



**PATIENT**

Cisco Kid Old Dog  
Haven

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

New to the Foster care program (ODH) : doing well in his foster home, lives with two large breed dogs, great appetite, no accidents in the house. Runs with both hind legs together  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: significant dental calculus, stifle medial buttressing and stifles are laterally bowed outward. Kyphosis at T-L spine and mild decrease in proprioception bilateral hind.

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**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX, ABDOMEN AND STIFLE JOINTS**

An overview study including the thorax and abdomen in three imaging planes is provided for review.

**BREED**

Chihuahua

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Thorax

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The periarticular bones of the pictured elbow joint present moderate osteophyte new bone formation.

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The extrathoracic soft tissues present homogeneous without abnormalities.

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The heart is of normal size and shape, there is no evidence of cardiac chamber or vascular enlargement. The pulmonary vasculature is within normal limits.

The cranial mediastinum presents the expected soft tissue opacity. The mediastinal width is less than twice the width of the vertebral column at the same level.

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The trachea is normal in diameter and presents the anticipated course. The luminal outline of the trachea is smooth.

The bronchial tree presents with thin walls and tapers uniformly towards the periphery as expected.

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The lung parenchyma presents the expected architecture and generalized ground glass opacity; the intrapulmonary vascular branching is seen up to the third order lung vessels.

The diaphragm is well delineated with even surface and the expected mild cranial bulging of the diaphragmatic cupola.

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Abdomen

The intervertebral disc space L1/L2 is collapsed and the respective vertebral endplates present spondylosis formation. The neuroforamen L1/L2 presents a generalized mild increased radiopacity.

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No abnormalities of the extraabdominal soft tissues are noted. The abdominal wall is smooth and thin.

The serosal detail is maintained throughout the peritoneal and retroperitoneal space.

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The hepatic volume is moderately increased, and the liver is protruding caudally beyond the costal arch, the caudoventral margins are rounded.

The splenic head is in the anticipated position and within normal limits for size and opacity. The splenic body and tail are considered normal for position, size, shape and opacity.



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Both kidneys are seen and present with normal size, shape, delineation and opacity. The urinary bladder is in its anticipated position. No radiopaque calculi are noted throughout the upper and lower urinary tract.

The stomach is in its anticipated position. A geometric rectangular shaped body is seen in the stomach, measuring 33 x 7 mm in size.

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The small intestinal loops are of even diameter and non-dilated, a small amount of gas is seen within the small intestinal loops and considered within normal limits.

The colon is seen in the expected position and presents with appropriate content.

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Stifle joints

The periarticular bones of both stifle joints present moderate osteophyte new bone formation. The patella of both stifle joints is luxated medially.

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

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- Hepatomegaly
- Suspect gastric foreign body – suspect piece of plastic
- Chronic discopathy L1/L2 with possibility of disc material in the vertebral canal
- Bilateral medial patellar luxation
- Degenerative osteoarthritis stifle joints bilaterally
- Degenerative osteoarthritis one elbow joint
- Normal thorax

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Potentials for the hepatomegaly include metabolic hepatic disease/steroid induced hepatopathy, hepatitis or neoplastic infiltration. Ultrasound including FNA sampling can be used as minimally advanced diagnostic tests.

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The appreciated discopathy L1/L2 might be a source for the described spinal pain.

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The gastric foreign body is likely an incidental finding, recommend follow up radiographs if vomiting develops.

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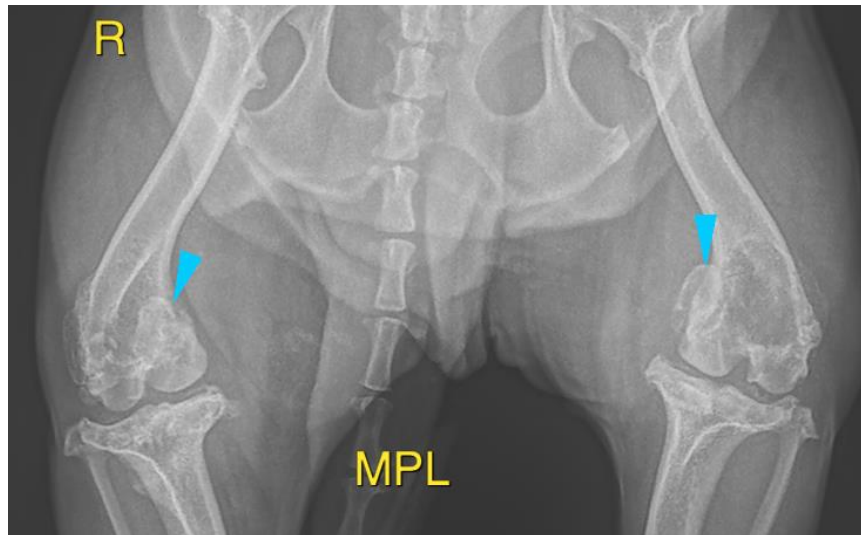
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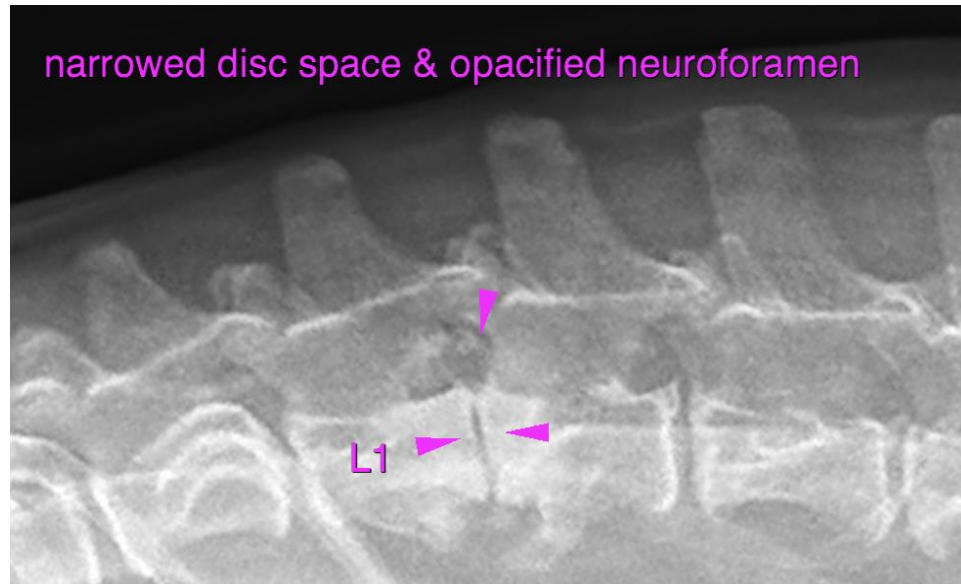
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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