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Tiger Podell

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Tiger presented for evaluation of chronic ear infection and mass on the left ear.

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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE HEAD & THORAX**

Pre/post contrast studies provided for review.

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Head/neck:

The right lens shows caudal luxation and marked calcification. The eye bulb is deformed. The neurocranium is inconspicuous. Bony structures of skull and the skull foramina of the cranial nerves are laterally symmetrical and inconspicuous.

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The right tympanic bulla is completely obliterated with soft-tissue dense material. Both segments are involved, the tympanic membrane is respected and mildly protruding into the external ear canal. There is mild wall-associated enhancement noted. The bulla wall and the structures of the petrosal bone are inconspicuous. There is no evidence of a cerebellar-pontine meningeal enhancement. The external ear canal shows a small soft-tissue dense nodule of 5.0 x 3.0 mm which appears connected with the deeper layers of the wall. The horizontal part of the canal is narrowed but ventilated.

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The left tympanic bulla and bulla wall are unremarkable. The left external ear canal shows small amounts of cerumen.

There is mild accumulation of fluid noted in caudal part of the nasopharyngeal meatus. Nasal cavities are ventilated regularly.

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The right medial retropharyngeal lymph node is moderately enlarged but regular in shape and contrast behavior.

Thorax:

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The cranial mediastinum shows mildly enlarged lymph nodes. Shape and contrast uptake are inconspicuous. There is no evidence of pleural thickening, fluid accumulation or free pleural gas is noticed.

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Pulmonary density presents a broncho-interstitial pattern, there is no evidence of focal or nodular pulmonary lesions. Heart is inconspicuous as far as can be assessed with CT. Diaphragm is normal.

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The cranial abdomen reveals marked abdominal fat storage.



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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Nodule right external ear canal
- Signs of an otitis externa right
- Otitis media right
- Calcification and luxation of the right lens with deformation of the eye bulb
- Right sided reactive-inflammatory retropharyngeal lymphadenomegaly
- Mild sternal lymphadenitis
- Broncho-interstitial lung pattern

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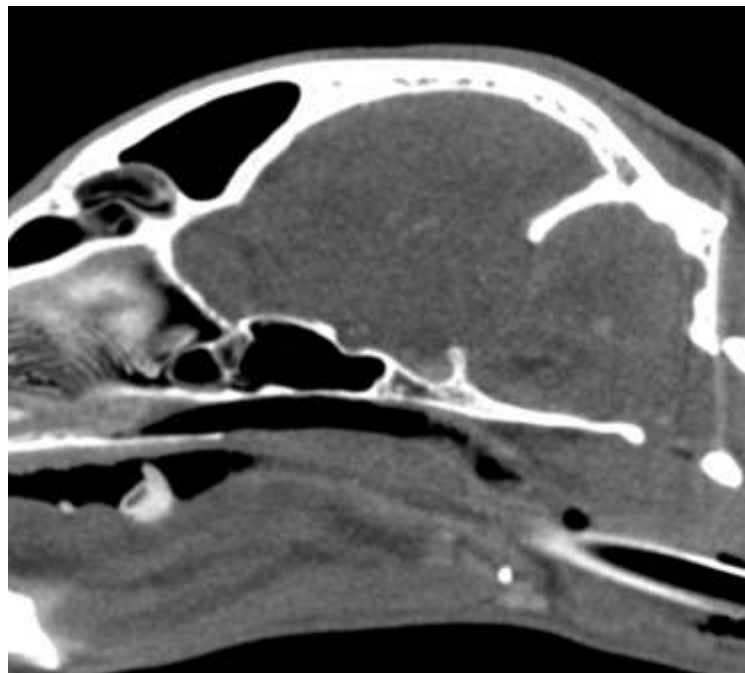
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

CT findings of the right external ear canal may represent a polyp. Involvement of the wall layering indicates a local invasive/aggressive lesion as seen with initial squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma of the ceruminous glands. Biopsy is needed for further evaluation.

Presence of a polyp in the right bulla is suspected. Bony margins and the tympanic membrane are respected.

Changes of the right eye likely show a mature cataract with luxation of the lens. This most probably is a chronic finding as well as the broncho-interstitial pattern and must be correlated with the clinical presentation. An obvious mass of the left external ear canal is not recognized.





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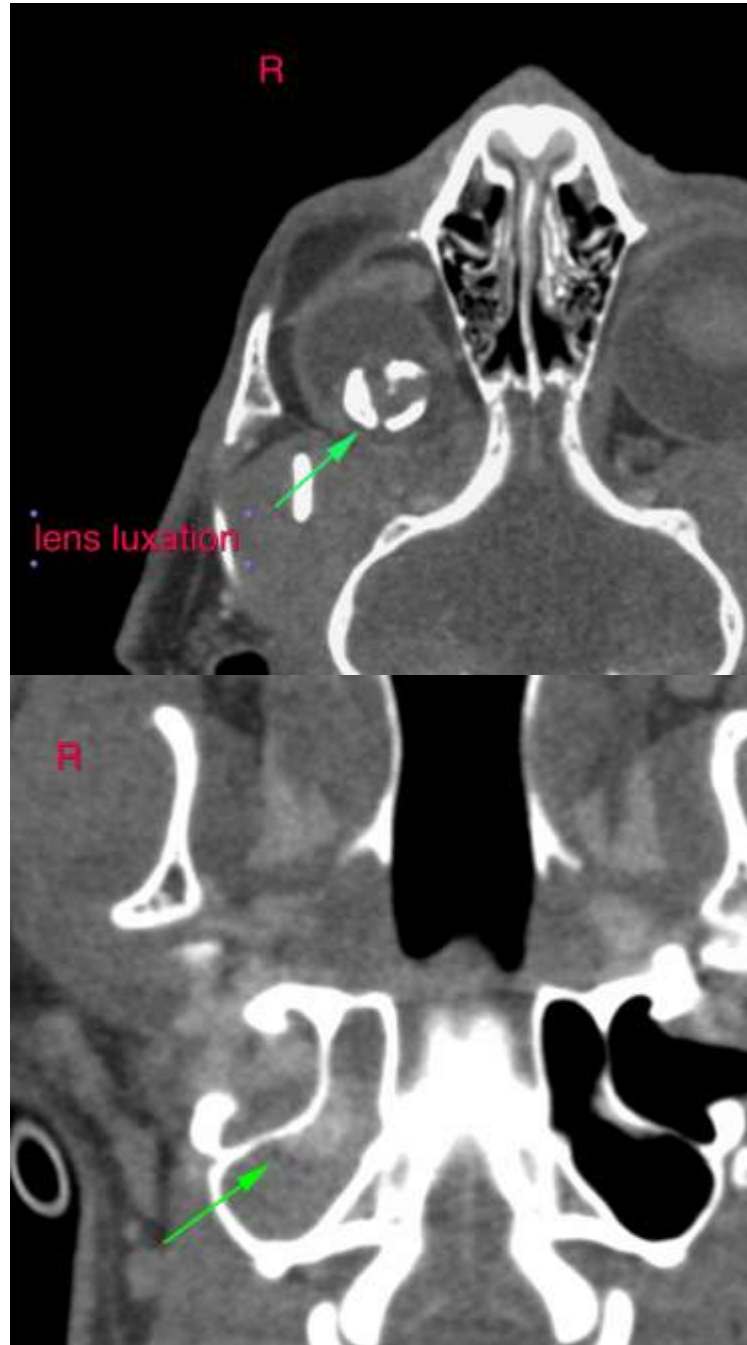
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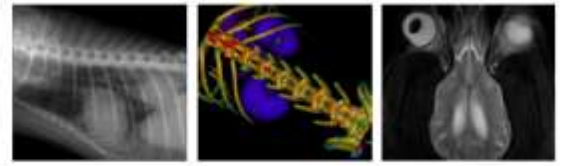
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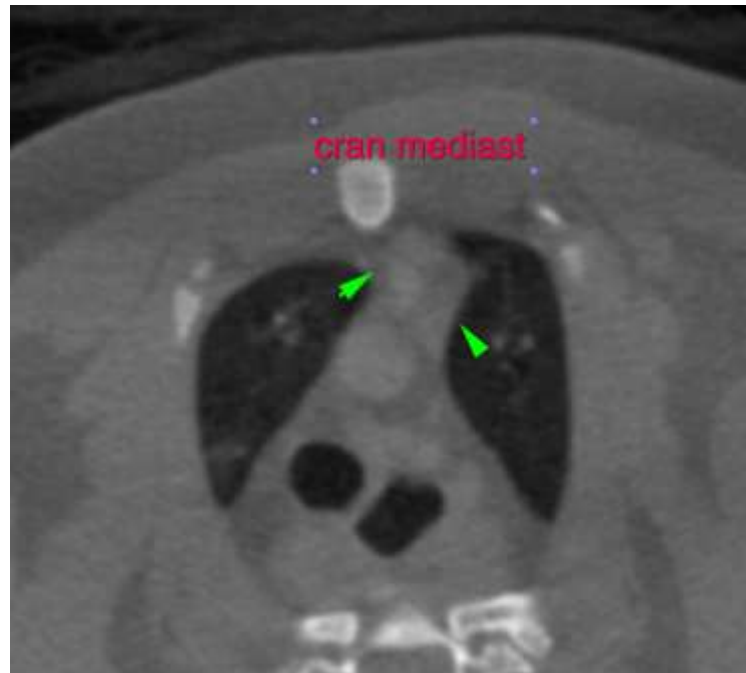
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