



**PATIENT**

Charlotte Jopson

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

P presented for acute onset of hindlimb ataxia and apparent pain (30min prior to presentation). O notes that the P acutely wet the dog bed and defecated and began trying to bite at back end. Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Anal glands - full, easily expressed, nsf Moderate to severe epaxial muscle tension on palpation of the lumbar spine Moderate delay in hindlimb proprioception (R>L) Mild left and moderate right hindlimb ataxia at walk and run Pain score: 3/4

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**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE ABDOMEN**

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Radiographs of the abdomen in two orthogonal imaging planes are provided for review.

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**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The caudal thoracic spine presents with multiple hemivertebra. The L3 & L6 present as hemivertebra with narrowing of the associated intervertebral disc spaces. The vertebral endplates L6/L7 and L7/S1 present moderate spondylosis formation. The patella bilaterally is in a relative lateral position.

**AGE**

2.5 Years

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 liver is appropriate in position, size and presents uniform opacity.

The splenic head is in the anticipated position and within normal limits for size and opacity.

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.

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The stomach is in its anticipated position and moderately distended by gas.

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.

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

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- Hemivertebral L3 & L6 and multiple hemivertebra caudal thoracic spine
- Aerophagia – suspect due to stress
- Spondylosis deformans

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The hemivertebra might predispose for discopathy ± compressive myelopathy. Based on the clinical course under empirical therapy, cross-sectional imaging can be used as an advanced imaging modality and decision making if surgical decompression is an option.



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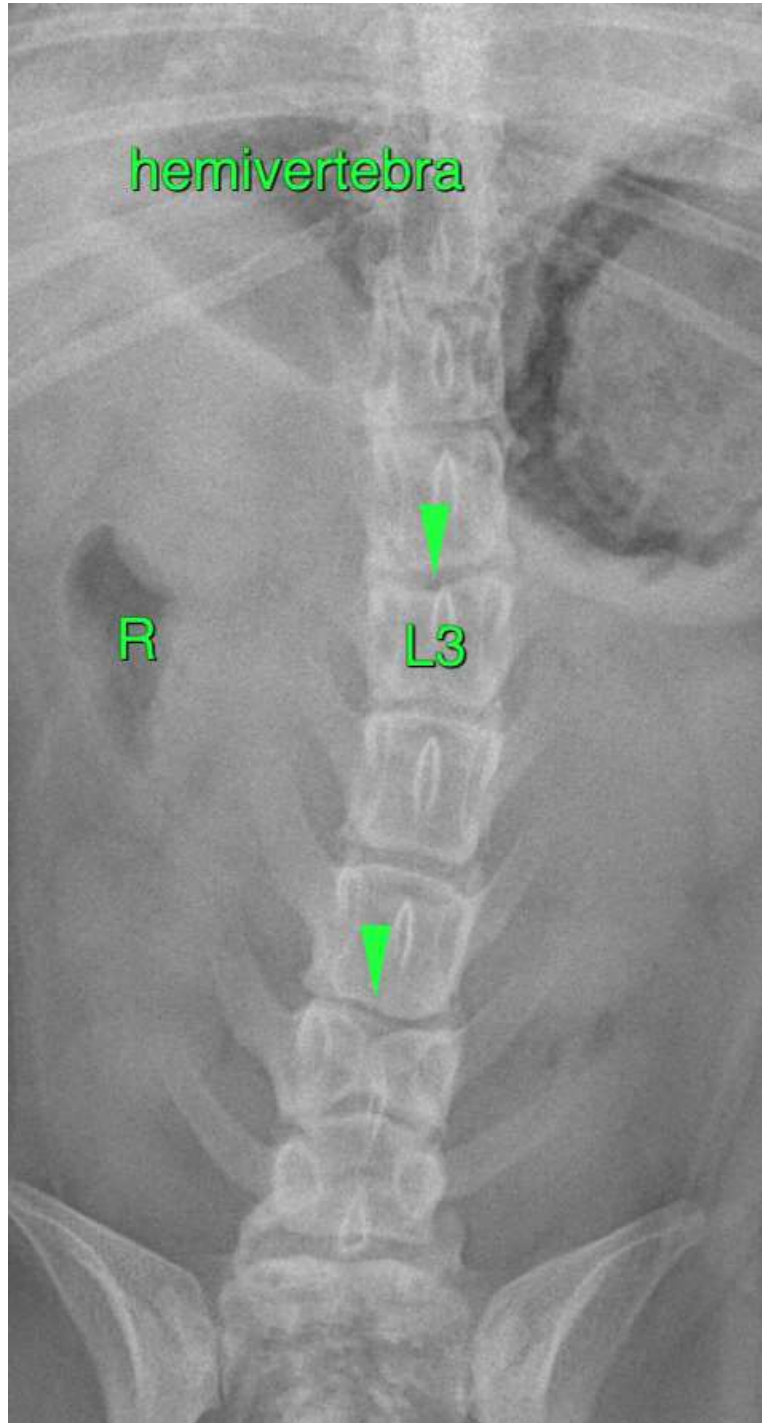
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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