



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Alfie Ushak Progressive over several month, non-painful, ambulatory T3-L3 myelopathy.

**SPECIES MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF THE LUMBAR SPINE**

Canine T2 (DIXON) sequences in multiple imaging planes are provided for review.

**BREED MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING FINDINGS**

French Bulldog THE LAST RIB BEARING VERTEBRA IS COUNTED AS T13.

A mild protrusion of the intervertebral disc T9/T10 is appreciated.

Level with the intervertebral disc space T12/T13, hypointense material is protruding into the mid ventral aspect of the vertebral canal, impinging the spinal cord at the same level; the hypointense material is occupying approximately 10% of the cross-sectional area of the vertebral canal at the same level. The spinal cord level with T12/T13 presents a segmental T2 hyperintense region in the ventral aspect.

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The intervertebral discs T11/T12, T13/L1, L5/L6 and L6/L7 are moderately protruding into the vertebral canal, distorting the ventral subarachnoid space at the same level. Level with L6/L7, the hypointense disc material is occupying approximately up to 35% of the cross-sectional area of the vertebral canal.

**AGE**

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Sacralization of L7 is seen, presenting a transverse process on the right side and is articulating with the sacroiliac joint on the left side.

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Multiple intervertebral discs of the pictured caudal thoracic spine and the lumbar spine present a loss of the in fluid sensitive sequences hyperintense signal of the nucleus pulposus.

The splenic parenchyma presents with multiple ill-defined, variable sized, hypointense parenchymal lesions.

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**MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING DIAGNOSIS**

- Intervertebral disc protrusion T12/T13 with compressive myelopathy and T2 intramedullary hyperintensity
- Moderate intervertebral disc protrusion T11/T12, T13/L1, L5/L6 and L6/L7 with potential dynamic myelocompression
- Multifocal degenerative disc disease along the lumbar spine
- Asymmetric lumbosacral transitional vertebra (type III)
- Heterogeneity of splenic parenchyma

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The intervertebral disc protrusions are likely chronic and the protrusion T12/T13 is considered as the clinically relevant lesion and plausible explanation for the progressive clinical signs – the suspected gliosis of the spinal cord at the same level may have a negative impact if surgical decompression is considered.

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The remaining intervertebral disc protrusions may cause dynamic spinal cord compression and can be a source for pain.

The parenchymal heterogeneity of the spleen is most consistent with nodular hyperplasia or



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extramedullary hematopoiesis.

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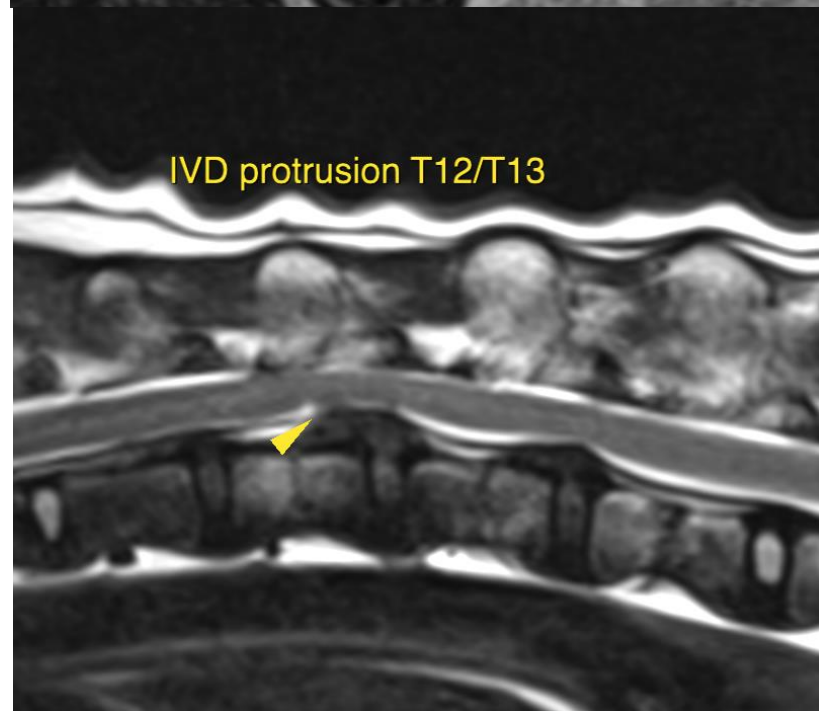
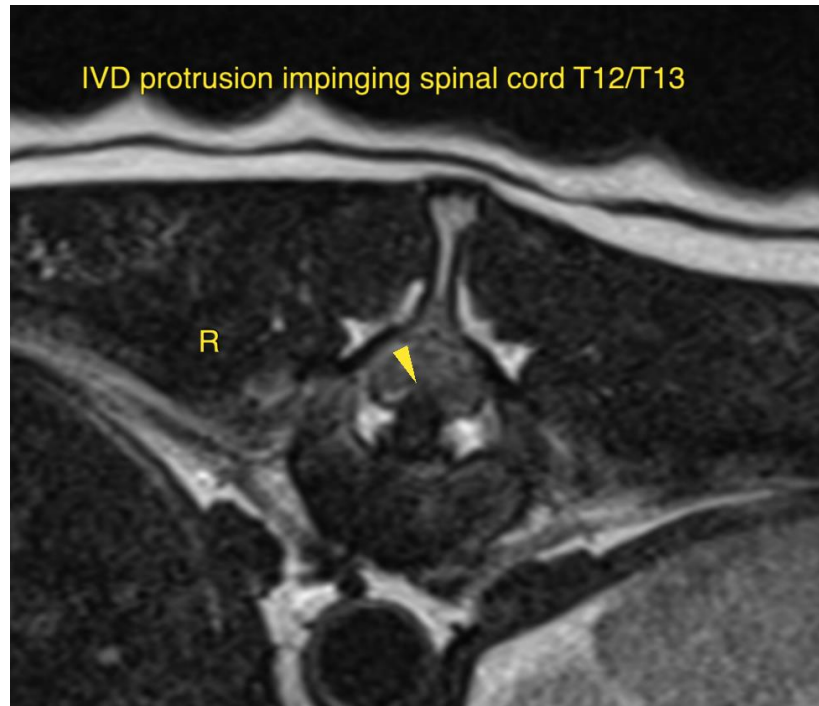
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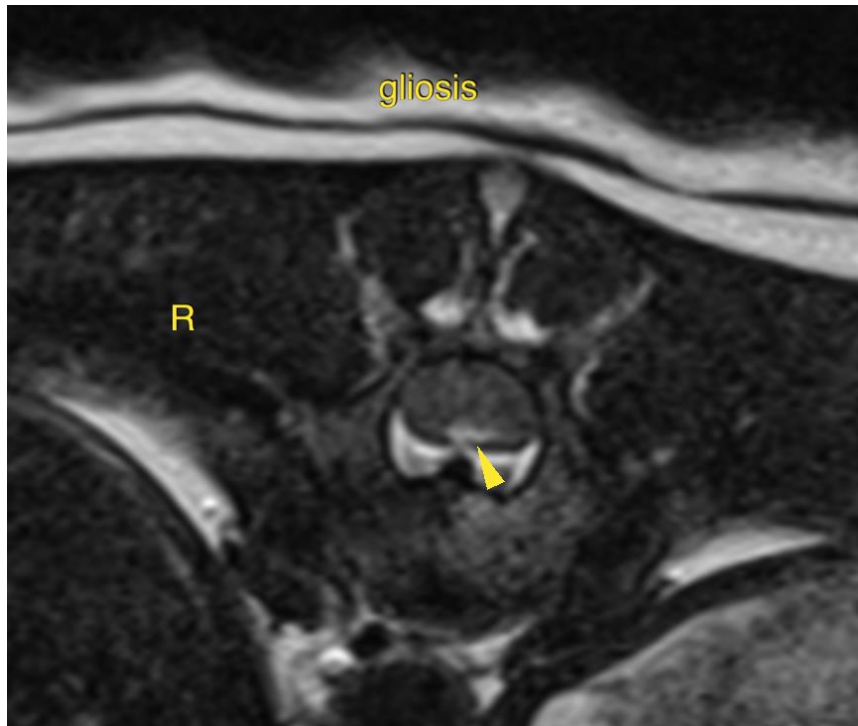
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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