



**PATIENT**

Bella Stasinski

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Pet presented for a surgical consult for a possible TECA or bulla osteotomy after being treated at several other clinics for a chronic ear infection of the left ear of about 1 year duration. Minimal response to some treatments, but never resolved. In May of 2022, another clinic identified what they thought was a mass or polyp that was incompletely removed via traction from the external and possible middle canal. Histopath was not submitted at that time. A CT was recommended to determine a surgical plan. Pet currently on prednisone, gabapentin and cephalexin and C/S of the canal is pending.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

French Bulldog

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE HEAD**

Plain and post contrast studies available for review.

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**SEX**

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The left tympanic bulla is filled with fluid attenuating contrast negative material. Moderate irregular thickening and lysis of the bulla wall are seen. The lumen of the left external auditory meatus cannot be delineated.

**AGE**

2 Years, 9 Months

There is sclerosis of the petrous temporal bone and left temporomandibular joint accentuating the maxillary fovea and mandibular condyle.

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A large heterogeneously enhancing and irregular shaped soft tissue mass is seen ventral to the left external auditory meatus and ventral to the left tympanic bulla caudal to the left temporomandibular joint. The mass measures approximately 6.0 cm in width and 2.5 cm in height and is ill-defined to the surrounding soft tissues.

The left medial retropharyngeal lymph node is mildly enlarged. The parotid and submandibular lymph nodes present within normal limits.

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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Chronic left otitis media and externa.
- Cavitating soft tissue mass ventral to the left tympanic bulla and left external auditory meatus.
- Mild retropharyngeal lymphadenomegaly.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Nicholas Vitale

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Neoplasia is a primary differential diagnosis for the soft tissue mass ventral to the left tympanic bulla and left ear canal. Recurring polyp, abscess, or granuloma cannot be ruled out entirely but are thought by far less likely based on the CT presentation. Tissue sampling for histology is strongly recommended for further definition in this patient before planning the next steps.

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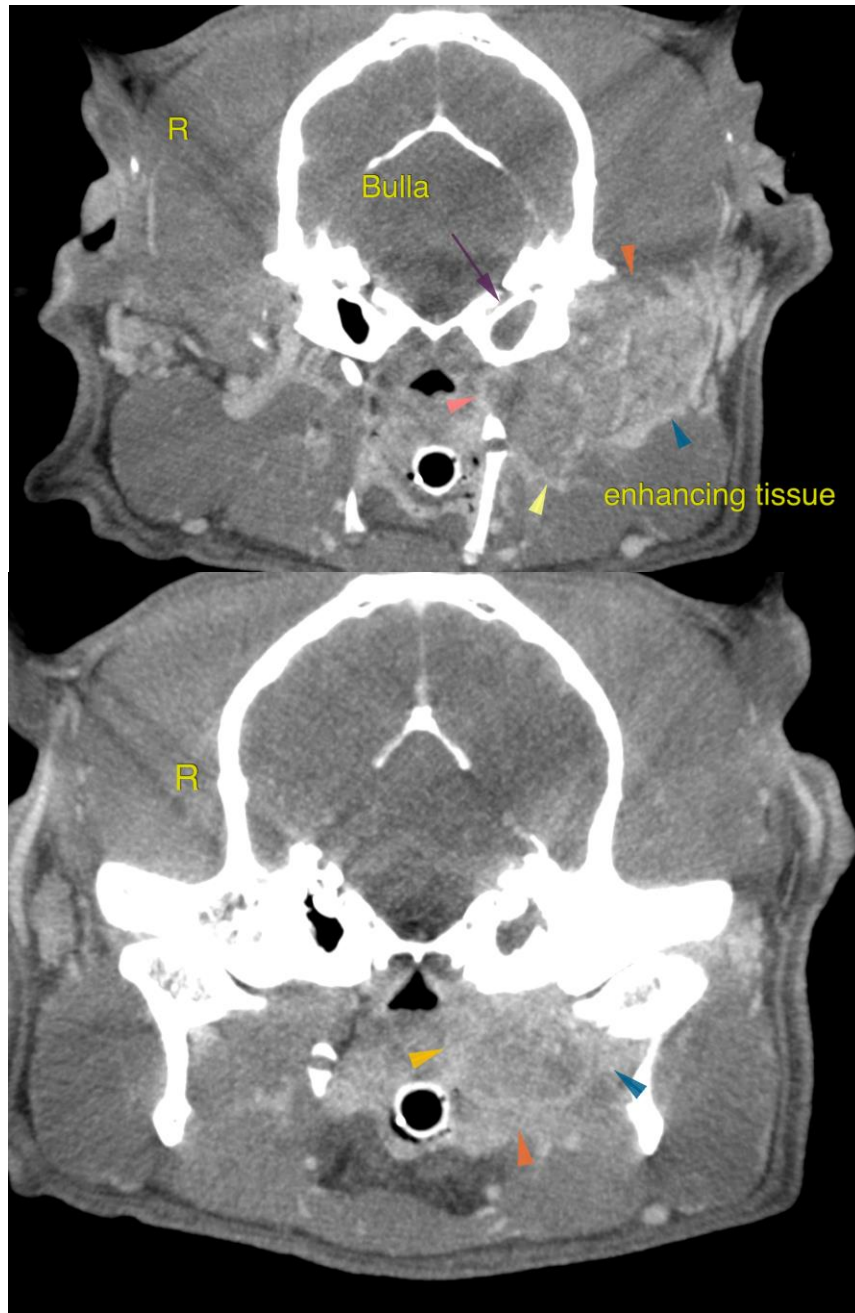
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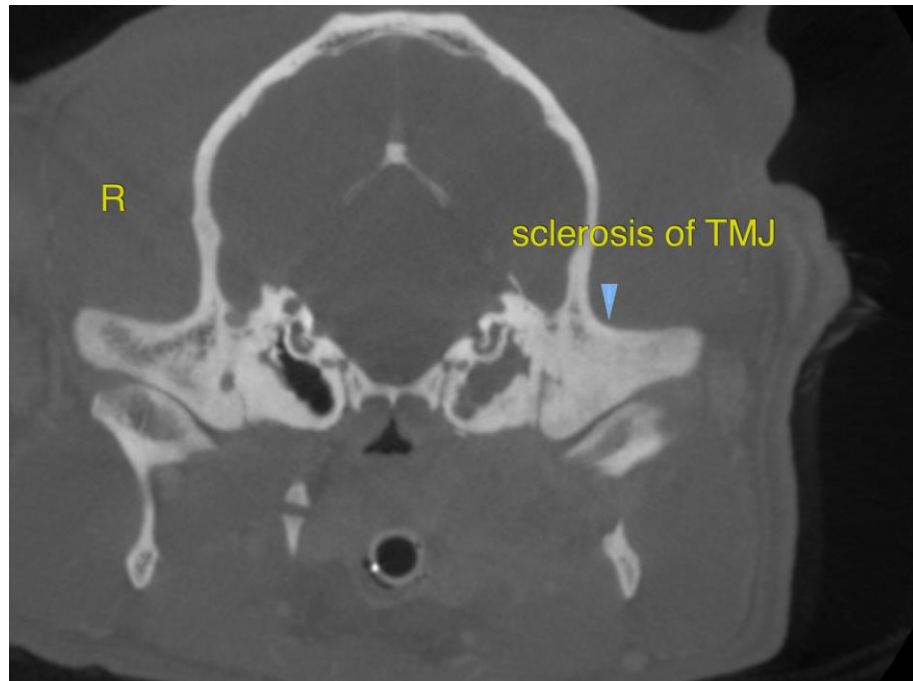
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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