



**PATIENT**

Edwin Vanhoorn

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Edwin is a 5-year-old neutered Chihuahua mix who has had a history of gagging for over the last few months. Nothing specific was found on physical exam.

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Canine

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE NECK, THORAX AND ABDOMEN**

A complete set of radiographs of the neck, thorax and abdomen is provided for review.

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Chihuahua Mix

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Neck

At the rostral aspect of the epiglottis, a nodular soft tissue opacity is seen in both lateral projections of the neck.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The remainder of the osseous and soft tissue structures of the neck are within normal limits.

**AGE**

5 Years

Thorax

The surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.

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 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 surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.

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

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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.

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The stomach is in its anticipated position and presents normal content.

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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.

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

Neutered Male

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Nodular soft tissue opacity cranial aspect of the epiglottis
- Normal neck
- Normal thorax
- Normal abdomen

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The nodular soft tissue opacification is likely caused by superimposition with the caudal margin of the soft palate. However, due to the clinical sign of gagging, rule out granuloma, epiglottic cyst or neoplasia (e.g. chondroma) by visual evaluation of the larynx.

No additional abnormalities are appreciated.

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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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