

**PATIENT**

Riggs Pedone

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

on 9/22 Had hard, Non-movable painful swelling along the sternum, xiphoid process, FNA suggestive of Abscess. Treated with NSAID, Antibiotics, resolved and now returned on 12/10

**SPECIES**

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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX**

Pre/post contrast studies provided for review.

**BREED**

Rottweiler

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The xiphoid process appears irregular with multiple, unstructured lytic changes with a marked peripheral soft tissue swelling most prominent caudal and ventral to the process with contact to the subcutaneous region. In this area a halo-like contrast enhancement is recognized. The costochondral junctions of the displayed sternal segments show similar irregularities but without relevant peripheral swelling. Pleural and peritoneal borders appear intact and are respected. Displayed lungs are regularly ventilated with close contact to the inner thoracic wall without evidence of pleural thickening, fluid accumulation or free pleural gas.

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**AGE**

1 Year

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Irregular, lytic lesions of the xiphoid process with peripheral soft tissue swelling

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

CT findings show an inflammatory process of the xiphoid process with marked peripheral swelling. Osteomyelitis, bone infection and sequestration with formation of an inflammatory swelling/abscess caudal and ventral to the process are likely. Currently margins to the pleural and abdominal cavity are intact. A foreign body insult or trauma may have been a triggering factor. Surgical opening/drainage of the soft tissue swelling and swap examination for culture and/or resection of the xiphoid process could be performed next. A neoplastic process is very unlikely.

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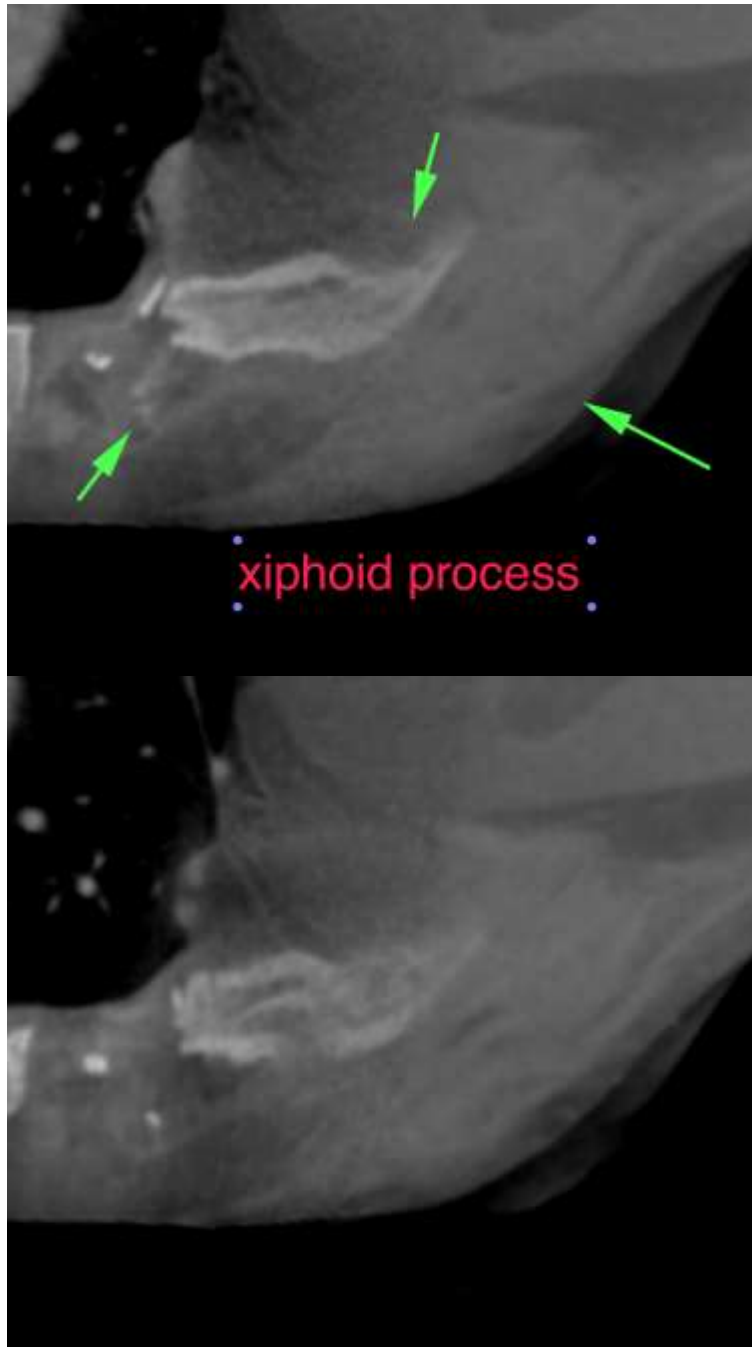
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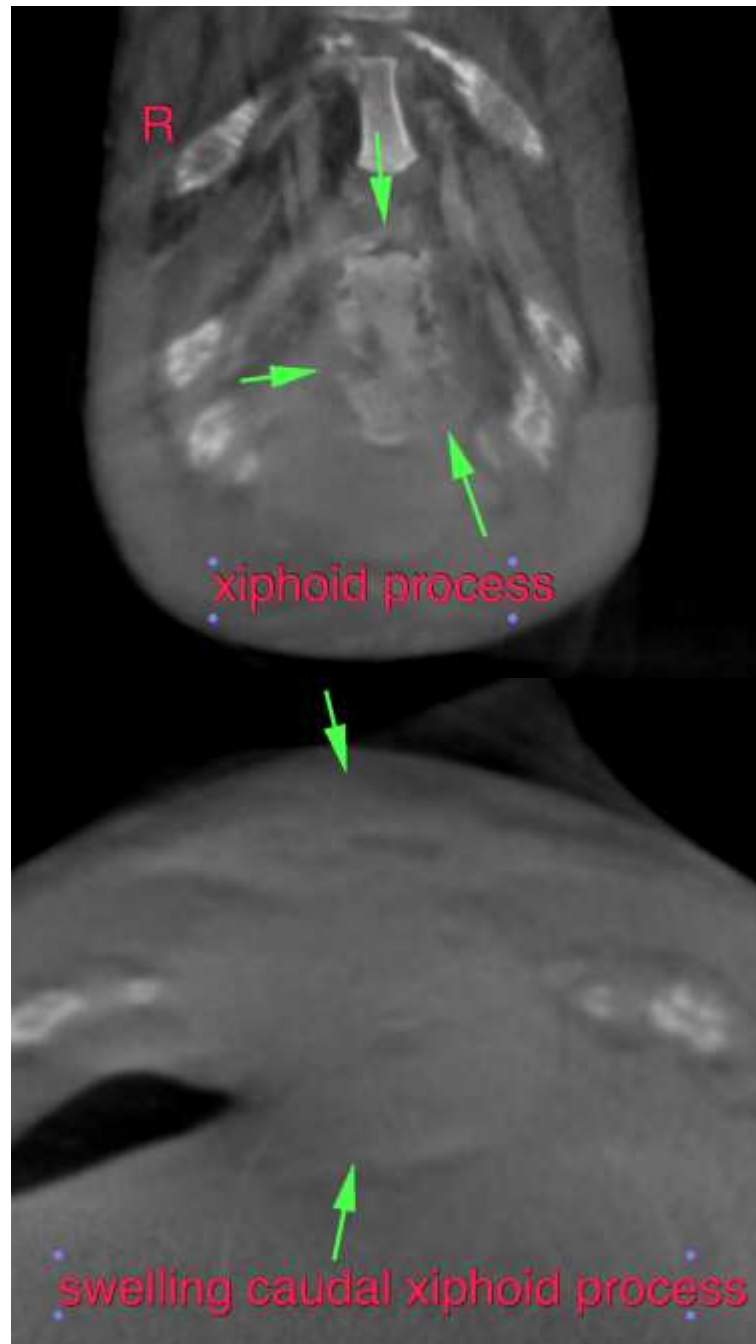
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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