



## PATIENT

Belle Hinrichs

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Beagle Mix

## SEX

Female Spayed

## AGE

14Y

## WEIGHT

9.7kg

## INTERPRETED BY

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Belle initially presented for gastrointestinal signs after eating chicken with bone. She was treated for her symptoms and improved. She presented again for a fever and neck pain. On physical exam the left retropharyngeal lymph node and salivary gland complex are enlarged and painful. Further caudally on the left ventral aspect of the neck there is a soft fluctuant swelling. R/O abscess secondary to bone fragments from ingested chicken bone Vs sialocele versus neoplasia. Cytology of the fluid aspirated from the cystic structure returned inconclusive with nonspecific cystic fluid

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: The sample is consistent with nonspecific cystic fluid. A variety of lesions may become cystic and accumulate this type of fluid. Lesions containing this type of fluid tend to be benign but are not always so. Many cystic lesions do not exfoliate cells well into the fluid compartment, and the nature of these lesions cannot be fully characterized the basis of aspirating the fluid. Consequently, aspiration or biopsy of the lesion wall (more solid areas) is necessary to diagnose these lesions. Please interpret these findings in light of the complete clinical picture.

## COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF THE SKULL & NECK

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

## COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Multiple teeth are absent. The remaining teeth reveal variable degrees of periodontal disease.

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

In the region of the left tonsil, a diffuse soft tissue swelling with mild increased contrast uptake is appreciated.

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.

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 enlarged and rounded, measuring 2.9 x 2.7 x 4.6 cm. The enlarged left medial retropharyngeal lymph node is uniform soft tissue attenuating and has a heterogeneous contrast enhancement pattern.

Level with the left thyroid gland, a well-defined, central fluid attenuating mass, demarcated by a thin contrast enhancing capsule with sporadic punctuate mineralization is seen; measuring 2.6 x 2.1 x 3.1 cm. In the periphery of the left thyroid mass, multiple small tortuous vessels are seen.

The intervertebral disc space C6/C7 is v-shaped narrowed, and the respective vertebral endplates present mild ventral spondylosis formation.

## COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Diffuse soft tissue swelling region of left tonsil
- Lymphadenopathy left medial retropharyngeal lymph node
- Cavitory mass level with left thyroid gland
- Chronic discopathy C6/C7 without compressive myelopathy



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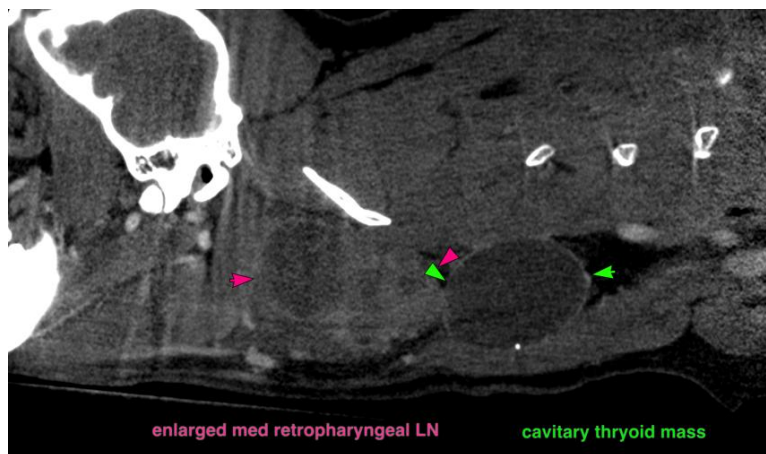
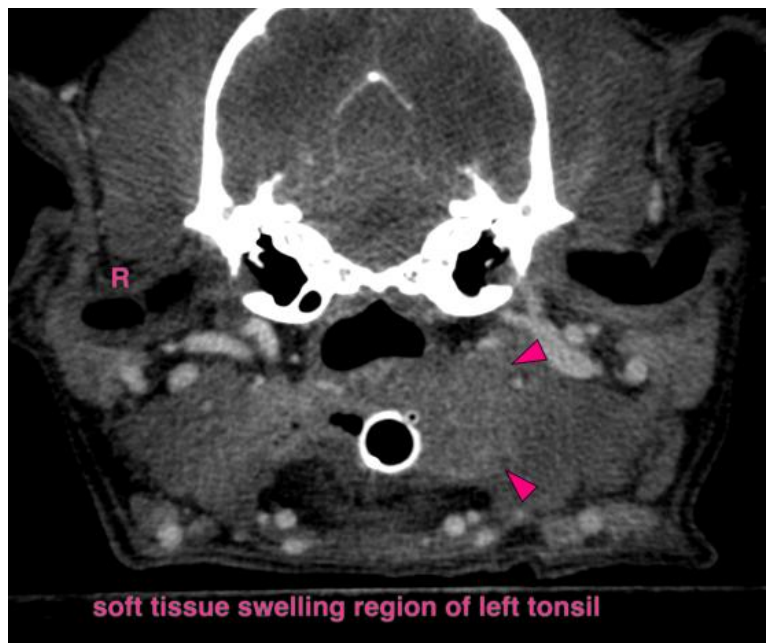
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- Generalized periodontal disease of the remaining teeth
- Multiple absent teeth

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The soft tissue swelling level with the left tonsil is highly suggestive for primary neoplastic transformation – tonsillar squamous cell carcinoma with metastatic spread to the left medial retropharyngeal lymph node is most likely. If not done so yet, palpation of the region of the left tonsil and FNA sampling of the enlarged lymph node can be used for confirmation.

The cavitory mass level with the left thyroid gland can present a second entity, such as thyroid cystadenoma or cystic thyroid carcinoma.





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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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