

**PATIENT**

Ty Hopatcong Shelter

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Not putting any weight on hind left leg. Weak in rear end.

SPECIES

Canine

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE PELVIS AND STIFLE JOINTS

A ventrodorsal projection of the pelvis and mediolateral views of the stifle joints are provided for review.

BREED

Mixed

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

The growth plates are age related open. The left coxofemoral joint presents a mild widening of the joint space, no additional abnormalities are appreciated.

SEX

Male

The left stifle joint presents a mild intracapsular soft tissue swelling in comparison to the right stifle joint. The osseous structures of both stifle joints present smooth osseous margins with open apophysis of the tibial tuberosity.

AGE

5 Months

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Mild widening of left coxofemoral joint space
- Suspect mild articular swelling left stifle joint

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The findings of the current radiographic study are not specific. The mild widening of the joint space of the left coxofemoral joint can be due to mild laxity of the joint, but can be a sequela to joint effusion of the left coxofemoral joints as well – e.g. traumatic, inflammatory (infectious versus non-infectious). The mild articular swelling of the left stifle joint might still present a normal age related variant, however traumatic or inflammatory origin are considerations as well. Check clinically if pain can be localized on the coxofemoral or the stifle joint. A synovial tap might be considered as advanced diagnostic tests to rule out an inflammatory process. I do not see evidence of abnormalities of the growth plates. In case of strong clinical suspicion of trauma of the growth plates, distracted views of the hips or flexed radiographs of the left stifle joint can be used to rule out abnormal motion of the femoral epiphysis/tibial apophysis.

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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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