on auscultation of heart. No wheezes or crackles on auscultation of lungs and unable to elicit cough when palpating trachea although does do what sounds like a reverse sneeze/snore when I palpate this area. Bloodwork/UA not performed.

SEX

Female Spayed

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX

Right/left lateral and ventrodorsal views totaling 3 images available for review.

AGE

9 Years

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Mild narrowing of the caudocervical trachea lumen appears to be present on the left lateral view. The intrathoracic trachea presents no evidence of collapse.

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A mild generalized bronchial lung pattern is noted with mild caudodorsal accentuation.

The vertebral heart score is 11. No specific chamber enlargement is noted. There is no evidence of pulmonary vessel dilation and no evidence of cardiogenic pulmonary edema.

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Woodridge
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RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Mild chronic lower airway pattern.
- Mild generalized cardiomegaly without evidence of congestive heart failure or specific chamber enlargement.

REFERRING VET

Breanne
Couperthwaite

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

A mild bronchial lung pattern is noted which may be due to chronic irritant or eosinophilic bronchopneumopathy as well as infectious bronchitis including viral, bacterial, parasitic, or protozoal. However, the radiographic changes are mild and may still be within age related normal limits.

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The mild cardiomegaly may simply be due to diastolic exposure or bradycardia. Anemia and fever would be other potential underlying causes. Early left heart enlargement is a lesser potential. The underlying cause of the clinical signs remains unclear. However, upper airway involvement should be ruled out based on the rather innocuous thoracic findings.

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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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