



PATIENT

Rizzo Barkley Bentley

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Chihuahua

SEX

Spayed female

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

3.5 kg

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History

Chronic cough – diagnosed with tracheal collapse December 2024. Minimal response to various therapies, although there was an initial response to inhaled fluticasone.

Various Therapies

- Codeine.
- Theophylline.
- Hycodan.
- Prednisolone.
- Fluticasone.
- Cerenia.
- Advair.

Hematology

Mild neutrophilia (13.05).

Serum Biochemistry

Elevated ALP activity (363).
Elevated amylase (1763).

Survey Radiographs

Tracheal collapse at the level of the thoracic inlet.

Abdominal Ultrasound

Gastric thickening.

Interpretation

The presenting clinical signs, radiographic changes, and minimal response to various therapies are all indicative of primary tracheal collapse. No chronic bronchial or pulmonary parenchymal changes evident on repeated thoracic radiographs.

The mild neutrophilia can be considered an incidental finding.

Both the elevated ALP activity and amylase can be attributed to the cortisone therapy.

Although the gastric thickening may be an incidental finding, chronic gastritis, *Helicobacter* gastritis, ulcerative disease, helminths, and granulomatous disease should still be considered.

Further Assessment

- Fecal analysis.
- Examination of the larynx under general anesthesia to rule out concurrent laryngeal paresis.
- Tracheo-bronchoscopy to fully evaluate the tracheal and bronchial tree, assess the degree of tracheal collapse, and assess for the presence of collapse of the mainstem bronchi and bronchiectasis.
- Consider broncho-alveolar lavage for cytology and culture but highly unlikely to add any value.
- Gastroscopy with biopsies.



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Management

As there has been minimal response to medical management, tracheal stenting would be recommended.

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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