



PATIENT

Tribble Trouble
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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Acute lameness of the right forelimb after agility. Radiographs did not show any obvious findings on 1/18/22, pain localized to carpus

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF THE FRONT LIMBS

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A high resolution plain CT study of the distal segments of the front limbs, including a positive contrast arthrography of the antebrachiocarpal joint, are provided for review.

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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Mild osteophyte formation is seen at the dorsal aspects of the right carpometacarpal joint.

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The abaxial sesamoid bone of the metacarpophalangeal joint of the second phalanx of the right front limb is multipartite; the periarticular bones of the respective metacarpophalangeal joint present moderate osteophyte new bone formation. The metacarpophalangeal joint of the second phalanx of the right front limb presents with a mild circumferential soft tissue swelling.

AGE

7 Years

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Mild degenerative osteoarthritis right carpometacarpal joint
- Multipartite abaxial sesamoid metacarpophalangeal joint right phalanx
- Mild degenerative osteoarthritis metacarpophalangeal joint right phalanx with mild periarticular swelling

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The right carpal joint presents without specific abnormalities, explaining the acute onset of right front limb lameness, there is no evidence of fracture or overt articular swelling. The mild degenerative changes in the right distal carpal row are considered incidental, but acute on chronic insult may have caused the clinical signs. If there is suspicion for instability of the right carpal joint – unlikely due to lack of swelling – stressed radiographs of the carpal joint might be used as advanced diagnostic test.

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The multipartite sesamoid bone of the second phalanx of the right front limb can be associated with pain as well – check if pain can be elicited by manipulation of the respective metacarpophalangeal joint.

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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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