



PATIENT

Sitka Szanik

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Low platelets the last two blood samples. SEVERE EPISODIC LIMP- LFL. NSAIDS do not seem to help with limp. Musculoskeletal ultrasound of the left shoulder joint.
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Intermittent Left fore lameness. Suspect the left shoulder. Thrombocytopenia - repeatable with 2 separate samples.

SPECIES

Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Left Shoulder

BREED

Siberian Husky

Moderate overall remodeling of the left supraspinatus tendon is seen with partially shadowing echogenic structures within the distal and medial portion of the supraspinatus tendon. There is mild impingement of the transverse ligament and biceps tendon noted.

SEX

Spayed Female

The biceps tendon presents no internal echoarchitectural changes and is well delineated. However, moderate synovial swelling and moderate anechoic effusion are noted within the bicipital tendon sheath. Mild exostotic new bone formation is seen in the intertubercular groove of the biceps tendon.

AGE

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The infraspinatus presents within normal limits.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Moderate chronic biceps tenosynovitis with supraspinatus tendinopathy and biceps impingement.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The ultrasonographic findings are suggestive for chronic biceps impingement and tenosynovitis secondary to supraspinatus tendinopathy. Severe lameness is unusual with the pertinent ultrasonographic changes and partial response to rest and NSAIDs is usually expected. However, it cannot be ruled out that the patient's clinical signs are linked to the shoulder pathology. Other coexisting sources of lameness including cervical neurologic disease should be considered as well especially should the patient continue to remain refractory to rest, targeted physical therapy, and systemic NSAID treatment. Both biceps tenosynovitis and supraspinatus tendinopathy can be treated with courses of prp injections and therapeutic laser or ultrasound as available as well. The grading of the ultrasonographic findings does not prompt the need for surgical treatment in terms of biceps release or other, directly.

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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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