


PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Daisy Szewczyk Recurrent abscess AD, Surgery ~10 days ago at rDVM. Concern for tympanic bulla from rDVM radiographs. Swelling on right side off face with purulent discharge noted right ear canal. Current Rx: Meloxicam, Enrofloxacin

SPECIES COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF THE SKULL

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

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

BREED The pictured parts of the dentition are complete and unremarkable in all jaw quadrants.

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

SEX The right tympanic bulla presents a significantly increased volume and contains gas and non-contrast enhancing soft tissue material. The right tympanic bulla has a broad connection to the cutaneous surface at the same level. The osseous lining of the right tympanic bulla is moderately irregularly thickened with multiple osteolytic lesions. The angular process of the left mandible is in contact with the enlarged right tympanic bulla and presents signs of chronic osseous remodeling.

AGE The osseous labyrinth of the right inner ear presents a loss of the normal conformation and hyperostosis.

8 Years The right external ear canal contains a small amount of soft tissue material, and the distal segment is moderately dilated.

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The left tympanic bulla presents a moderately increased volume and mild to irregular thickened wall with multiple lytic lesions. The lateral wall of the left tympanic bulla is absent. The left external ear canal is not appreciated.

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In the subcutaneous tissue of the right submandibular region, an ovoid shaped, well-defined, heterogeneous soft tissue attenuating and peripheral contrast enhancing mass is seen, measuring 1.5 x 1.0 x 1.8 cm in size. Rostradorsally a second peripheral contrast enhancing, and central fluid attenuating lesion is seen, measuring 7 x 5 x 6 mm in size.

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.

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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- History of drained abscess region of right ear
- Widened distal segment right external ear canal
- Suspect chronic right sided otitis interna with osseous remodeling of the inner ear
- Two subcutaneous abscesses right submandibular region
- Suspect history of left sided total ear canal ablation and bulla osteotomy

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The right tympanic bulla is markedly widened and is presenting a broad connection to the cutaneous surface at the same level – fitting the history of drained abscess level with the right ear. The abscess



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might have originated from a diverticulum originating from the right external ear canal, extending into the right tympanic bulla - otitis media grade IV. If there is a connection between the submandibular abscess and the tympanic bulla cannot be clearly defined. If there is persistent purulent discharge/no tendency to heal, removal of the osseous wall of the tympanic bulla should be considered.

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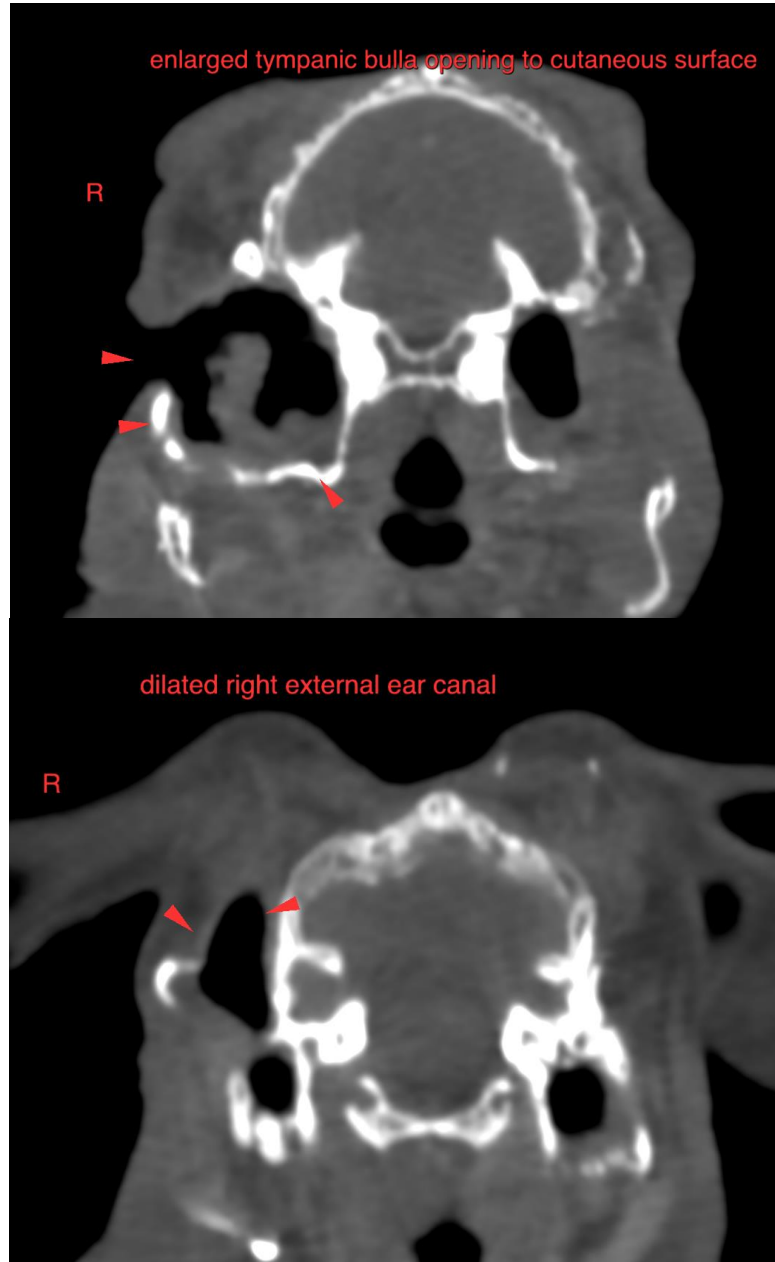
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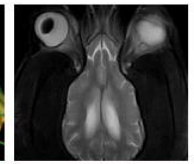
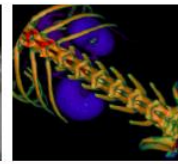
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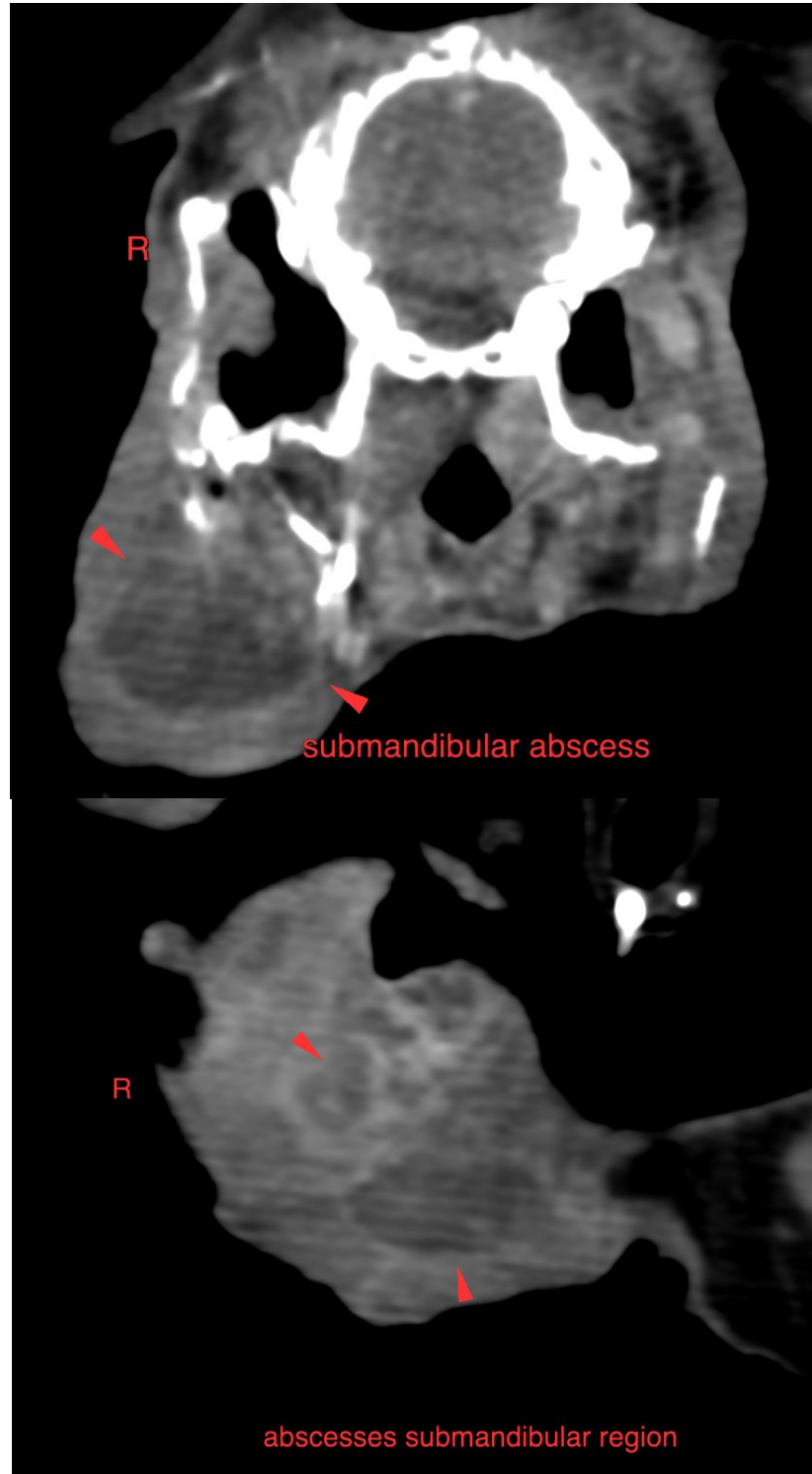
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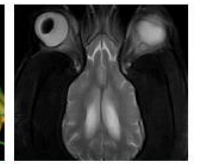
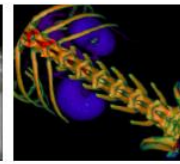
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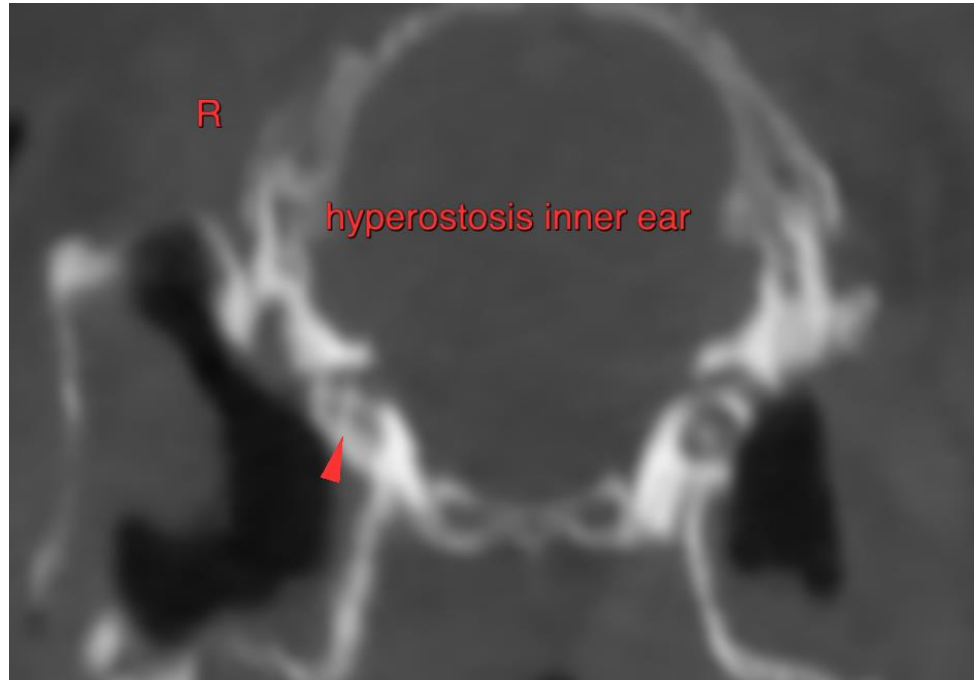
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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