



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

PETRI CASTENEDA Reason for Visit: honk/cough History: 16yr 9m old NM chihuahua presented today for cough. Honking cough has been going on for about 1 and 1/2 weeks. Slight improvement when owner was giving cough tablets from previous episode (09/2020). Owner notes that Ps breaths are slower and deeper in his sleep. Cough will happen at all times of the day, even waing rom his sleep. No episodes of losing breath and collapsing. P is not on a HWP.

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RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX

Radiographs of the thorax in three imaging planes are provided for review.

BREED

Chihuahua

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

The intervertebral disc space T11/T12 is narrowed and the respective vertebral endplates present moderate spondylosis formation. The 6th and 7th right rib presents signs of healed costal fracture.

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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.

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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 cervical segment of the trachea presents a mild undulating course of the dorsal border. Multiple gas depots are seen in the cervical segment of the trachea.

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The bronchial tree presents with thin walls and tapers uniformly towards the periphery as expected.

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In the right lateral projection, the lung field is extending up to the level of the cranial vertebral endplate T11 - expiration; accentuating a generalized moderate unstructured reticular lung pattern that is not appreciated in the left lateral and VD view of the thorax. In the VD view of the thorax, a mineral opaque nodule is seen in the left 8th intercostal space.

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The diaphragm is well delineated with even surface and the expected mild cranial bulging of the diaphragmatic cupola.

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

REFERRING VET

Dr. Ward

- Mild irregular dorsal border cervical tracheal segment
- Mineral opaque nodule 8th left intercostal space
- Healed costal fracture 6th and 7th right rib
- Chronic discopathy T11/T12
- Spondylosis deformans

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The appreciated mineralized nodule is superimposed on the costal cartilage of the 7th left rib, and is most consistent with a small nodular mineralization. The odds for pulmonary nodule are very low.

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The mild undulating dorsal border of the cervical segment of the trachea is most likely a sequela to laxity of the tracheal membrane, however mucosal swelling due to tracheitis, granulomas, attached mucus or less likely malignant tracheal infiltration are potentials.



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suspect small nodular mineralization costal cartilage



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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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