

**PATIENT**

Snow Chavez

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

P presented for ongoing 7 month lameness. O's note the lameness has improved and the P does not appear to be painful, but would like this evaluated at this time.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: P is unruly for physical examination and imaging and cranial drawer test is only possible on left hindlimb. Mild pain at end of manipulation, test was subjectively negative. P has intermittent shifting leg lameness on a walk, but is ambulatory bilaterally. When P is standing sometimes will gently lift/take weight off either of the hindlimbs. Gait appears somewhat stiffened when walking. Imaging was without sedation and noted to O's that should we need additional views, sedation would be required.

**BREED**

English Bulldog

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE PELVIS AND STIFLE JOINTS**

A ventrodorsal projection of the pelvis and radiographs of the stifle joints in two orthogonal imaging planes are provided for review.

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**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Pelvis

**AGE**

2.2 Years

The acetabular groove bilaterally is moderately to markedly shallow and the femoral heads bilaterally present a mild mushroom like conformation with mild osteophyte new bone formation. The joint space of both coxofemoral joints is incongruent. The center of both femoral heads is lateral to the dorsal acetabular rim.

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The volume of the soft tissue shadow of the musculature of the left hind limb is moderately decreased.

Stifle joints

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The periarticular bones of both stifle joints present moderate osteophyte new bone formation and a moderate intracapsular soft tissue swelling is noted. At the medial aspect of the proximal left tibial epiphysis two well-defined small (<2 mm) mineralized bodies are visible; a small, mineralized body is superimposed on the cranial compartment of the left stifle joint – just cranial to the intercondylar eminence.

**REFERRING VET**

Tifanie Silver

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Articular swelling stifle joints bilaterally, R>L
- Mild to moderate degenerative osteoarthritis stifle joints bilaterally
- Suspect synovial osteochondromatosis left stifle joint ± meniscal mineralization
- Disuse atrophy musculature left hind limb
- Mild degenerative osteoarthritis coxofemoral joints bilaterally due to hip dysplasia

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The radiographic study is consistent with bilateral chronic degenerative osteoarthritis with concomitant joint effusion of both stifle joints. The most-likely underlying cause is (partial) rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament with or without meniscal disease. To rule out polyarthritis, a synovial tap can be considered.



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A positive drawer sign or tibial compression test under general anesthesia can be used to confirm the diagnosis and surgical intervention – a correction osteotomy technique would be ideal – of the clinically more conspicuous left stifle joint is recommended. Surgical intervention of the right stifle joint may be considered as well after the post-operative recovery phase.

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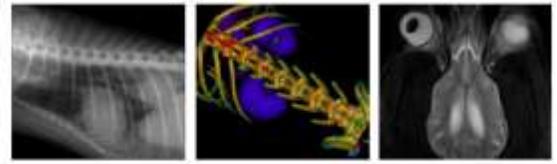
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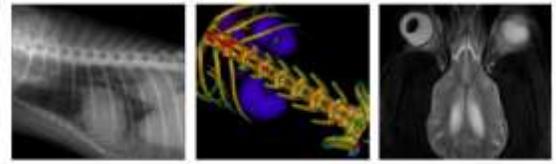
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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