

**PATIENT**

Hershey Worthy Tails  
Rescue

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Lab Mix

**SEX**

Female

**AGE**

9 Weeks

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Lambs Gap Animal  
Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Jennifer Todd

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Hershey is a nine week old, female lab mix puppy who was transported to Worthy Tails Rescue 3 days ago from a high kill shelter in southern U.S. The shelter reported that one night, prior to transport, Hershey was crying and limping but seemed fine by the next day. On exam, Hershey is an overweight puppy with hindlimb gait abnormality. She is less active than her brother and will only trot a short time, then sits down. She prefers to sit and will not jump up on hind legs and hold stand. Hershey swings hips when walks and both stifles abduct and have laxity and crepitus. She appears "bow-legged". Lateral pelvis, VD pelvis, right and left lateral stifle radiographs are submitted for review.

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE PELVIS AND STIFLE JOINTS**

A full set of radiographs of the pelvis and stifle joints is provided for review.

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The growth plates are age related wide and open and there is early stage of mineralization of the epiphysis resulting in widened appearing joint spaces.

No abnormalities of the pelvis, including the coxofemoral joints and

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Normal pelvis and stifle joints

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The radiographic study of the pelvis and the stifle joints presents without overt abnormalities. There is normal width of the growth plates and the expected stage of ossification of the epiphysis of the coxofemoral joints and stifle joints. The intracapsular swelling of the stifle joints is considered still as an age related normal finding – check clinically for abnormal swelling warranting further workup by the means of a synovial tap. Check if the current diet is fitting the needs of a growing puppy.

If there is strong clinical suspicion for trauma of the growth plates, follow up radiographs are recommended.



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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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