



PATIENT

Kurt Fingerlos

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Siberian Husky

SEX

M

AGE

5M

WEIGHT

41.4lbs

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Elizabeth Animal
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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

-Show dog -Owner noticed a bump towards the base of his tail since birth but has gotten worse with every growth spurt -Doesn't seem to be bothering him at all -Anything to do to fix it?
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE: Step on tail during palpation, doesn't seem painful

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

SPINE

A single caudal vertebra (coccygeal vertebra) demonstrates a wedge-shaped morphology, resulting in a mild dorsal deviation of the tail at that level.

The remainder of the visible coccygeal vertebrae appear to have normal shape, alignment, and mineral opacity. No evidence of osseous proliferation, lysis, fracture, or soft tissue swelling is seen.

Due to the collimation, complete vertebral enumeration is not possible, but the observed malformation appears focal and congenital.

Congenital wedge-shaped malformation of a coccygeal vertebra, resulting in mild dorsal tail deviation.

RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Congenital wedge-shaped malformation of a coccygeal vertebra, resulting in mild dorsal tail deviation.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The imaging findings are most consistent with a congenital coccygeal vertebral anomaly, a common incidental variant in dogs. These abnormalities are typically non-painful, as reflected in this patient's clinical presentation.

This condition generally does not require treatment, and the tail deviation is expected to persist as the dog grows; however, it is not typically associated with functional impairment or discomfort.

If cosmetic correction is requested by the owner, referral to a surgeon can be considered; however, surgical correction is rarely indicated and may carry risks outweighing cosmetic benefit.



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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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