



PATIENT

Jack Miller

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Cavalier King Charles
Spaniel

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

10 Years

WEIGHT

15 Pounds

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Grade 3/6 left systolic murmur (has had for almost 2 years) Asymptomatic. Last echo was last year. Medications: None.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (M-Mode)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	Up to 1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT	5.31	2.87	NM	1.5	45.16	--	NM
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LAD LA MAX 4 Chamber	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
PATIENT	126	1.16	1.2	6.82	--	3.2	1.7

Cardiac Presentation

The mitral valve leaflets are mildly thickened with mild mitral regurgitation posteriorly directed. There is no prolapse of the mitral valve leaflet. The left atrial size is mildly increased. Left ventricular internal dimensions during diastole are within normal limits and systolic function is preserved in the face of mitral regurgitation. There is normal right atrial size with mild tricuspid regurgitation. There is no prolapse of the tricuspid valve leaflets and no evidence of pulmonary hypertension based upon tricuspid regurgitant velocities. The right ventricle subjectively appears normal in structure and function. The aortic and pulmonic valves have normal morphology and the corresponding outflow velocities are within normal limits. There is no evidence of pulmonic or aortic insufficiency. The aorta appears normal. The pulmonary artery and associated branches appear normal. There is no evidence of pleural effusion, pericardial effusion, or intracardiac masses.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Degenerative valve disease, ACVIM stage B-2
- Mild left atrial enlargement
- Mild degeneration of the tricuspid valve without evidence of significant pulmonary hypertension

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS



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The patient has degenerative valve disease ACVIM stage B2 and pimobendan therapy at 0.27-0.32mg/kg PO q12 is recommended. This will be a lifelong therapy. A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 4-6 months to monitor the condition since starting pimobendan. A sooner recheck is recommended if the patient develops cardiovascular clinical signs or the heart murmur is worsening in intensity. The client should start monitoring respiratory rate and effort at home if not already doing so. The resting respiratory rate should be < 35-40 breathes/minute when the patient is resting or sleeping. If the breathing rates are increasing, then chest radiographs are recommended.

Recommend obtaining a blood pressure on the patient to ensure it is <160mmHg. If the blood pressure is elevated recommend following ACVIM guidelines for systemic hypertension and treating if indicated.

Judicious perioperative fluids are recommended due to the increased left atrial size. Medications like dexmedetomidine and other alpha 2 agonists are best avoided. Ketamine is also best avoided. If needed, anticholinergics can be used in the face of a clinically significant bradyarrhythmia (i.e., bradycardia with concurrent hypotension). If the patient is on an ACEi, recommend not giving this therapy the day of anesthesia.

Overall, the patient is at a lower anesthetic risk, but due to the mild left atrial enlargement, caution is advised with perioperative fluid rates.



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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