

**PATIENT**

Alpha Carrell

SPECIES

Canine

BREEDMini Australian
Shepherd**SEX**

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AGE

5 Years, 7 Months

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Taylor Morrison

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Presented to Urgent Pet Care (emergency) for lameness on the right hind one month ago. X-rays taken there showed swelling around the right tarsal joint and an abnormal position of the right calcaneus on the lateral projection.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Today presented with non-weight bearing lameness on the right hind, a dropped hock, and swelling around the tarsal joint. The tarsus hyperflexes on exam with a popping sound. Concern for collateral ligament damage. No other diagnostics performed today.

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**Tarsal Joints**

There is marked plantar soft tissue swelling noted on the right with abnormal widening of the space between the calcaneal and the central/forth tarsal bone with dorsal angulation of the calcaneus. The distal and caudal margin of calcaneal bone indicates a mildly irregular surface. Bone lysis, fracture or callus formation are not recognized. There is marked periarticular swelling noted. Achilles tendons appear intact and clearly delimited.

The left side, displayed parts of the paws and metatarsal bones including the sesamoid bones are inconspicuous. There are no signs of a lytic or sclerotic process.

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Abnormal widening of the right calcaneal-forth/central tarsal bone space
- Significant periarticular and plantar swelling of the right tarsal joint

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Ligament lesion/rupture on the right is likely most probably including the long plantar ligament, the dorsal tarsal and collateral ligaments. Additional rupture/lesion of the plantar tendon of the superficial flexor muscle is possible. The mildly irregular bone contour of the distal/caudal calcaneus could represent an avulsion. A fragment is not detected. The peripheral swelling is consistent with synovial thickening and/or joint effusion. A traumatic lesion is likely, signs of an aggressive process are not recognized.



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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.

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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