

**PATIENT**

Marley Cressman

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Healer X

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

14 Years

**WEIGHT**

25 kg

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

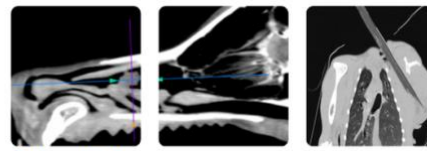
- Grade 2-3 left sided systolic heart murmur first discovered in 2022, stable since
- Assessment of heart function prior to anesthesia for extraction of upper premolar suspect tooth root abscess
- Current Medications
- Clavaseptin 250mg BID, Gabapentin as needed
- Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: elevated ALT and ALP (since march 2025, last checked Jan 20/2026) Radiographic Findings none Primary Question to Be Answered in This Exam Anesthetic risk.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART**

<b>CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b>	<b>MR VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>TR VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>LA/AO</b> (M-Mode)	<b>LA/AO</b> (Heart Base; Swe)	<b>FS</b> (%)	<b>EF</b> (%)	<b>EPSS</b> (cm)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	Up to 1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
<b>PATIENT</b>	Underest	~2.0	NM	1.19	43.95	NM	--
<b>CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b>	<b>HR</b> (BPM)	<b>AV VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>PV MAX</b> (m/s)	<b>BODY WEIGHT</b> (kg)	<b>LAD</b> LA MAX 4 Chamber	<b>LVIDd</b> Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	<b>LVIDs</b> Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
<b>PATIENT</b>	--	1.8	1.0	25	3.9	3.39	1.9

**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 normal. 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



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appears normal. The pulmonary artery and associated branches appear normal. There is no evidence of pleural effusion, pericardial effusion, or intracardiac masses.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

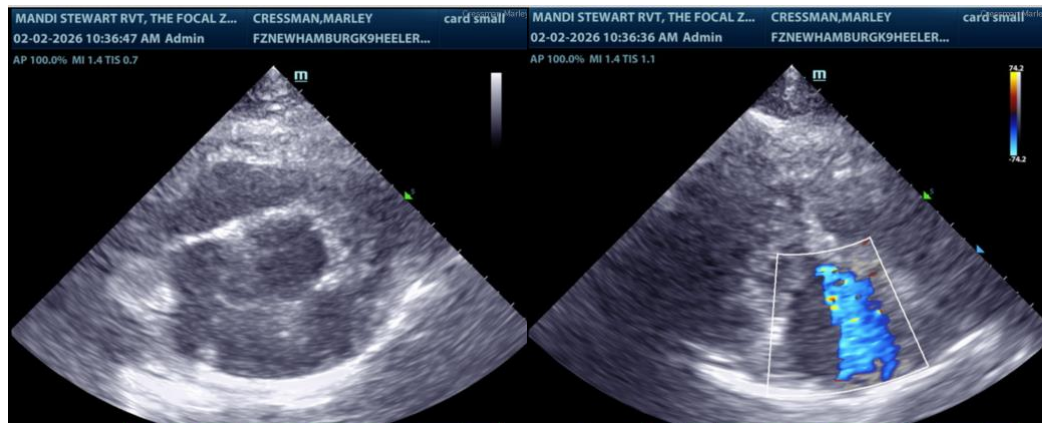
- Degenerative valve disease, ACVIM stage B-1
- Mild tricuspid regurgitation without evidence of pulmonary hypertension

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The patient has degenerative valve disease ACVIM stage B1 and no cardiac medications are indicated at this time. Since this can be a progressive condition, serial monitoring is recommended. A recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 10-12 months. A sooner recheck is recommended if the patient develops cardiovascular clinical signs or the heart murmur is worsening in intensity. Elective anesthetic procedures should be well tolerated.

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.

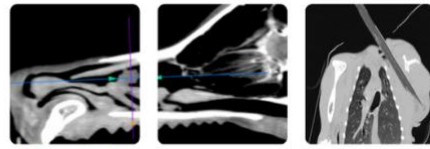
Standard perioperative fluid rates should be well-tolerated. Medications like dexmedetomidine and other alpha 2 agonists are best avoided. Ketamine is also best avoided. Anticholinergics can be used in the case of a clinically significant bradyarrhythmia (i.e., bradycardia with concurrent hypotension). If the patient is on an ACEi, recommend not giving this therapy the day of anesthesia.



**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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