



**PATIENT**

Frisco Cauley

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Nasal Stertor and decreased air flow  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: n/a

**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF THE SKULL**

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A high resolution pre- and post-contrast CT study of the skull is provided for review.

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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

All teeth but triadan 103, 104, 203, 204, 304, 305, 404 and 406-408 are absent. The remaining teeth present evidence of moderate periodontal disease.

Level with the right tonsil, a multilobulated, soft tissue attenuating and moderate irregular contrast enhancing mass is bulging into the oropharynx, measuring 2.7 x 1.6 x 2.3 cm in size. The right tonsillar mass is deviating the soft palate dorsally and the nasopharynx is obliterated by the mass effect. The right foramen lacerum is widened in comparison to the left foramen lacerum.

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The nasal cavity presents the expected aerated spaces between thin & even conchae and turbinates with smooth mucosal lining.

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Both temporomandibular joints present congruent joint spaces with even subchondral bone surfaces and are considered within normal limits.

Both tympanic bullae are aerated, the mucosal lining is not seen, the bony wall is smooth and thin. The external ear canals are within normal limits.

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The brain presents no deviation from normal anatomy and symmetry. The brain parenchyma is homogeneous and within normal limits for attenuation and distribution of contrast enhancement. The ventricular system is non-dilated and symmetric.

The left medial retropharyngeal lymph node is prominent.

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**COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Soft tissue mass level with right tonsil
- Possible pressure atrophy osseous lining right foramen lacerum
- Lymphadenopathy left medial retropharyngeal lymph node
- Periodontal disease remaining teeth
- Multiple absent teeth

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Harker

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The findings are consistent with neoplastic transformation of the right tonsil – such as squamous cell carcinoma, lymphosarcoma – or a pharyngeal soft tissue mass (e.g. melanoma). If not done so yet, FNA sampling of the mass can be used as advanced diagnostic tool.

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The widening of the right foramen lacerum can be caused by dorsal extend of the pharyngeal mass and secondary pressure atrophy.

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The prominent left medial retropharyngeal lymph node is concerning for metastatic spread, however ultrasound guided FNA sampling is warranted for further differentiation from reactive hyperplasia.

Consider full tumor staging.



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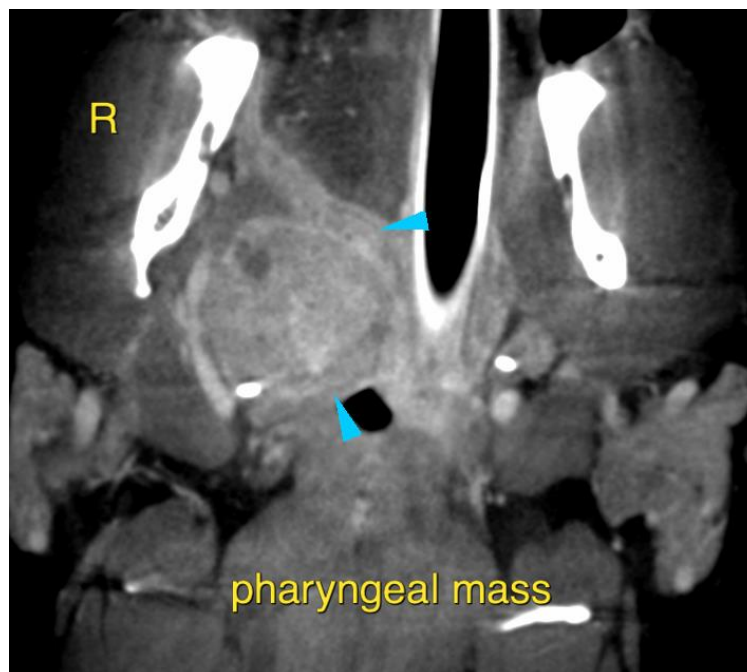
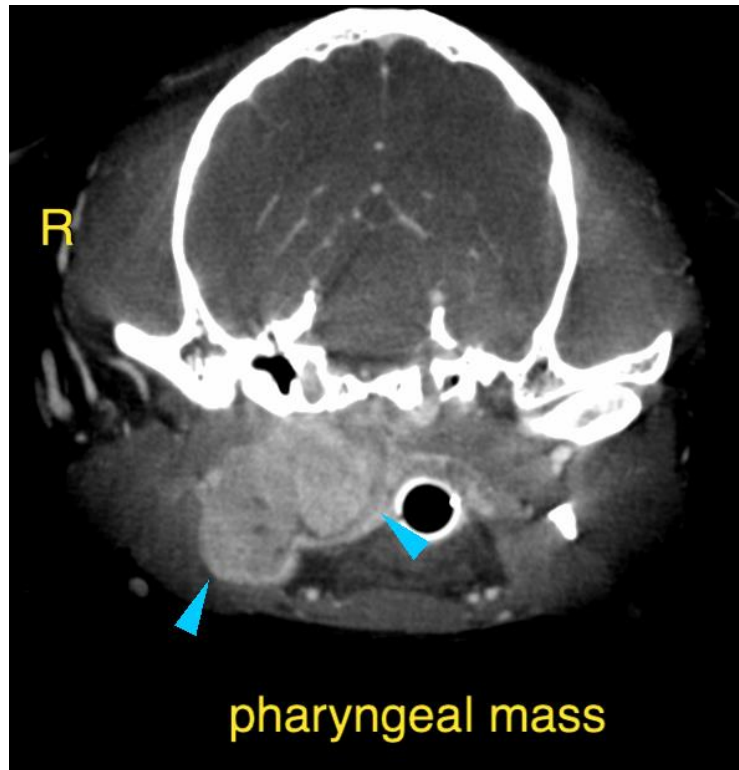
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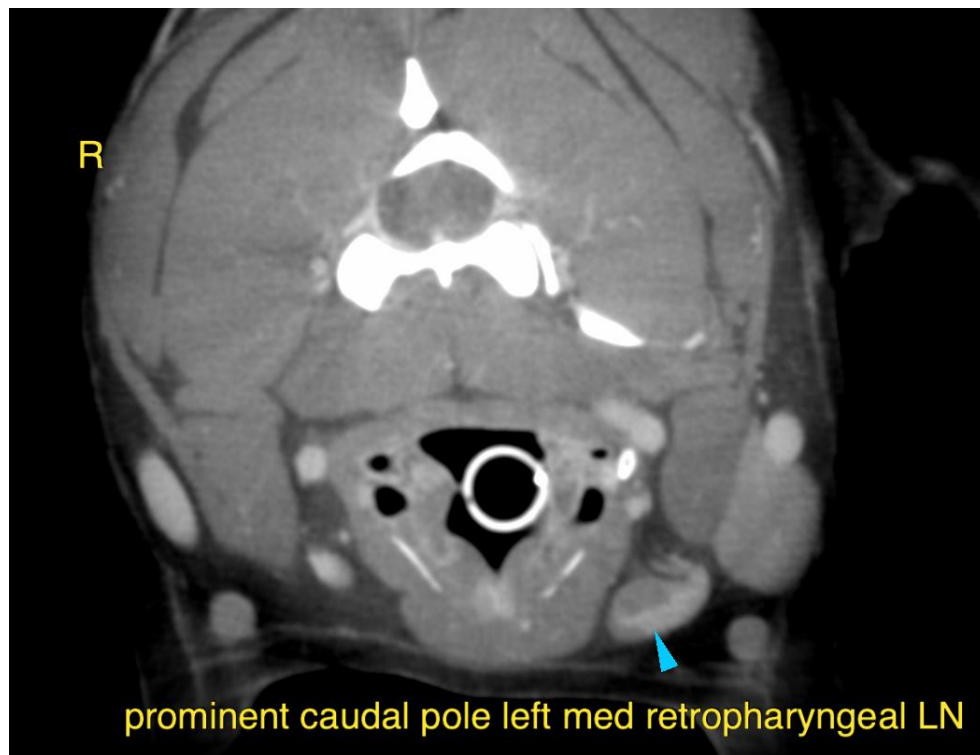
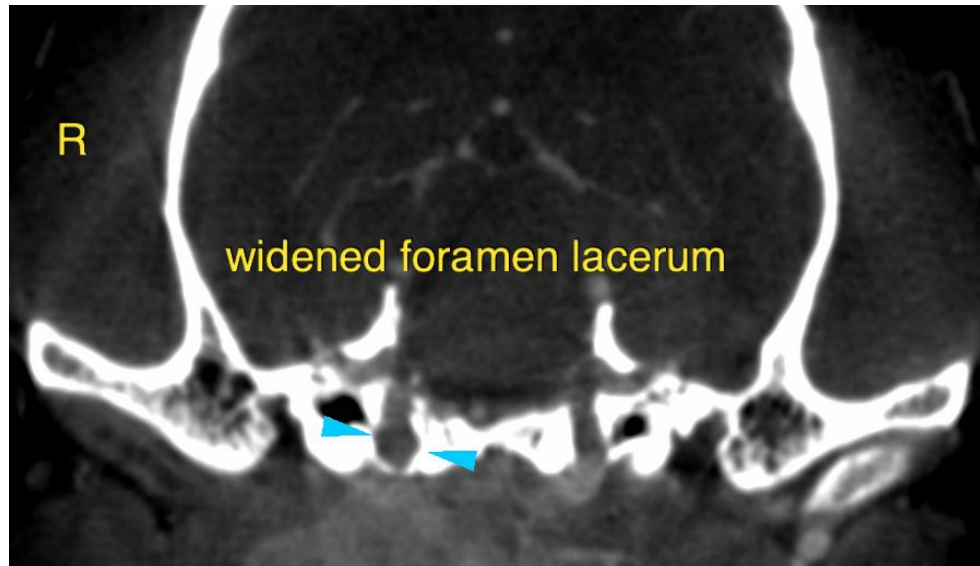
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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