



# COMMON HEART DISEASES IN DOGS AND MANAGEMENT



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CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE : 5%

ACQUIRED HEART DISEASE : 95%

OF ALL HEART CONDITIONS IN DOGS.

1. Degenerative mitral valve disease (DMVD) : >75%
2. Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) : 8-10%
3. Cardiac mass : 5%

## OUTLINE

1. Identification of the diseases (DMVD).
  - Staging of the severity
  
2. Management.
  - Pre-clinical (heart disease)
  - Clinical (heart failure)
  - Applying “**evidence-based medicine**”



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- Staging of the severity



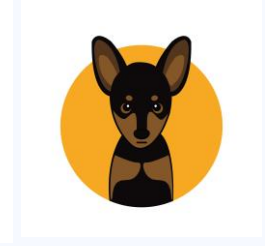
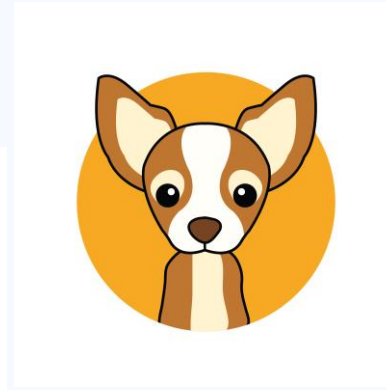
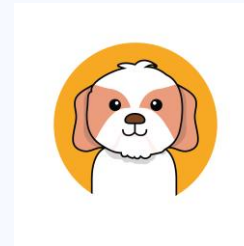
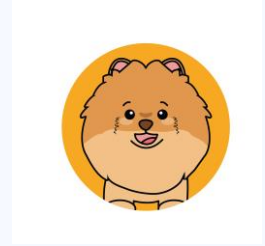
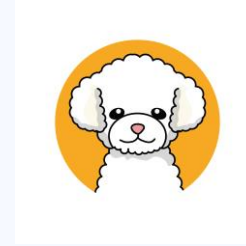
## DEGENERATIVE MITRAL VALVE

SLOW PROGRESSIVE DISEASE

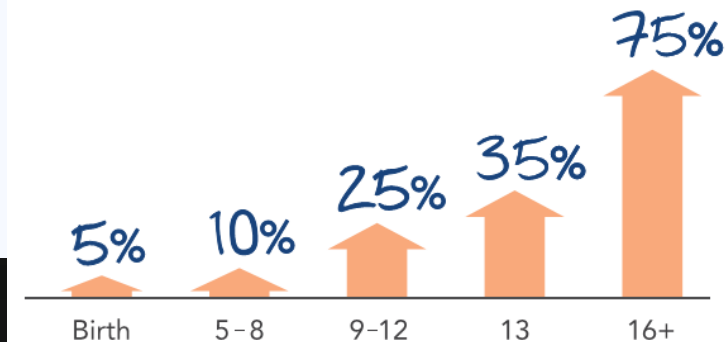
**AGING-ASSOCIATED DISEASES**

SMALL TO MEDIUM-SIZED BREEDS,  
**MALE (1.5X) > FEMALE**

- 62% MITRAL VALVE ALONE
- 32.5% MITRAL & TRICUSPID VALVES



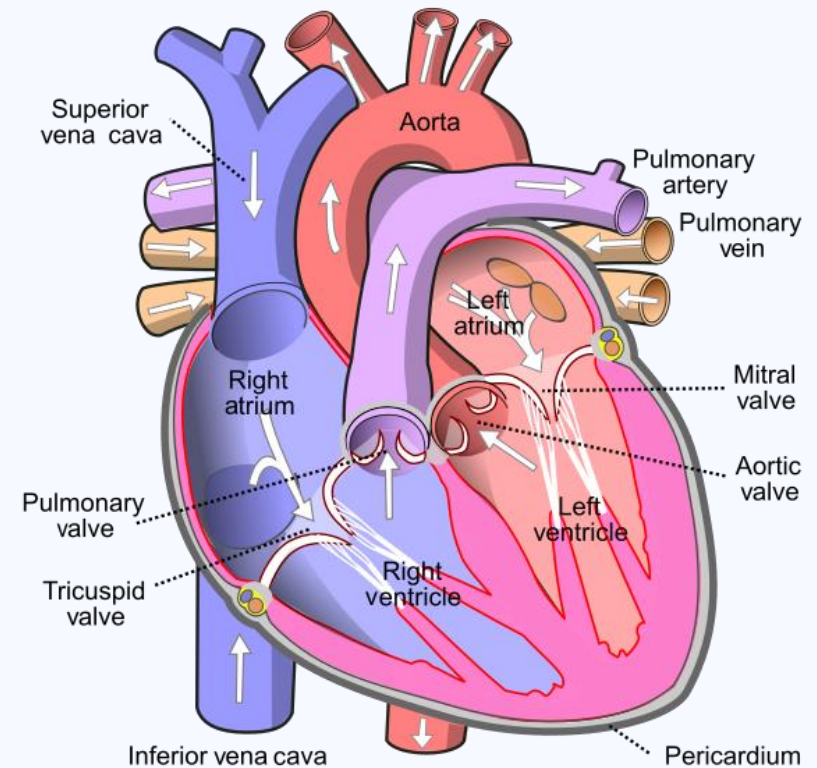
THE LIKELIHOOD OF HEART DISEASE  
INCREASES DRAMATICALLY WITH AGE.<sup>1,2</sup>





## MITRAL VALVE APPARATUS

- ♥ Valve leaflets (Ant./ Post.)
- ♥ Annulus
- ♥ Chordae tendinae
- ♥ Papillary muscles



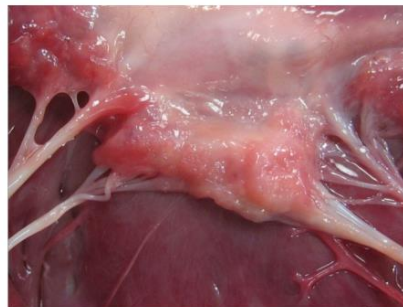
# DEGENERATIVE MITRAL VALVE

ANTERIOR MITRAL VALVE  
POSTERIOR MITRAL VALVE

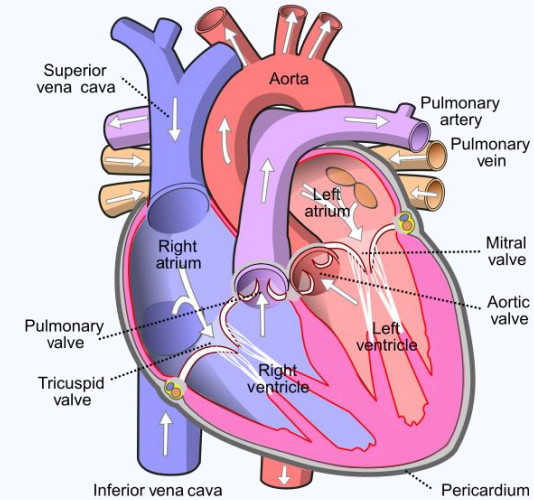
- ♥ Mucopoly-saccharides
- ♥ Collagen degeneration
- ♥ Endothelial proliferation



Normal



DMVD



- **Thickened** leaflets / chordae
- **Mitral valve regurgitation**
- **LA & LV Chamber dilation**
- Increase LA pressure
- Pulmonary venous congestion
- Pulmonary edema



## DMVD SLOW PROGRESSIVE DISEASE

mitral regurgitation (**murmur HS**)

B1



- Volume overload

Chamber(LA , LV) dilation

B2



- Increase LA pressure
- Pulmonary congestion

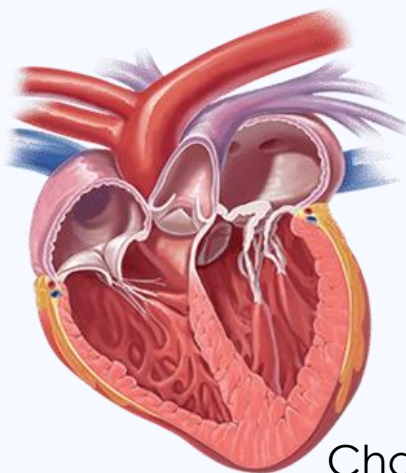
Pulmonary edema

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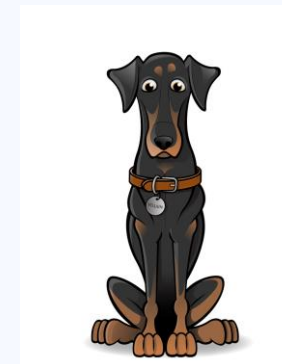


LV systolic dysfunction (end stage)

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## DCM



LV systolic dysfunction



Chamber dilation / Arrhythmia



Functional mitral regurgitation → lung edema  
Arrhythmia



## ACVIM CONSENSUS (2009 → 2019)

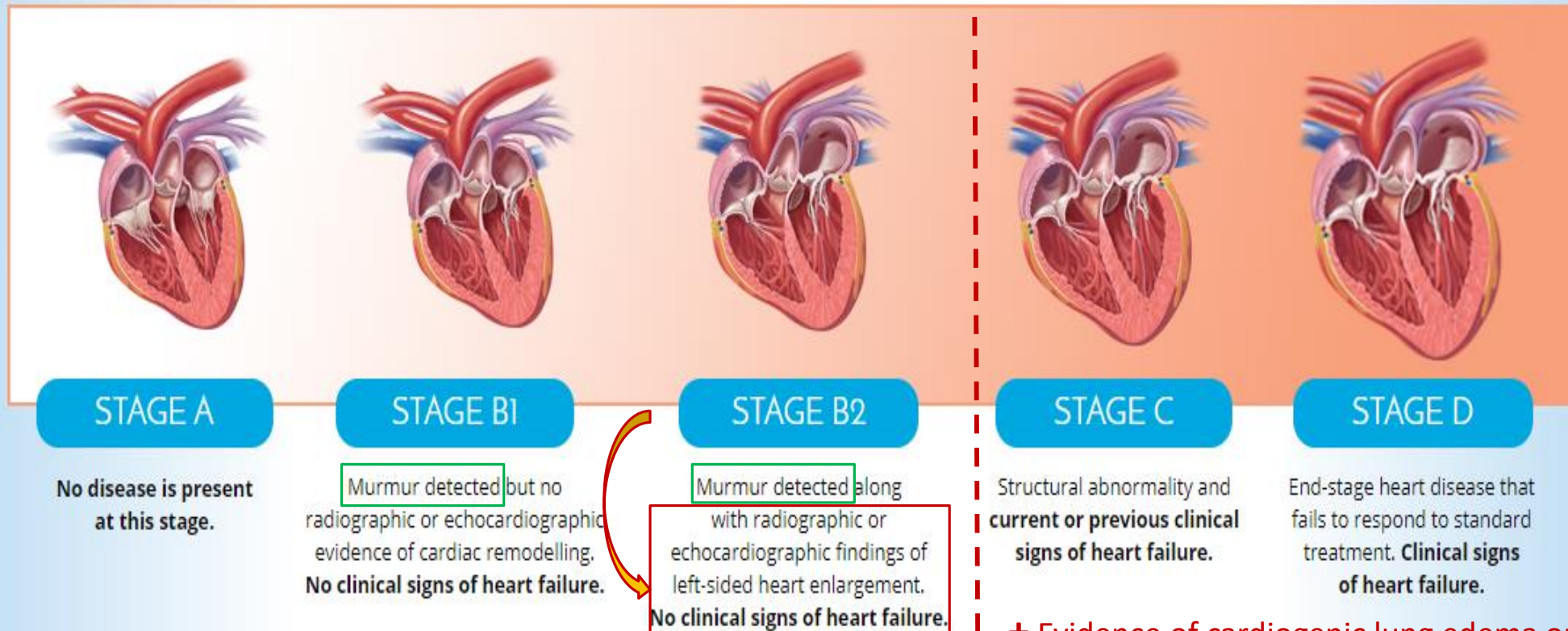
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No evidence of cardiogenic lung edema on chest-XR

+ Evidence of cardiogenic lung edema on chest-XR

# MMVD STAGE B1



## STAGE B1

Murmur detected but no radiographic or echocardiographic evidence of cardiac remodelling.  
**No clinical signs of heart failure.**

## HEART MURMURS



**Dogs**—left side, 5th intercostal space at costochondral junction

**Cats**—left side, 5th–6th intercostal space, near sternum

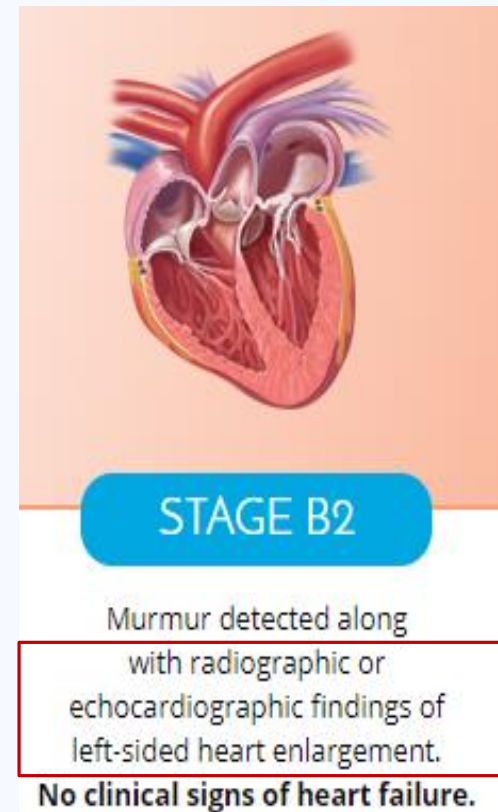
**Table 2. Heart murmur grading**

Intensity	Grade	Loudness
Low intensity	I	Low intensity murmur heard in a quiet environment only after careful auscultation over a localised cardiac area
	II	Low intensity murmur heard immediately when the stethoscope is placed over the PMI
Moderate intensity	III	Murmur of moderate intensity <b>localized to a single area</b>
	IV	High intensity murmur that can be auscultated over several areas without any palpable precordial thrill
High intensity	V	High intensity murmur with a palpable precordial thrill
	VI	High intensity murmur with a palpable precordial thrill that may even be heard when the stethoscope is slightly lifted off the chest wall

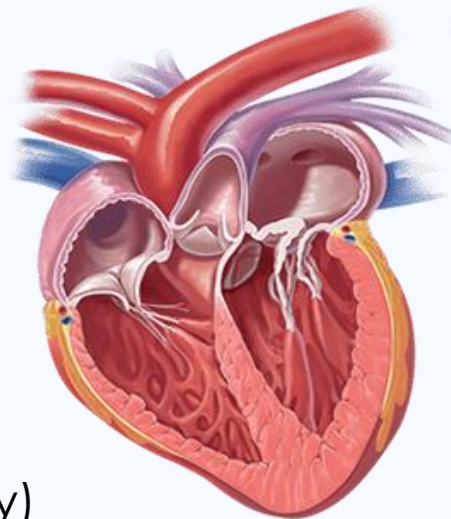
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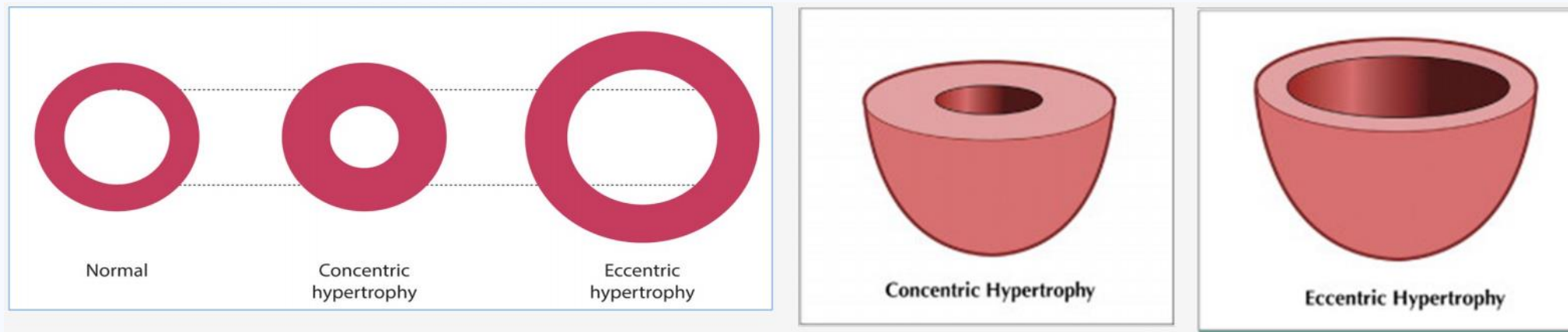
# MMVD STAGE B2



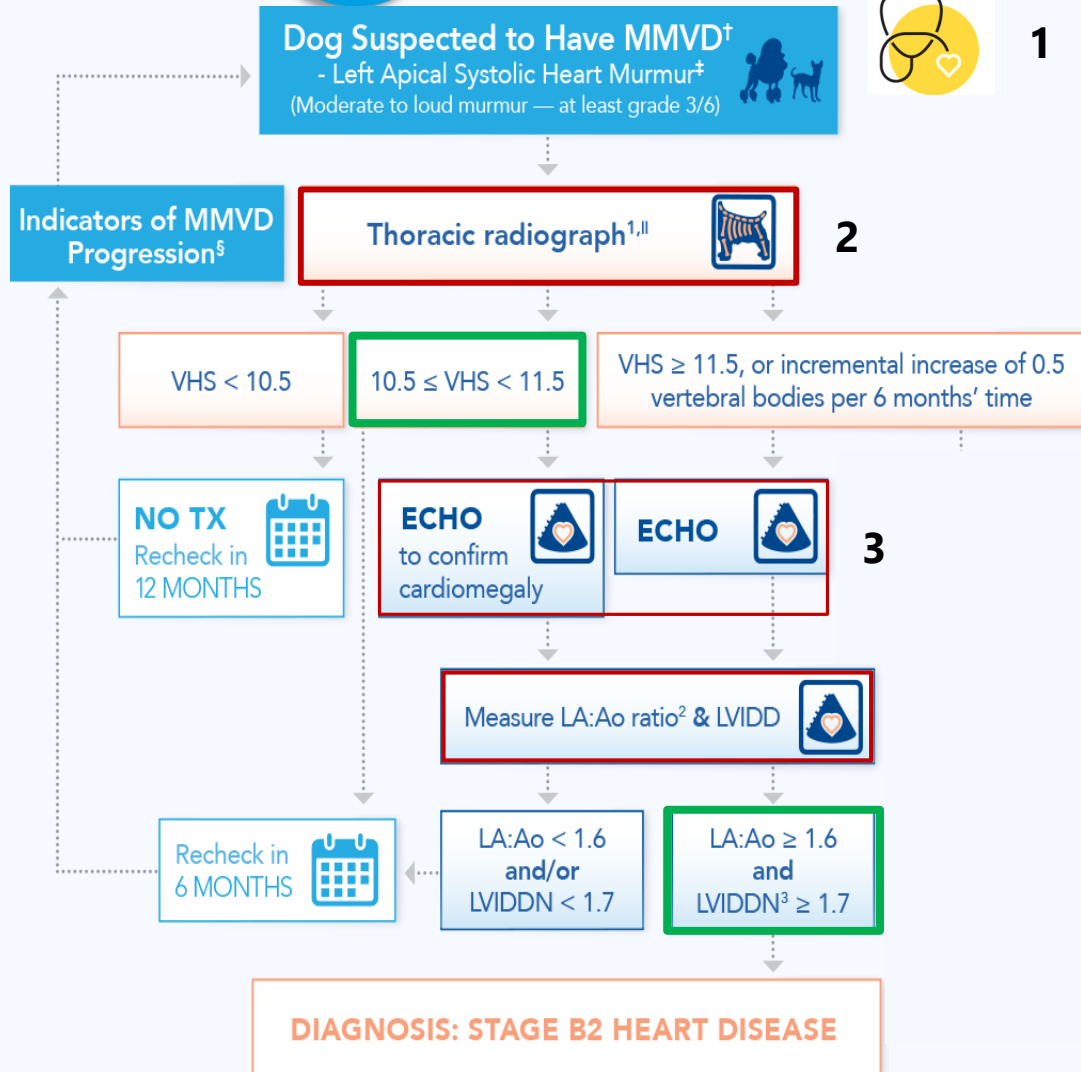
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## Heart enlargement (Cardiomegaly)



- May be usually thick or **dilated**, permanent or temporary depending on the causes.



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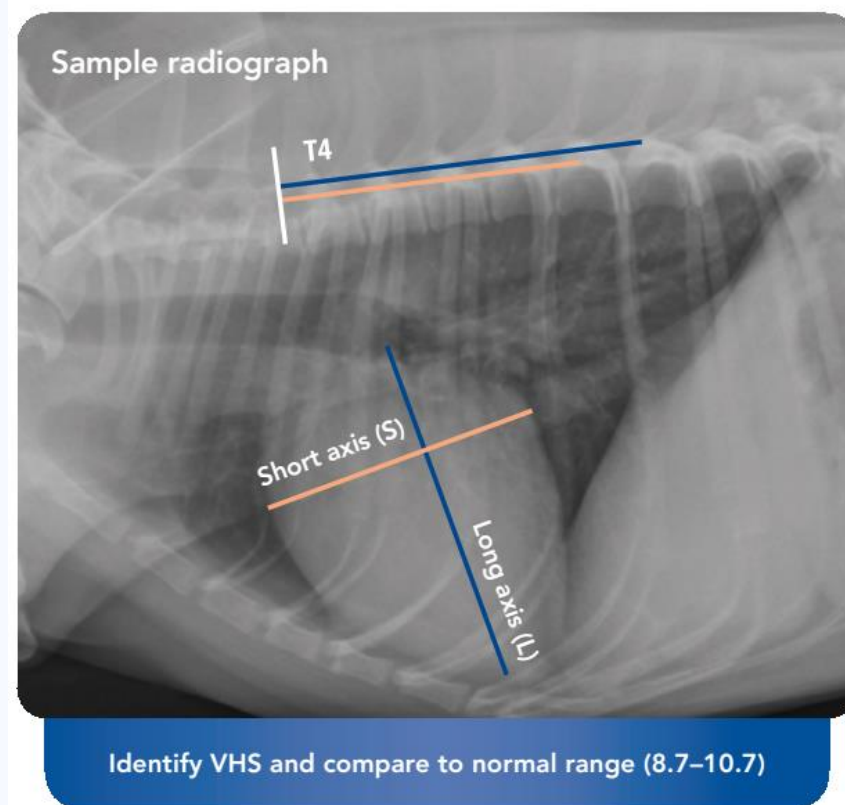
## ACVIM consensus guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of myxomatous mitral valve disease in dogs

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- Stage B2 criteria for heart enlargement identify dogs that are likely to benefit substantially from treatment before the onset of clinical signs of heart failure. (Class I, LOE: Strong):
  - murmur intensity ≥3/6;
  - echocardiographic LA:Ao ratio in the right-sided short axis view in early diastole ≥1.6 (Figure 1)<sup>45</sup>;
  - Left ventricular internal diameter in diastole, normalized for body weight (LVIDDN) ≥1.7 (Table 1)<sup>46</sup>;
  - breed-adjusted<sup>47–53</sup> radiographic vertebral heart score (VHS) >10.5.

## Left side heart enlargement (**Stage B2**) criteria

1. **PE:** Murmur intensity  $\geq 3/6$
2. **Radiographic** vertebral heart score (VHS) **>10.5**
3. **Echocardiographic**
  - LA:Ao ratio in the right-sided short axis view in early diastole  $\geq 1.6$
  - Left ventricular internal diameter in diastole, normalized for body weight (LVIDdN)  $\geq 1.7$



### SAMPLE VHS CALCULATIONS FROM RADIOGRAPH ABOVE

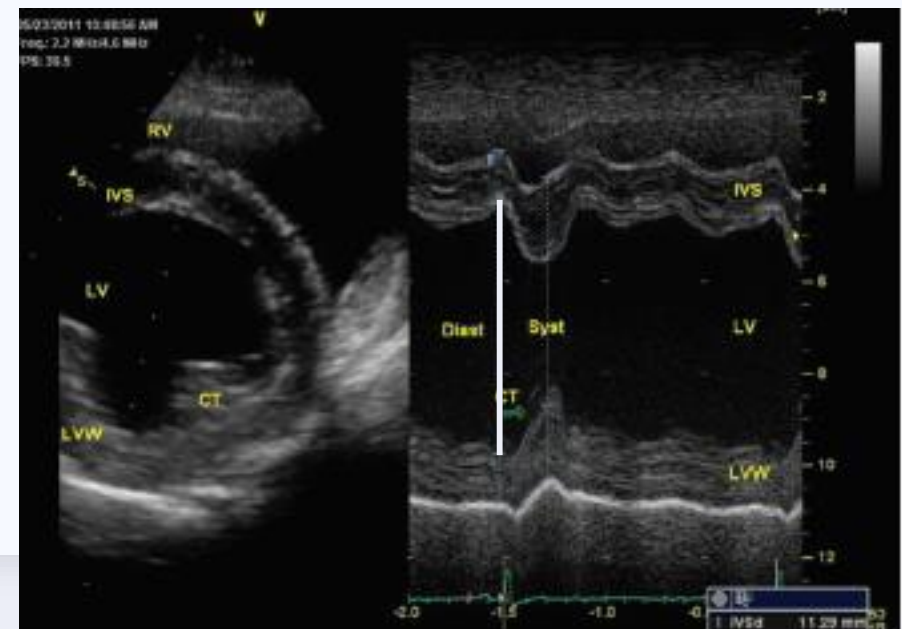
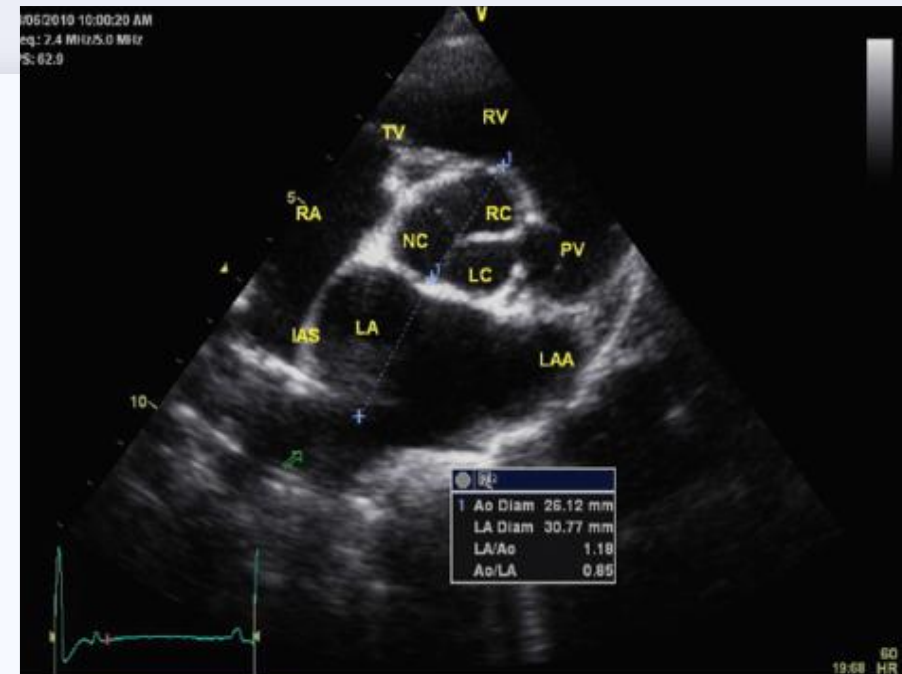
This example: Long axis line = 5.2, Short axis line = 4.4

$$\begin{aligned}\text{VHS} &= \text{L} + \text{S} \\ &= 5.2 + 4.4 \\ &= 9.6 \\ &= \text{in normal range}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{LVIDDN} = \frac{\text{measured LVIDd (cm)}}{\text{Weight (kg)}^{0.294}}$$





**Dog Suspected to Have MMVD<sup>†</sup>**  
- Left Apical Systolic Heart Murmur<sup>‡</sup>  
(Moderate to loud murmur — at least grade 3/6)



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**Indicators of MMVD Progression<sup>§</sup>**

**Thoracic radiograph<sup>1,||</sup>**



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VHS < 10.5

$10.5 \leq \text{VHS} < 11.5$

VHS  $\geq 11.5$ , or incremental increase of 0.5 vertebral bodies per 6 months' time

**NO TX**  
Recheck in  
12 MONTHS



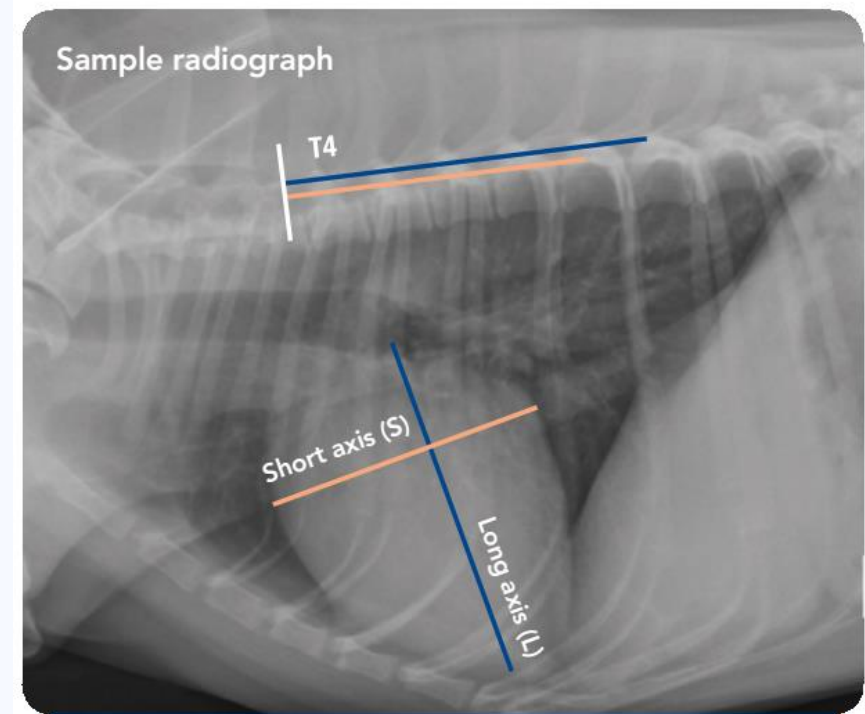
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6 MONTHS



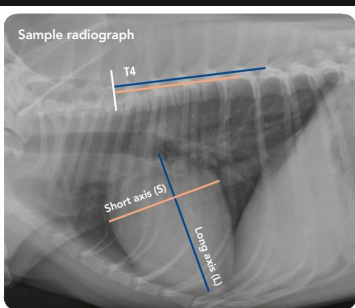
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UNAVAILABLE**

**DIAGNOSIS: STAGE B2 HEART DISEASE**

Sample radiograph



An increase in VHS of more than 0.07/month is a significant risk factor for the development of congestive heart failure within the next 6 months.



## VHS limitation

VHS also **varies** with breed, positioning hemivertebrae, cardiac cycle, heart rate, sedation...

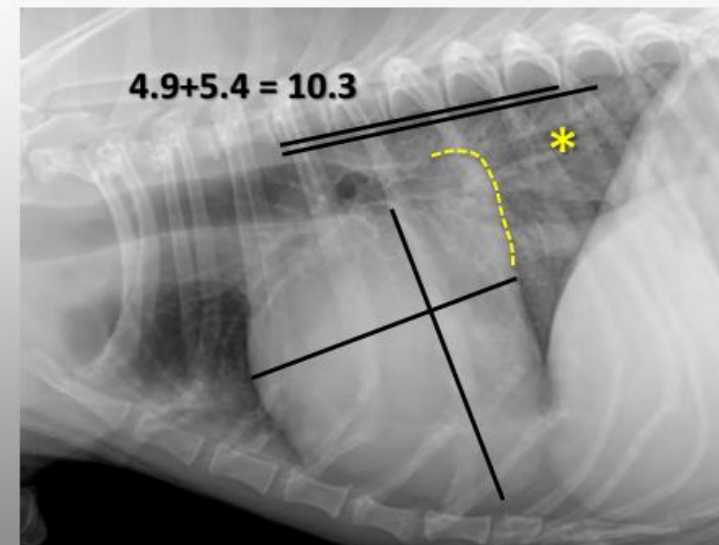
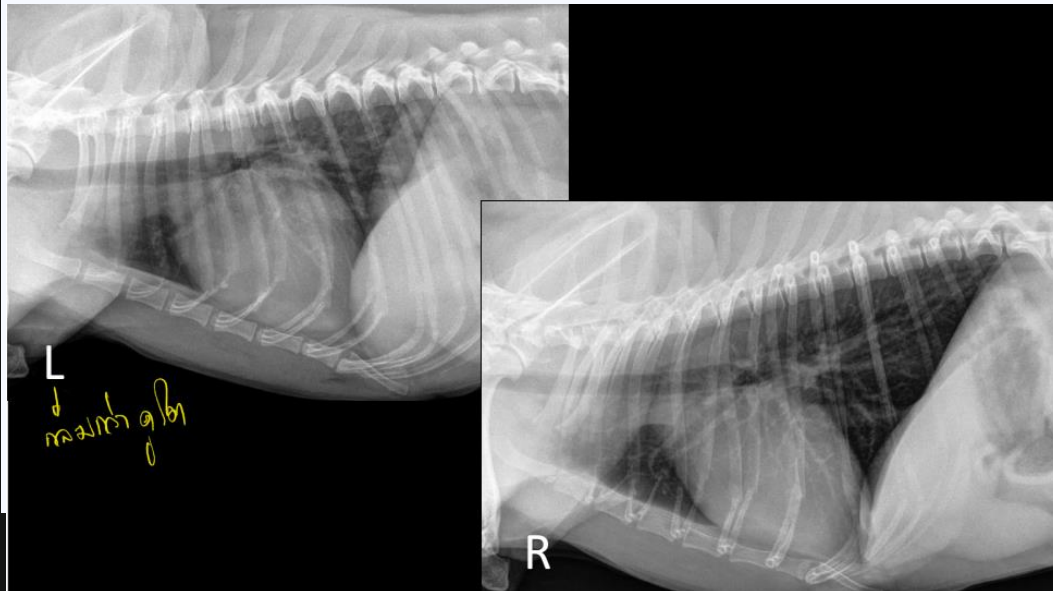
## Table 2: Vertebral heart score (VHS) normal values

Average normal for most dogs	VHS range		VHS range
Beagle	10.1-10.9	Greyhound	10.4-10.6
Boxer	10.8-12.4	Labrador	10.2-10.6
Boston Terrier	10.3-13.1	Lhasa Apso	8.8-10.4
Bulldog	11.0-14.4	Pug	9.8-11.6
Cavalier King Charles	10.1-11.1	Poodle	9.6-10.6
Cocker Spaniel	11.0	Rottweiler	9.7-9.9
Doberman	9.4-10.6	Shih Tzu	8.9-10.1
German Shepherd	9.0-10.4	Dachshund	9.3-11.6
Pomeranian	9.6-11.4	Whippet	10.8-11.8
		Yorkshire Terrier	9.3-10.5



## VHS

Cutoff:  $\geq 12.25$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 30%  
Specificity: 96%



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### VLAS (Vertebral Left Atrial Size)

- A newer index of radiographic left atrial enlargement, the VLAS, provides a quantitative method of estimating left atrial size. Measured on either the right or left lateral radiograph by drawing a line from the center of the most ventral aspect of the carina to the most caudal aspect of the LA where it intersects with the dorsal border of the caudal vena cava, that line then is transposed to the cranial edge of the 4th thoracic vertebral body.<sup>54</sup> Studies are ongoing to determine a VLAS value that accurately predicts B2 remodeling, but in the absence of echocardiography, VLAS values of  $\geq 3$  likely identify Stage B2 MMVD. (Class 1, LOE: moderate)

**VLAS** in predicting LA/Ao  
 $\geq 1.6$   
Cutoff:  $\geq 2.5$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 67%

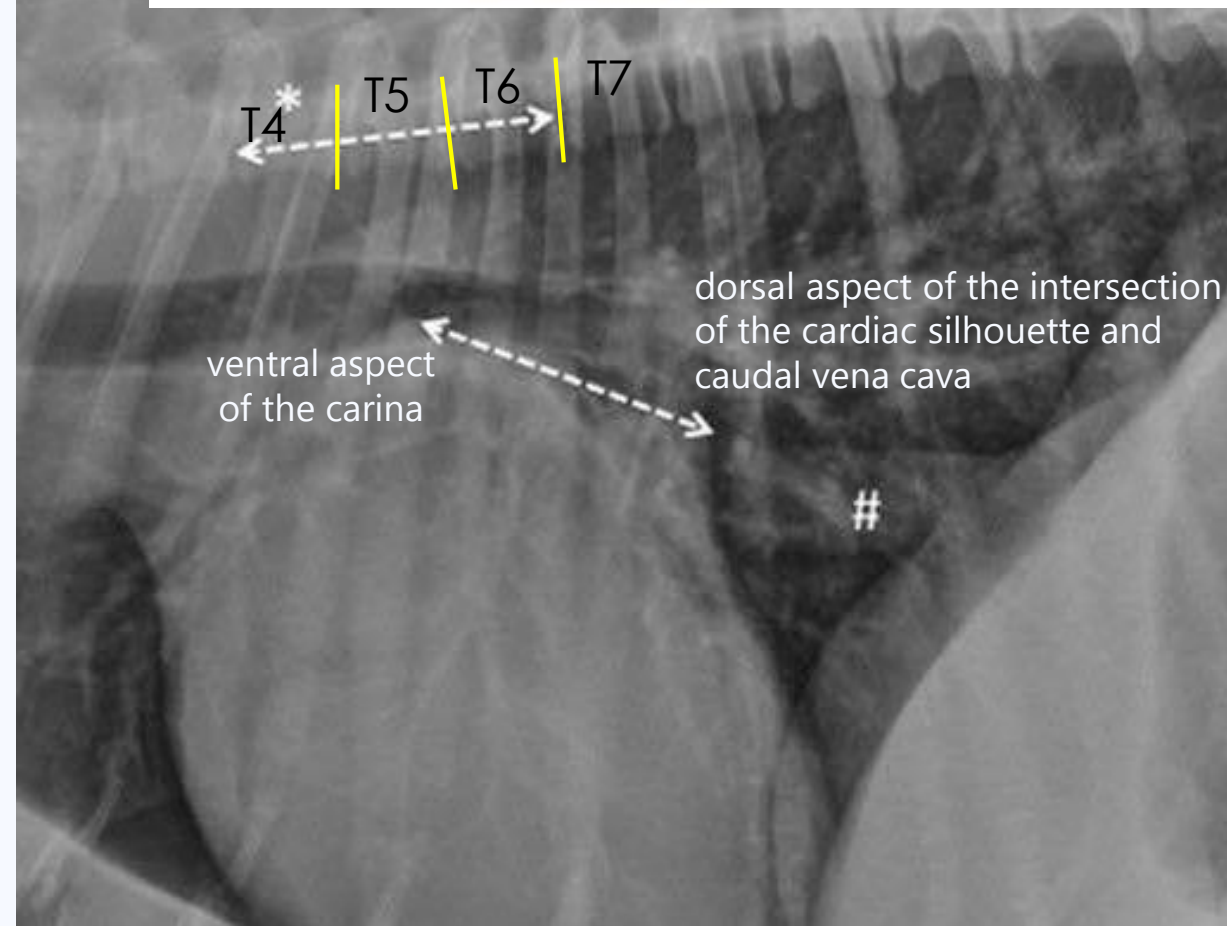
Specificity: 87%

<https://www.imv-imaging.co.uk/veterinary-learning/journal-club/vertebral-left-atrial-score-vlas/>

### Diagnostic value of vertebral left atrial size as determined from thoracic radiographs for assessment of left atrial size in dogs with myxomatous mitral valve disease

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**VLAS (ACVIM 2019)  $\geq 3$  : Stage B2**



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## RLAD (Radiographic Left Atrial Dimension)

RLAD was obtained by drawing a line bisecting the 90 degrees angle defined by the long and short cardiac axes lines of the VHS, up to the dorsal edge of the left atrium and comparing its length to T4's vertebral body length.

**RLAS** in predicting LA/Ao  
 $\geq 1.6$   
 Cutoff:  $\geq 1.8$  vertebrae  
 Sensitivity: 96.8%  
 Specificity: 93.5%

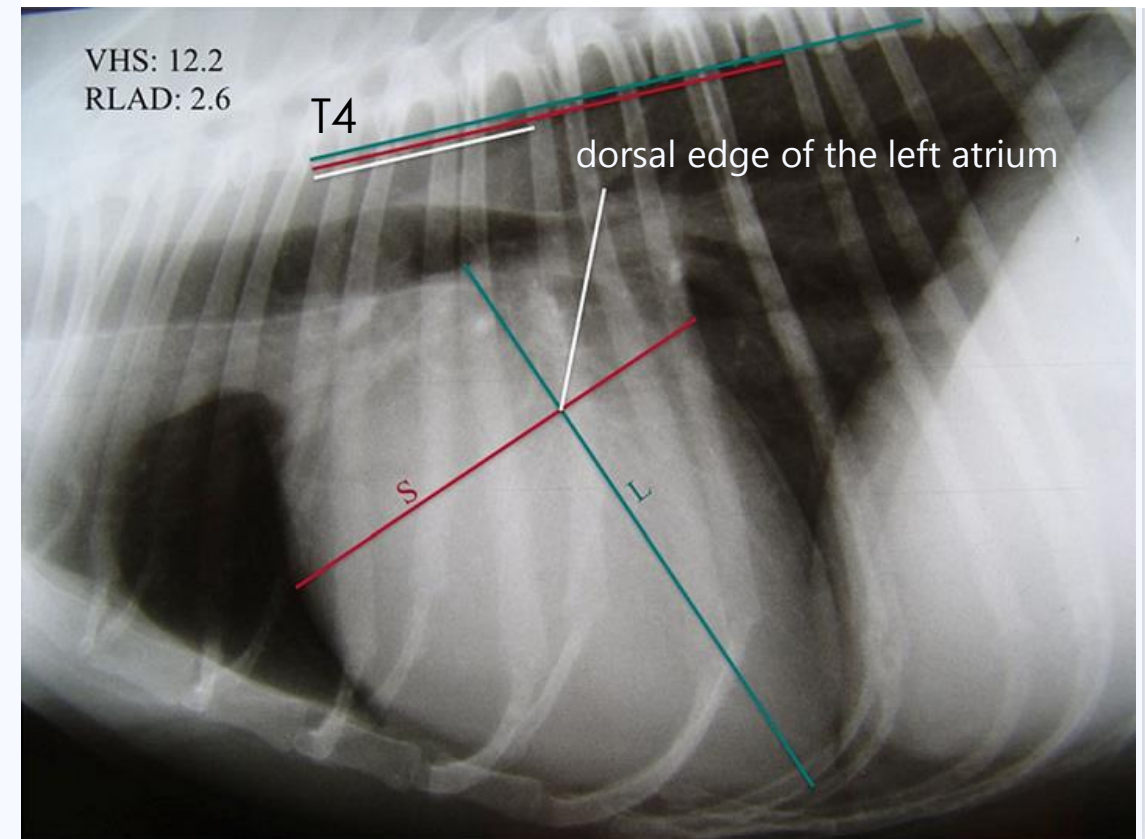
## RESEARCH

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# A radiographic measurement of left atrial size in dogs

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RLAD (Vertebral Left Atrial Dimension)  $\geq 1.8$  : LA enlargement

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### M-VLAS (Modified Vertebral Left Atrial Size)

1 line: VLAS

2 line, at the most distal LA border excluding the pulmonary vein orifice, and extended to perpendicularly intersect with the first line(VLAS).

**M-VLAS** in predicting LA/Ao

$\geq 1.6$

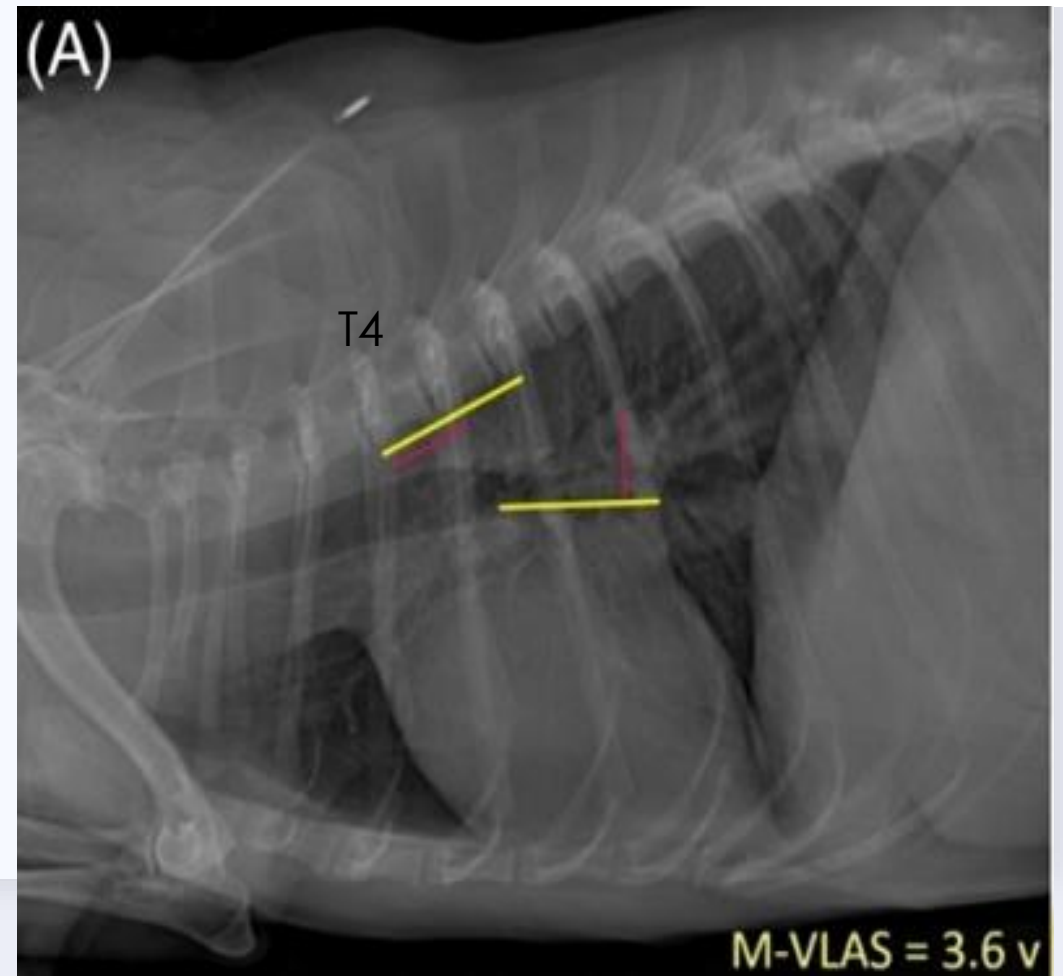
Cutoff:  $\geq 3.4$  vertebrae

Sensitivity: 93%

Specificity: 93%

### Radiographic quantification of left atrial size in dogs with myxomatous mitral valve disease

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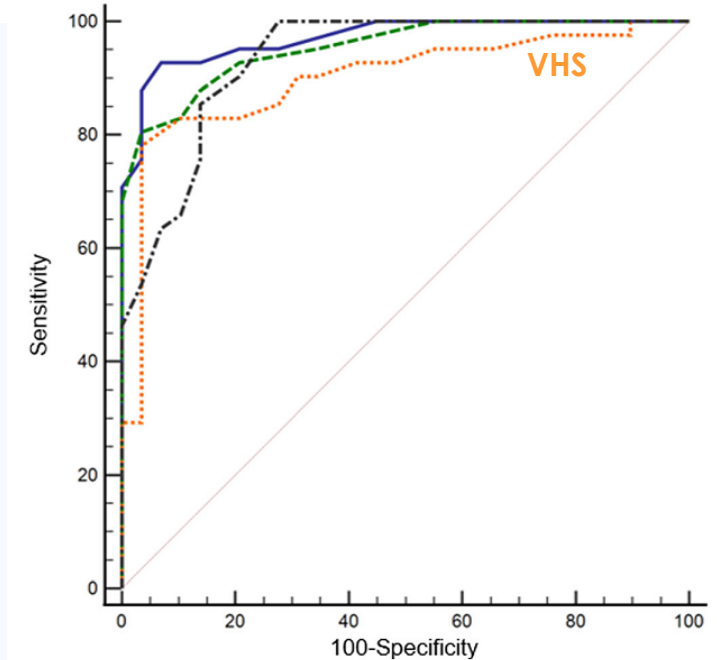
# Radiographic quantification of left atrial size in dogs with myxomatous mitral valve disease

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**TABLE 1** Descriptive data for control healthy dogs and dogs with various stages of myxomatous mitral valve disease

Variable	Control	Stage B1	Stage B2	Stage C	P value
No. of dogs	6	22	21	21	-
Female	5	11	8	7	-
Male	1	11	13	14	-
Bodyweight (kg)	7.57 ± 2.13	8.37 ± 3.63	9.41 ± 2.93	6.96 ± 3.02	.09
Age (year)	8.72 ± 5.89	11.07 ± 2.77	10.65 ± 2.93	10.96 ± 2.13	.33
LA/Ao	1.26 ± 0.18	1.18 ± 0.14	2.07 ± 0.42 <sup>a</sup>	2.39 ± 0.52 <sup>a</sup>	< .001
LVIDdN	1.32 ± 0.15	1.51 ± 0.22	2.00 ± 0.18 <sup>a</sup>	2.09 ± 0.35 <sup>a</sup>	< .001
M-VLAS	2.60 ± 0.30	2.75 ± 0.55	4.10 ± 0.57 <sup>a</sup>	4.57 ± 0.86 <sup>a</sup>	< .001
VLAS	1.83 ± 0.29	1.93 ± 0.33	2.66 ± 0.36 <sup>a</sup>	2.92 ± 0.54 <sup>a</sup>	< .001
VHS	9.28 ± 0.77	10.28 ± 0.76	11.61 ± 0.93 <sup>a</sup>	12.04 ± 1.52 <sup>a</sup>	< .001
RLAD	1.22 ± 0.24	1.54 ± 0.42	2.34 ± 0.43 <sup>a</sup>	2.71 ± 0.66 <sup>a</sup>	< .001
Medications at time of assessment	n/a	Furosemide (2/22) <sup>b</sup> , pimobendan (2/22) <sup>b</sup> , codeine (1/22), doxycycline (1/22)	Pimobendan (6/21), trilostane (2/21), clopidogrel (1/21), rivaroxaban (1/21)	Furosemide (13/21), pimobendan (12/21), benazepril (6/21), trilostane (1/21), insulin (1/21), amoxicillin-clavulanate (1/21), diltiazem (1/21)	-



**FIGURE 2** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves of M-VLAS, VLAS, VHS, and RLAD measured in 29 dogs with LA/Ao < 1.6, and 41 dogs with LA/Ao ≥ 1.6. Significant difference in AUC was observed between M-VLAS (AUC 0.97, 95% CI 0.90-1.00) and VHS (AUC 0.90, 95% CI 0.80-0.96) (P = .03). Blue solid—M-VLAS, green dashed—VLAS, orange dotted—VHS, and black dot-dashed—RLAD

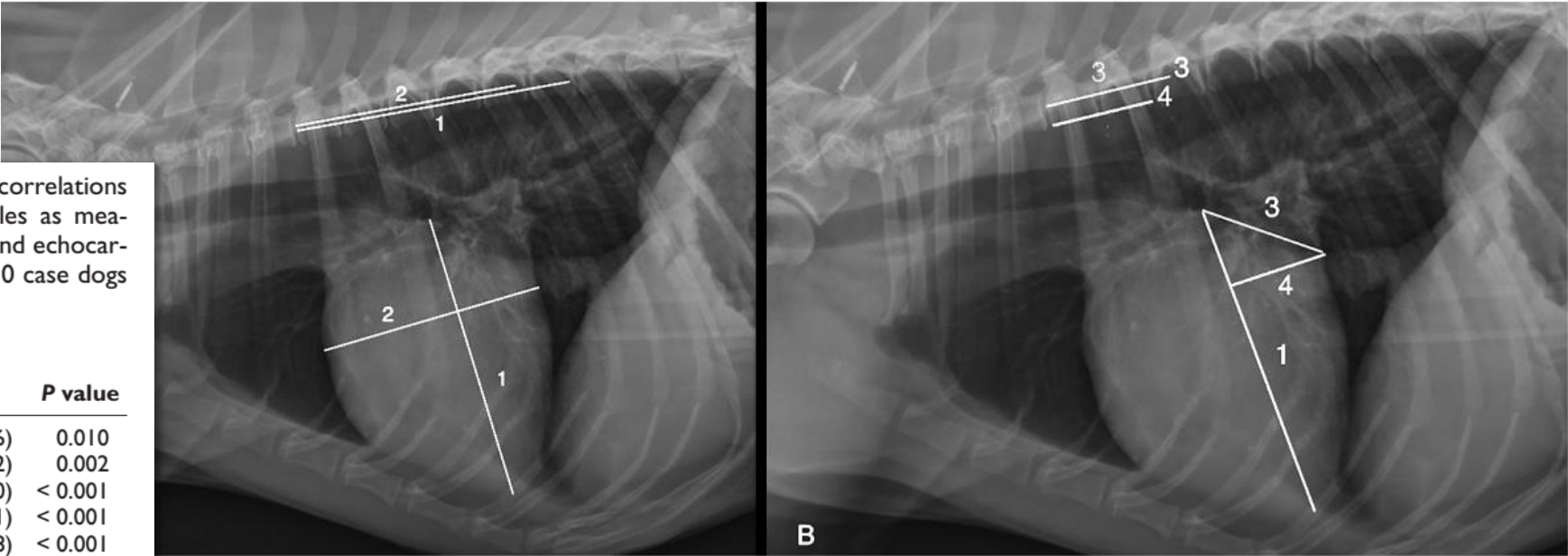
The results of this study showed a positive correlation between M-VLAS, VLAS, VHS and RLAD with LA/Ao in dogs with MMVD. Significantly higher M-VLAS, VLAS, VHS, and RLAD were observed in stage B2 and C dogs than stage B1 and control healthy dogs.

**Comparison of ROC curves indicated VLAS, RLAD, and M-VLAS was superior to VHS in identifying this LA enlargement.**

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# Use of radiographic measurements to diagnose stage B2 preclinical myxomatous mitral valve disease in dogs

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**Table 2**—Results of analysis to identify potential correlations between results for selected radiographic variables as measured on left lateral thoracic radiographic images and echocardiographic variables for the 25 control dogs and 30 case dogs described in Table 1.

Echocardiographic variable	Radiographic variable*	Correlation coefficient (95% CI)	P value
LVIDDN	VHS <sub>length</sub>	0.34 (0.09 to 0.56)	0.010
	VHS	0.42 (0.17 to 0.62)	0.002
	VLAS	0.68 (0.51 to 0.80)	< 0.001
	LA <sub>width</sub>	0.54 (0.31 to 0.71)	< 0.001
	LA <sub>total</sub>	0.65 (0.46 to 0.78)	< 0.001
LA:Ao	VHS <sub>length</sub> †	0.23 (−0.05 to 0.47)	NS
	VHS†	0.24 (−0.03 to 0.48)	NS
	VLAS†	0.46 (0.21 to 0.65)	< 0.001
	LA <sub>width</sub> †	0.54 (0.32 to 0.70)	< 0.001
	LA <sub>total</sub> †	0.47 (0.23 to 0.66)	< 0.001

The Pearson correlation coefficient (*r*) is reported unless otherwise noted.  
\*Reported as VBUs to the nearest 0.25 vertebral body as measured on left lateral radiographic images of 25 control dogs and 30 case dogs.  
†Spearman rank correlation coefficient (*ρ*) is reported.  
NS = Not significant.

VHS

3 = VLAS  
4 = LA width  
VLAS + 4 = LA total

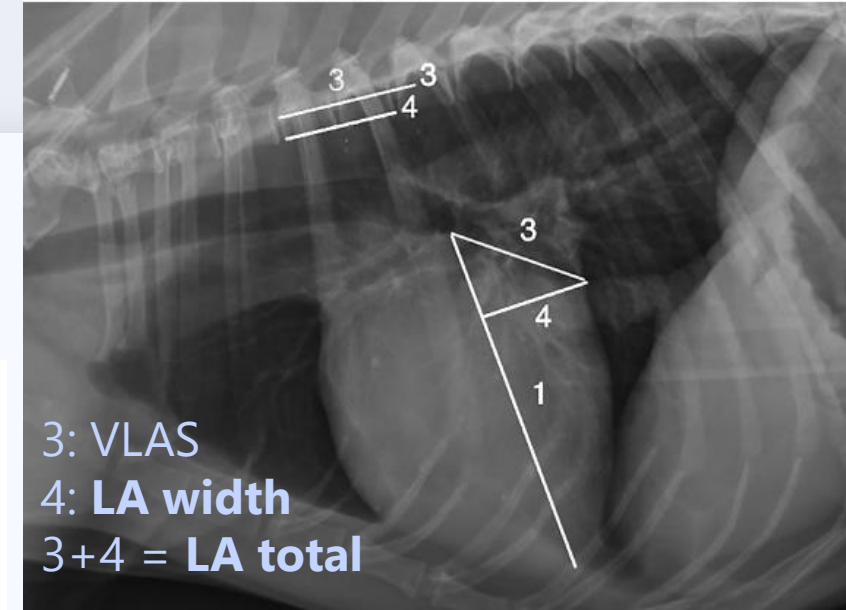


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**Table 3**—Results of ROC curve analysis to assess diagnostic accuracy of radiographic variables to predict group status (case group vs control group) as described in Table 1.

Radiographic variable	ROC curve analysis		Cutoff value*		Percentage sensitivity (95% CI)	Percentage specificity (95% CI)	Percentage PPV (95% CI)	Percentage NPV (95% CI)	LR	P value
	AUC (95% CI)	P value	Type	VBU's						
VHS	0.68 (0.54–0.82)	0.023	Optimal sensitivity† Maximum specificity‡	12.00 12.25	37 (22–54) 30 (2–48)	92 (75–99) 96 (80–99)	85 (58–97) 90 (60–99)	55 (40–69) 53 (39–67)	4.58 7.50	0.024 0.016
<b>VLAS</b>	0.79 (0.67–0.91)	< 0.001	Optimal sensitivity† Maximum specificity‡	2.50 <b>3.00</b>	70 (52–83) 40 (25–58)	84 (65–94) <b>96</b> (80–99)	84 (65–94) 92 (67–99)	70 (52–83) 57 (42–71)	4.38 10.0	< 0.001 0.003
<b>LA<sub>width</sub></b>	0.78 (0.66–0.90)	< 0.001	Optimal sensitivity† Maximum specificity‡	2.00 <b>2.25</b>	63 (46–78) 27 (14–44)	76 (57–89) <b>100</b> (87–100)	76 (57–89) 100 (68–100)	63 (46–78) 53 (39–67)	2.64 NA	0.006 0.006
<b>LA<sub>total</sub></b>	0.81 (0.69–0.92)	< 0.001	Optimal sensitivity† Maximum specificity‡	4.50 <b>5.00</b>	70 (52–83) 47 (30–64)	84 (65–94) <b>96</b> (80–99)	84 (65–94) 93 (70–99)	70 (52–83) 60 (45–74)	4.38 11.67	< 0.001 < 0.001
VHS + VLAS	0.74 (0.66–0.87)	0.003	Optimal sensitivity† Maximum specificity‡	14.50 14.75	47 (30–64) 43 (27–61)	96 (80–99) 96 (80–99)	94 (70–99) 93 (69–99)	60 (45–74) 59 (43–72)	11.67 10.83	< 0.001 0.001
VHS + LA <sub>total</sub>	0.75 (0.62–0.88)	0.002	Optimal sensitivity† Maximum specificity‡	16.25 16.50	53 (36–70) 50 (33–67)	92 (75–99) 96 (80–99)	89 (67–98) 94 (72–99)	62 (46–76) 62 (46–75)	6.67 12.5	< 0.001 < 0.001

\*Results reported for measurements obtained on left lateral thoracic radiographic images of 25 control dogs and 30 case dogs. †Cutoff value determined with the Youden index. ‡Cutoff value with near 100% specificity (least false-positive categorization).  
AUC = Area under the curve. LR = Likelihood ratio.



Three radiographic variables of left atrial size  
1.) Vertebral left atrial size [VLAS]  
2.) Left atrial width.  
3.) Combined variable of VLAS + left atrial width) “LA total” most accurately distinguished control dogs from case dogs, and the **VLAS was the simplest and fastest to perform in a clinical setting.**

### CONCLUSIONS AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE

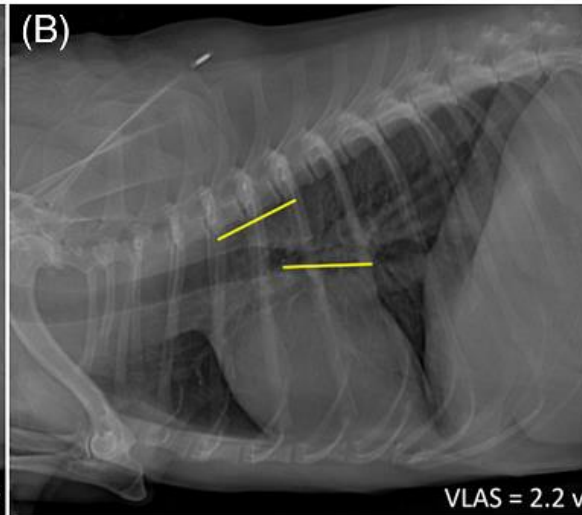
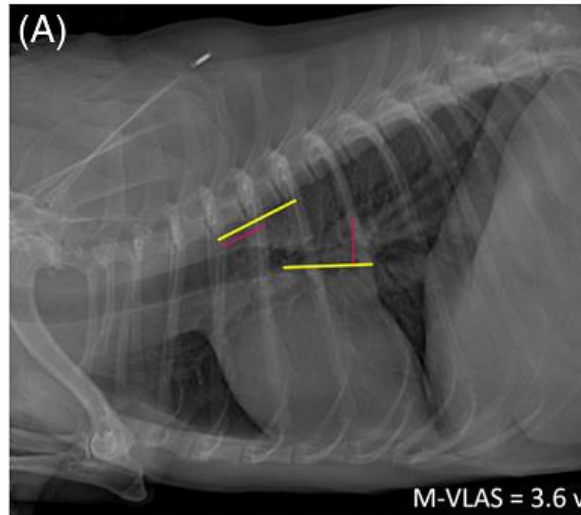
Results indicated that when echocardiography is unavailable, radiographic **VLAS  $\geq 3$**  VBUs could be used with minimal risk of false-positive diagnosis of stage B2 MMVD in dogs.

## Use of radiographic measurements to diagnose stage B2\* / LA

Echo unavailable

### M-VLAS

Cutoff:  $\geq 3.4$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 93%  
Specificity: 93%



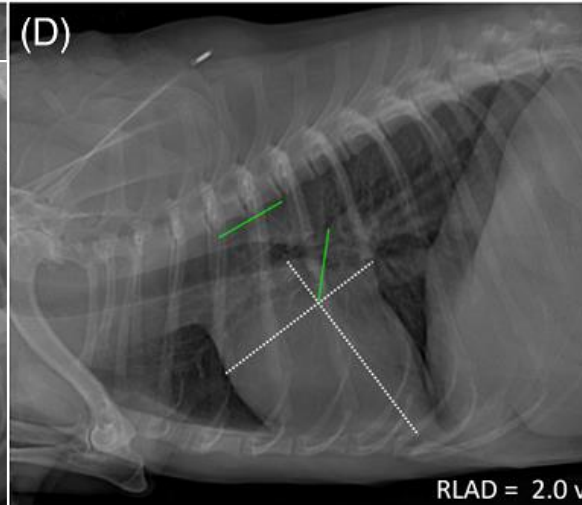
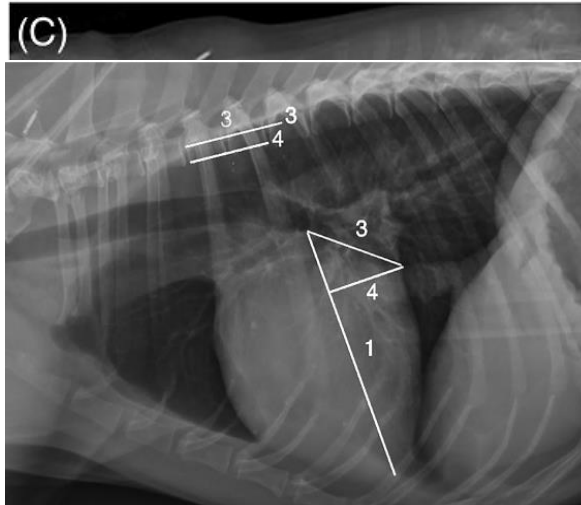
### VLAS\*

Cutoff:  $\geq 2.5$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 67%, 70%\*  
Specificity: 87%, 84%\*

Cutoff:  $\geq 3.0$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 40%\*  
Specificity: 96%\*

### LA width\* (4)

Cutoff:  $\geq 2.25$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 27%  
Specificity: 100%



### RLAD

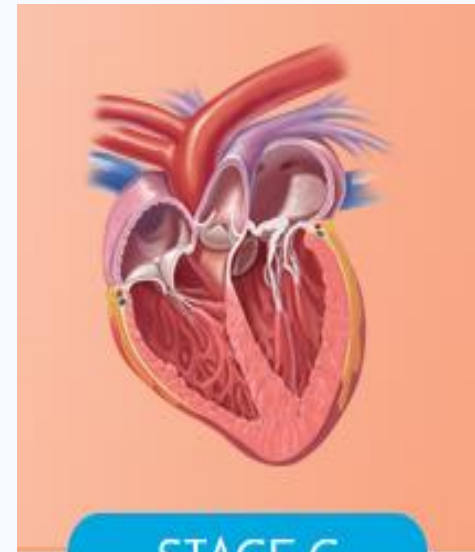
Cutoff:  $\geq 1.8$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 96.8%  
Specificity: 93.5%

### LA total\* (VLAS(3)+4)

Cutoff:  $\geq 5$  vertebrae  
Sensitivity: 47%  
Specificity: 96%

\* = diagnose stage B2

# MMVD STAGE C



## STAGE C

Structural abnormality and  
**current or previous clinical  
signs of heart failure.**

+ Evidence of cardiogenic lung edema on chest-XR

## Dyspnea breathing pattern

**Obstructive: Deep & slow**

**Restrictive: short, rapid, shallow**

Inspiratory

- Stertor/Snoring

- Snoring

Expiratory

Mixed

**Dynamic**  
**Upper** airway  
obstruction

- Nasal dz.
- Pharyngeal dz.
- BOAS

- Laryngeal dz.
- Extra-Tho-TC

**Dynamic**  
**Lower** airway  
obstruction

- Intra-Tho-TC.
- Bronchial collapse
- Asthma
- Eosi. Broncho-pneumopathy

**Fix**  
airway  
obstruction

- Inlet-TC.
- Gr.4 TC.
- Tracheal tumor

Adventitious  
Lung sound

Parenchymal  
disease

- **Pneumonia**
- **Pulmonary edema**
- **Pulmonary fibrosis**
- **Infiltrative lung dz.**
- **ARDS**

Quiet or Absent  
Lung sound

Pleural space  
disease

- Pneumothorax: Dorsal
- Pleural effusion: Ventral





## CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE



*Healthy dog breathing normally at rest*



*Healthy dog panting*

## CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE

- **Early Signs of CHF**

- Exercise intolerance
- Rapid SRR ( $> 30$  tpm)
- Tachycardia
- +/- Coughing (MSB. compression)



- **Late Signs of CHF**

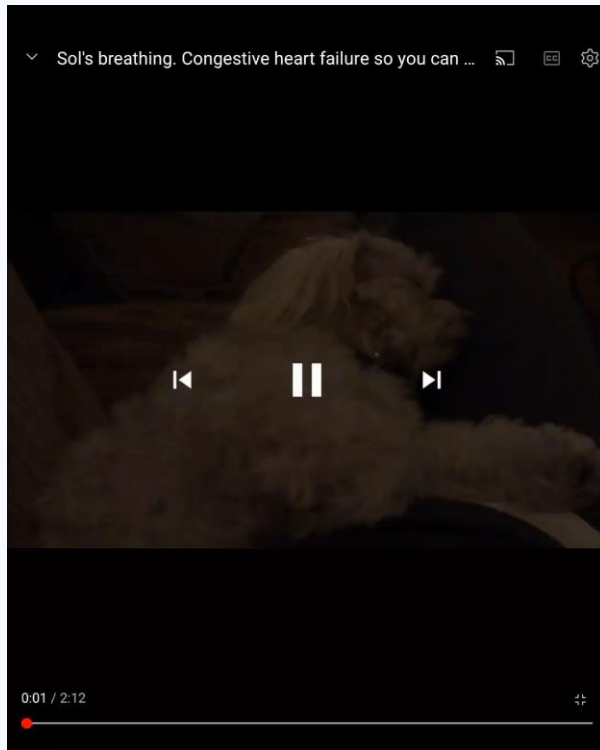
- Rapid breathing (RRR  $> 80$  tpm)
- Tachycardia
- Coughing up pink foam (severe pulmonary edema)

### Postures

- Exaggerated chest and abdominal motion to respiration
- Extended head and neck
- Stand with adducted elbow
- Open mouth breathing / flaring nostrils
- Change in gum and/or tongue color to a bluish gray (poor oxygen flow)
- Minimize extraneous activities or action that exacerbate airway narrowing (swallow, bark)



## CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE



*Rapid SRR*



*Video of a dog with mild dyspnea*





## CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE



*Chihuahua showing mild to moderate difficulty breathing  
(dyspnea)*



## CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE



*Video of a dog with marked dyspnea*



## CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE



*Dogs with heart failure often have difficulty breathing combined with cough* **และอื่นๆ**





# CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE

## Recognition of CHF. in MMVD

- ♥ Older than 7 yrs and < 15 kg
- ♥ Loud murmur (IV/VI or >)
- ♥ sinus arrhythmia absent ----(respi > cardiac)
- ♥ Tachycardia (HR >160 bpm)
- ♥ Dyspnea (sleeping RR > 30)

**\*\*Cough on its own is not considered a sign of congestive heart failure\*\***

Problem	Location
Sneezing/discharge	Nasal cavity/oropharynx
Coughing with minimal dyspnea	Tracheobronchial
Dyspnea with minimal coughing	Laryngeal/bronchial/lung/pl eural/ mediastinum
Coughing and dyspnea	brochoalveolar

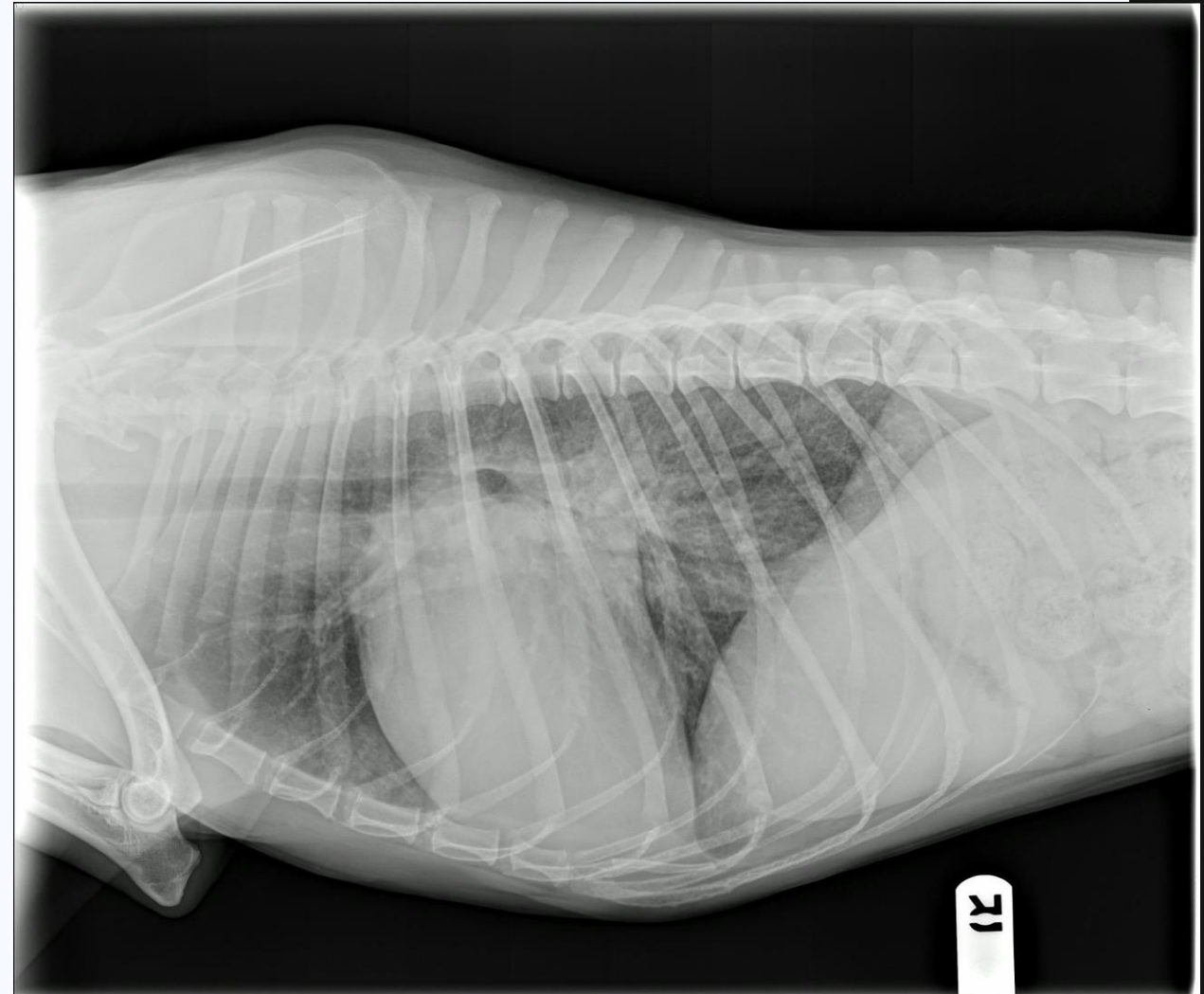
**"The most common clinical sign of congestive heart failure is persistent coughing accompanied by difficulty breathing."**



## EVIDENCE OF CARDIOGENIC PULMONARY EDEMA

- Significant left-sided heart enlargement manifested as:
  - Increased VHS, VLAS, M-VLAS
  - Increased height of the cardiac silhouette / loss of the caudal cardiac waist on lateral projection
  - Left auricular enlargement at the 2- to 3-o'clock position on the DV or VD projection
- Caudal mainstem bronchi were compressed on lateral projections 2<sup>nd</sup> to the cardiomegaly and left atrial enlargement.
- Enlarged pulmonary veins
- Perihilar and/or caudodorsal unstructured interstitial or alveolar pattern

Sequence of pulmonary edema: Perihilar → Cd-D (R then L) → Cr-V  
Interstitial → Alveolar pattern

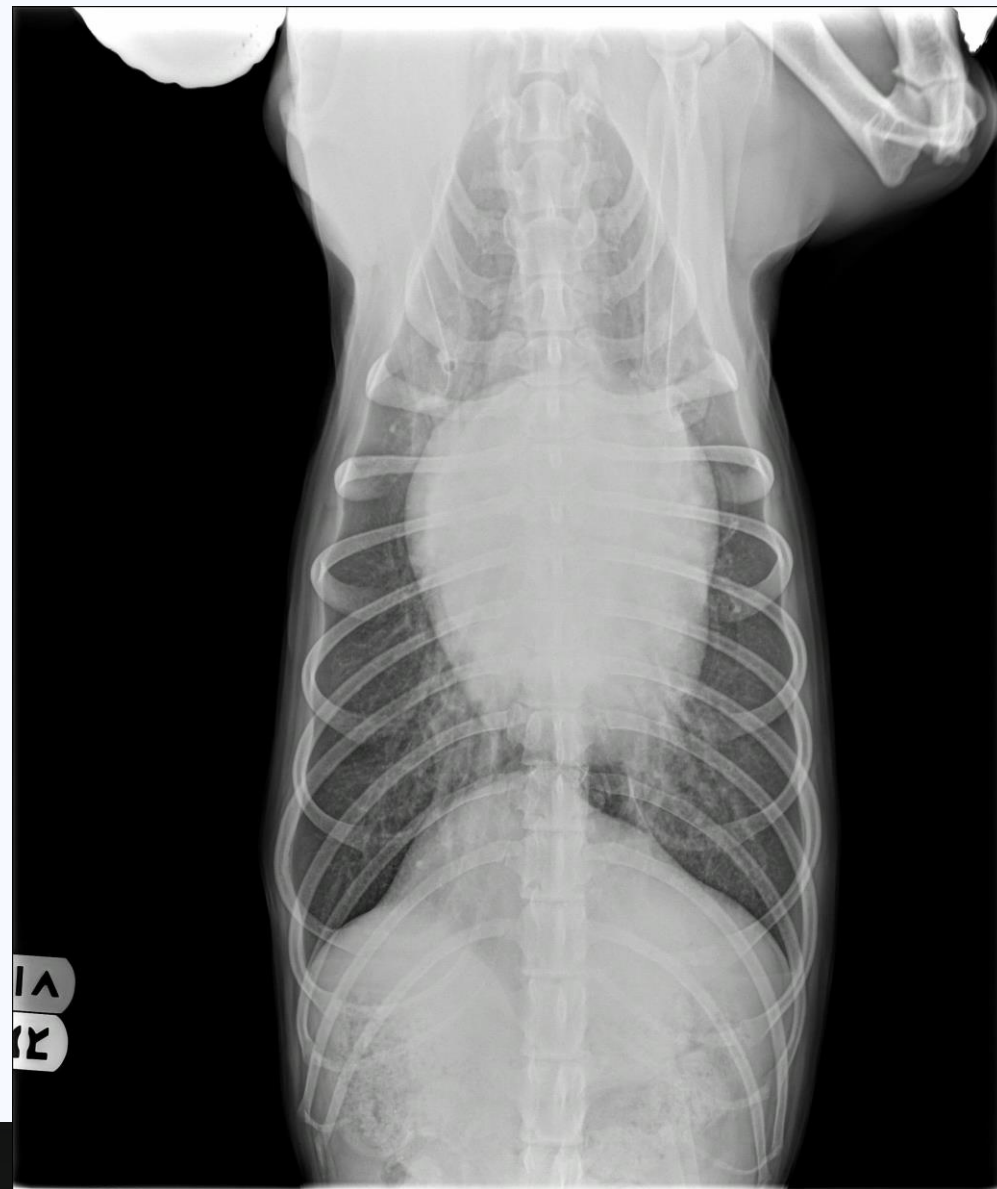




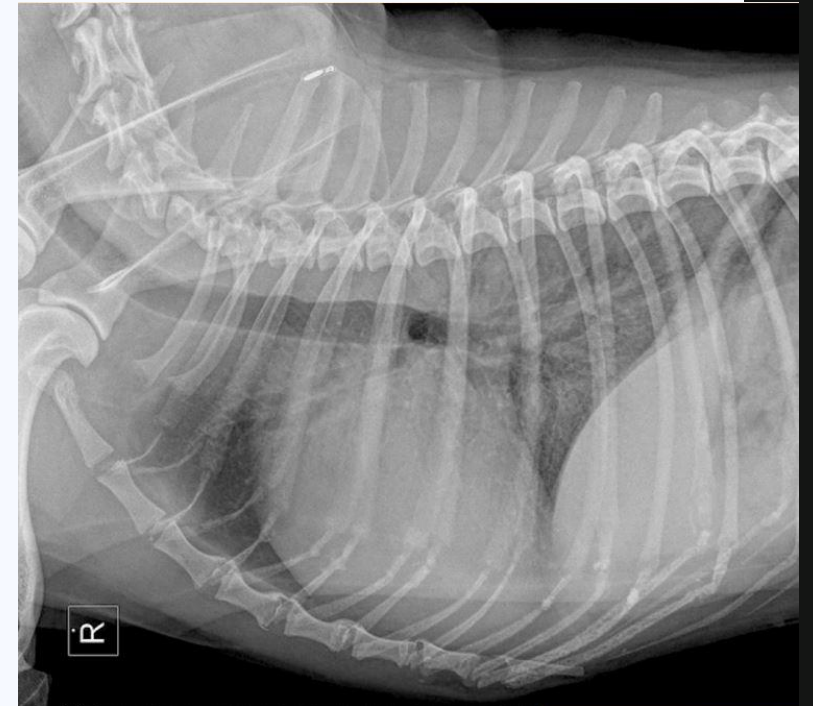
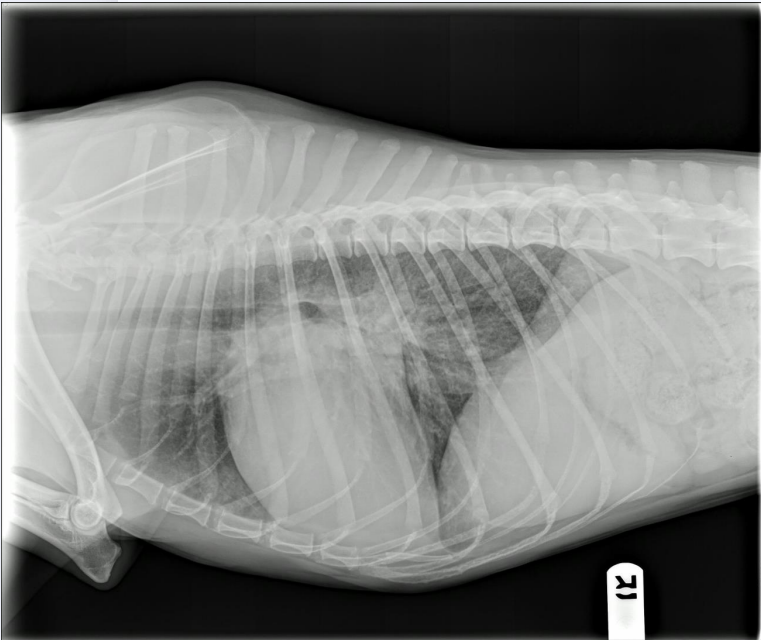
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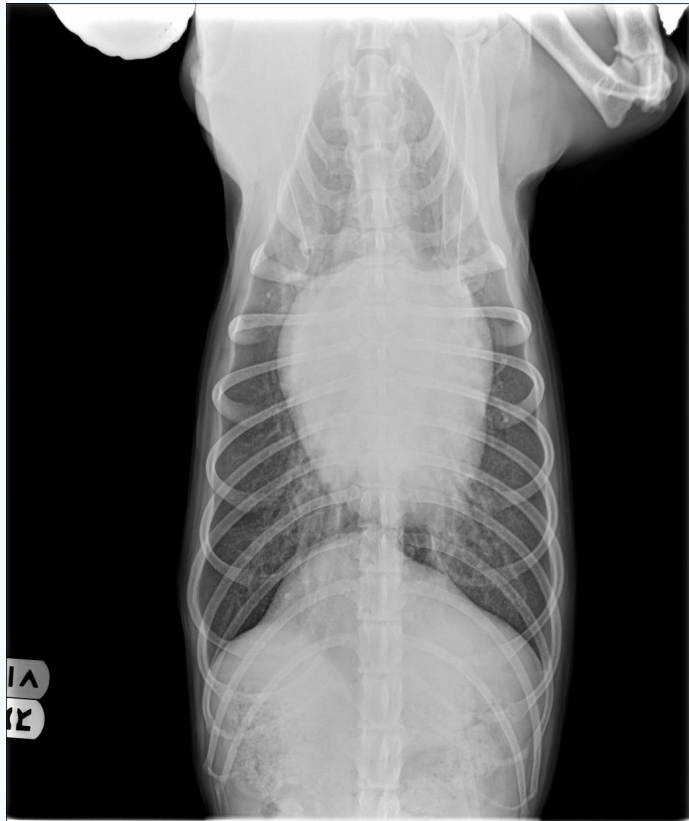
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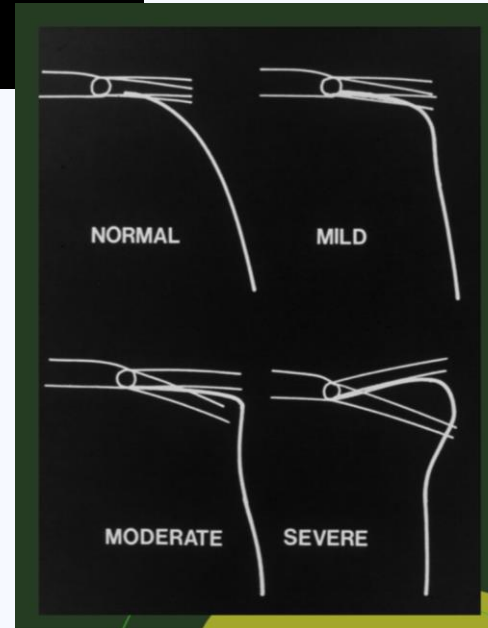
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# EVIDENCE OF CARDIOGENIC PULMONARY EDEMA

### Appendix 1. Radiographic composite score on congestive heart failure (CHF).

Variable	Assessment	Points
Left atrial enlargement	None	0
	Mild	1
	Moderate to severe	3
Pulmonary venous congestion	None	0
	Present	3
Pulmonary infiltrates compatible with cardiogenic edema	None	0
	Mild interstitial	1
	Diffuse interstitial	2
	Alveolar	3
Pleural effusion	None	0
	Yes	1
Final assessment	Score 0–2	CHF not likely
	Score 3–4	CHF possible
	Score >4	CHF likely



**Score 3 + 3 + 3 = 9 (Left CHF. likely)**

Sequence of pulmonary edema: Perihilar → Cd-D (R then L) → Cr-V  
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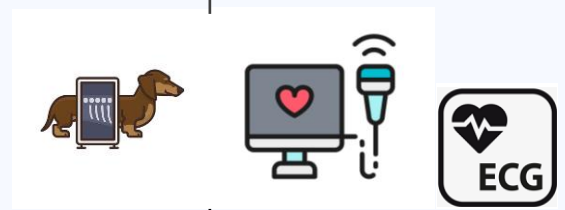
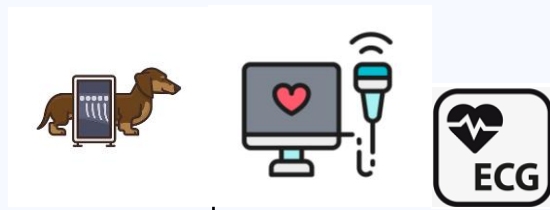
Aging small to medium-sized breeds

**Dog Suspected to Have MMVD<sup>†</sup>**  
- Left Apical Systolic Heart Murmur<sup>‡</sup>  
(Moderate to loud murmur — at least grade 3/6)



No clinical signs of heart failure

Clinical signs of heart failure



Evidence Lt. side heart enlargement

Evidence Lt. side heart enlargement & cardiogenic lung edema

NO

YES

Stage C

Stage B1

Stage B2



## OUTLINE

### 2. Management.

- Pre-clinical (heart disease)
- Clinical (heart failure)
- Applying “**evidence-based medicine**”

Classes of recommendation	
CLASS I	BENEFIT>>>RISK
CLASS IIA	BENEFIT>>RISK
CLASS IIB	BENEFIT>RISK
CLASS III	BENEFIT=RISK
CLASS IV	RISK>>BENEFIT

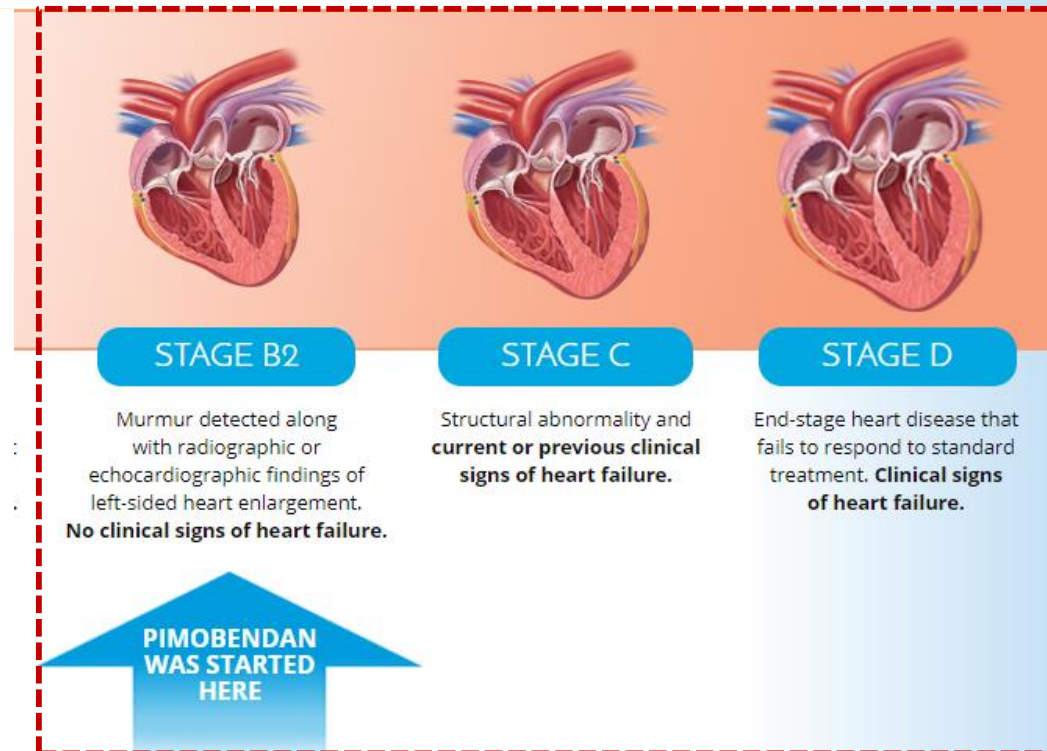
Levels of Evidence (LOE)	
STRONG	The highest level of evidence based on high quality studies generating a clear and statistically valid result.
MODERATE	This level of evidence is based on well designed, controlled studies for interpretation by the reader.
WEAK	Based on quality studies which leave room for observation and discussion.
EXPERT OPINION	Considered the weakest LOE based on experience of the panel.

## CONSENSUS STATEMENT

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## ACVIM consensus guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of myxomatous mitral valve disease in dogs

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The **2009 guidelines** from (ACVIM) : recommend that treatment of heart failure begin when the dog shows clear clinical signs of disease (stage C in the visual shown).

The **2019 guidelines** from (ACVIM) : administered to dogs in **stage B2**—*before* clinical signs of heart failure appear

## Stage B2

Asymptomatic MMVD causing MR severe enough to result in cardiac remodeling, dogs in this category should meet the following criteria:

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIAGNOSES



- Murmur intensity  $>3/6$ ;
  - Echocardiographic LA : Ao ratio in the right-sided short axis view in early diastole  $>1.6$
  - Left ventricular internal diameter in diastole, normalized for body weight (LVIDDN)  $>1.7$
  - Breed-adjusted radiographic vertebral heart score (VHS)  $>10.5$
- Ideally, all of these criteria should be met. However, in the absence of echocardiographic measurements, clear radiographic evidence of cardiomegaly (VHS  $>11.5$ ) or evidence of increasing interval change can be used to identify Stage B2.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
STRONG**

VLAS values of  $>3$  likely identify Stage B2 MMVD.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREATMENT



Pimobendan at a dosage of 0.25-0.3 mg/kg PO q12h.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
STRONG**

Surgical intervention in advanced Stage B2 is possible and recommended by some panelists.

**CLASS IIA**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

Dietary treatment.

**CLASS IIA**

**LOE: WEAK**

For patients in stage B2 on either initial examination, 5 (of 10) panelists recommend treatment with ACEI.

**CLASS IIA**

**LOE: WEAK**

## Standard Article

*J Vet Intern Med* 2016;30:1765–1779

### Effect of Pimobendan in Dogs with Preclinical Myxomatous Mitral Valve Disease and Cardiomegaly: The EPIC Study—A Randomized Clinical Trial

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#### STUDY DESIGN

36  
CENTRES

360  
DOGS

DOUBLE-BLIND  
PLACEBO-CONTROLLED

11  
COUNTRIES

5+  
YEARS

#### FINDINGS

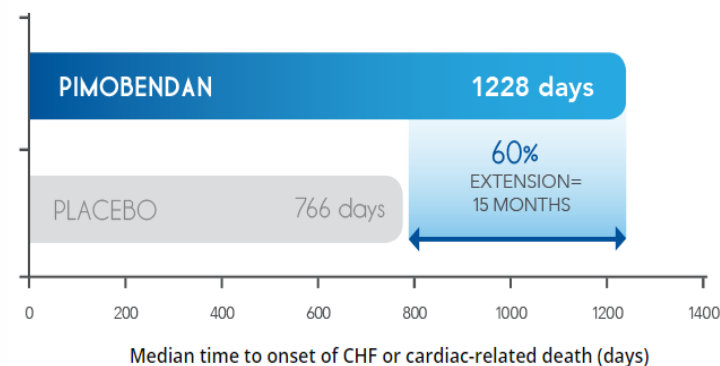
15-MONTH DELAY  
in time to composite primary  
endpoint compared with dogs  
receiving placebo\*

60% MORE TIME  
in asymptomatic stage B2  
of heart disease\*

10% MORE LIFE  
without CHF signs that impact  
quality of life or  
cardiac-related death\*

#### RESULTS REVEAL THE PROVEN BENEFITS OF EARLY TREATMENT OF MMVD—BEFORE THE ONSET OF CHF<sup>1</sup>

Dogs who received pimobendan experienced a 15-month delay in onset of clinical signs of CHF, cardiac-related death, or euthanasia versus dogs in the placebo group.



At 1228 days, there were more than twice as many dogs in the pimobendan group that were still alive and had not reached the primary endpoint versus the placebo group.\*

## Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine







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### Standard Article

*J Vet Intern Med* 2018;32:72-85

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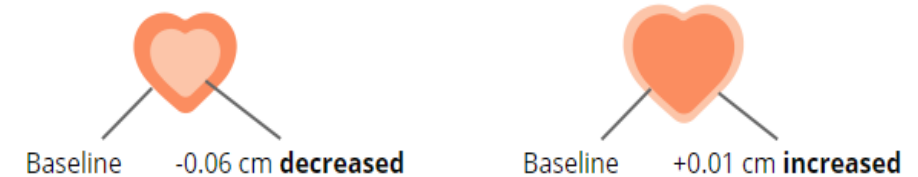
### FINDINGS

#### HEART SIZE ON DAY 35—LVIDDN Measurement

(Normalised left ventricular internal diameter in diastole)

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PLACEBO



\* $P = <0.0001$

**Absolute Change From Baseline Median (Average)**

### STUDY CONCLUSION

The 2nd EPIC Study publication findings further highlight the benefit of a proactive approach to preclinical MMVD. Results continue to support the case for early treatment of MMVD during Stage B2 to positively impact the life of dogs with MMVD.<sup>1</sup>



#### 1-MONTH IMPACT

Within the first month of pimobendan treatment, dogs demonstrated significant decrease in heart size.



#### REDUCTION IN HEART SIZE

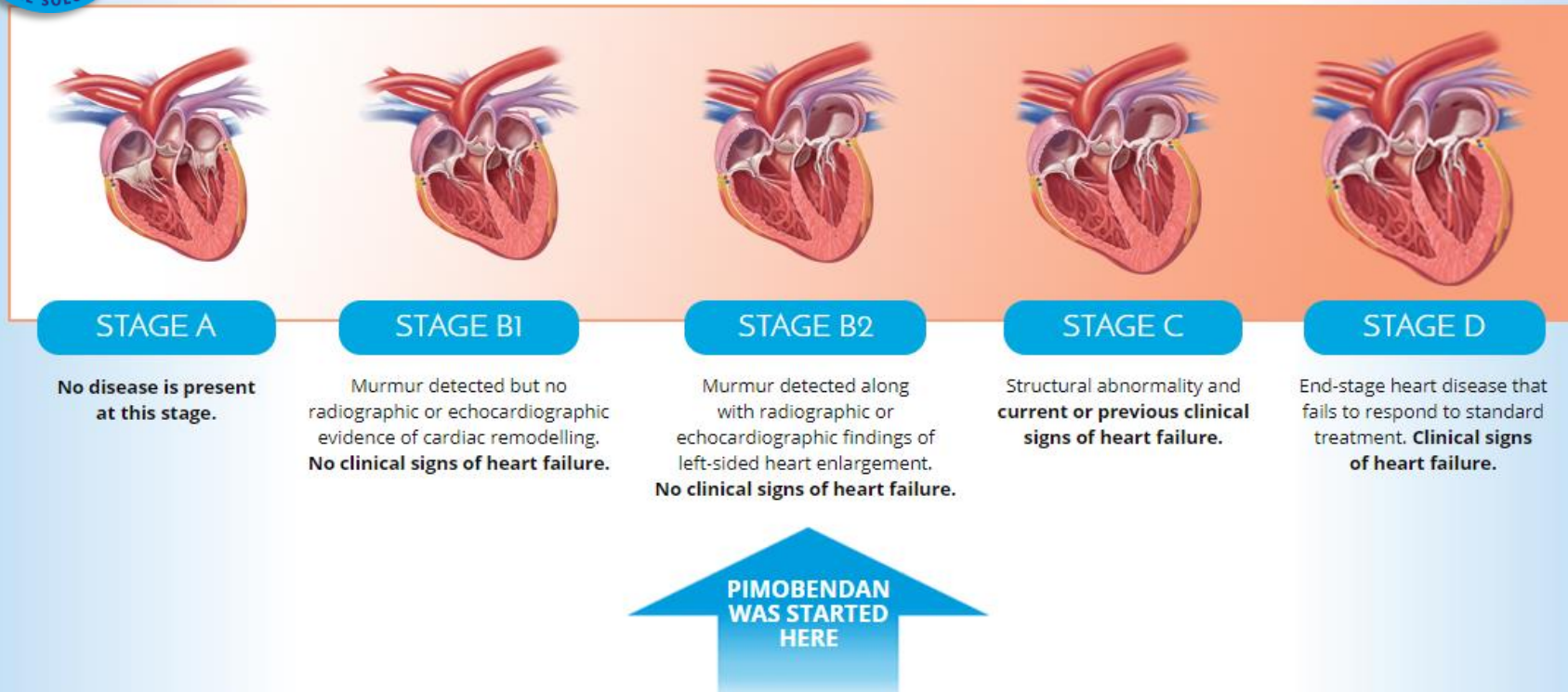
Observed heart size reduction was maintained over study duration, with dogs treated with pimobendan having a smaller average heart size.



#### MORE TIME

In asymptomatic Stage B2 of heart disease\*





- 15 months delay(top up): significantly extend the symptom-free period of those dogs' lives by an average of 15 mth.
- Reduction in heart size (1 month impact)
- **Improve quality of life and extend life**
- Reevaluation by echocardiography in 4-6 months (May be more frequent in large dogs)



### STAGE C

Structural abnormality and  
current or previous clinical  
signs of heart failure.

## CHF - ER Management

### Goals

- **Reduce venous congestion, edema, and effusion formation**

Reduce vascular volume (preload)

- Diuretic: Furosemide

Reduce venous tone (vasodilators - increase venous capacitance)

- Nitroglycerine (Nitroderm patch)
- Morphine (reduce stress and/or improve breathing dynamics.)

- **Increase contractility and CO**

- Pimobendan PO, IV (Decrease Afterload: “ Inodilator ”)
- Dopamine CRI
- Dobutamine CRI

- **Normalize HR and rhythm**

- Antiarrhythmic drugs

- **Address forward failure signs (hypotension, hypothermia)**

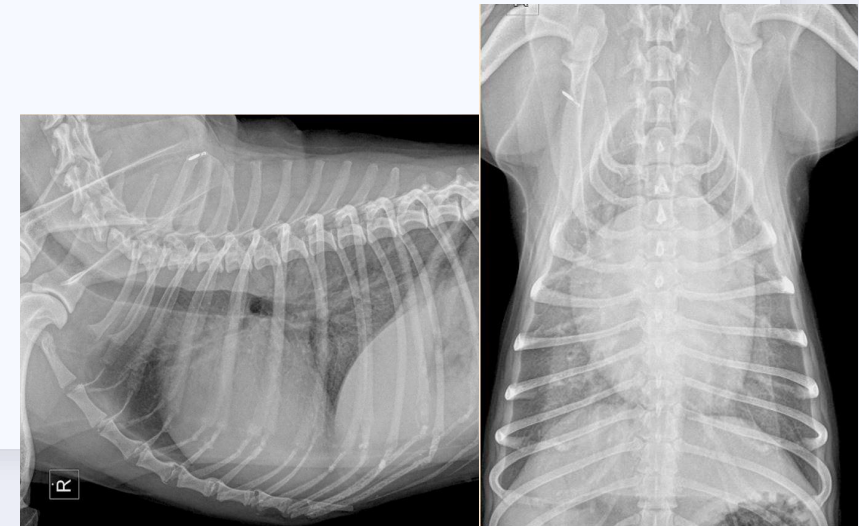


### STAGE C

Structural abnormality and  
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signs of heart failure.

## Acute Fulminant Pulmonary edema

- + Handle gently
- + **Run a full blood test** to assess for concurrent organ damage due to reduced cardiac output.
- + Delay radiograph / Echo.
- + Anxiolytics agent: Butorphanol 0.2 - 0.25 mg/kg Good choices in patient with cardiac dz.  
Acepromazine 0.01 - 0.03 mg/kg PO  
Morphine 0.1 – 0.3 mg/kg SC





### STAGE C

Structural abnormality and current or previous clinical signs of heart failure.

## Acute (Fulminant) Pulmonary edema

### Medical emergency

- **Anxiolytics: Morphine** low dose (0.025 - 0.05 mg/kg IV) morphine dilates the splanchnic vasculature and increases venous capacitance. Additional benefits of allowing slower, deeper respirations, and decreasing anxiety in patients with CHF. \*\*\* Side effect = VOMITING \*\*\*
- **O2 therapy**
- **Diuretic: Furosemide** 4-6 mg/kg IV or IM q2hrs (or 2mg/kg q1hr) until see reduction in RR & effort
  - Offer water all time once diuresis begins
  - Continue high doses once see a 30% reduction in RR & effort → reduce dose (aim for <25 bpm whilst sleeping)
  - If RR not improving to <40-50/min within 2-3 hours (ie. 2-3 doses) switch to CRI or incorrect Dx?

\*Onset 30-45min(Strickland, 2016) , plasma half-life 1-2 hr.

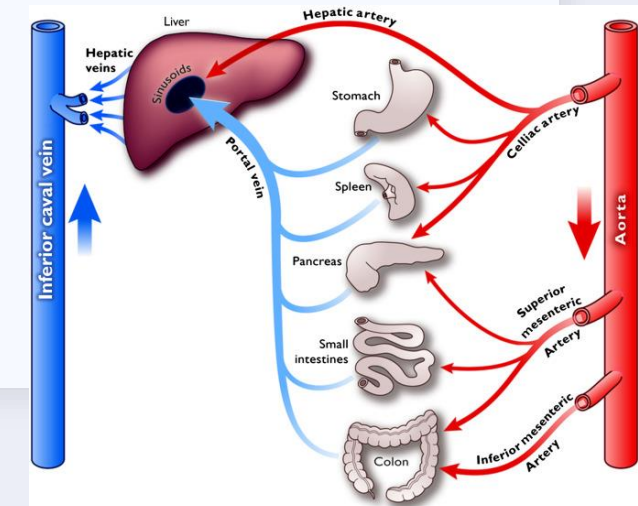
\*Spacing of each dosing is too long --> inadequate efficacy

\*Efficacy: CRI > intermittent bolus (Ohad, 2018)




- **Pimobendan** 0.25 – 0.3 mg/kg q12hr / q8hr PO, SID IV
- **Nitroglycerine** (Topical-venodilator): Nitroderm patch

Anxiolytics agent : Butorphanol (0.2-0.25 mg/kg) or acepromazine (0.01-0.03 mg/kg)

An ACE inhibitor and spironolactone can be added at a later time.





<b>Stage C</b> Denotes dogs with either current or past clinical signs of heart failure caused by MMVD.				
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIAGNOSES</b> 	Analyze serum NT-proBNP concentration.			CLASS I LOE: MODERATE
	Obtain basic laboratory tests.			CLASS I LOE: EXPERT OPINION
	Most symptomatic dogs with MMVD are middle-aged or older, and it is prudent to complete the clinical database.			CLASS I LOE: EXPERT OPINION
	Complete clinical database (including thoracic radiographs and ideally echocardiogram).			CLASS I LOE: EXPERT OPINION
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREATMENT</b> 	<b>HOSPITAL BASED</b> 	Torasemide at approximately 5% to 10% of the furosemide dosage (0.1-0.3 mg/kg q24h7).		CLASS I LOE: MODERATE
		Pimobendan, 0.25-0.3 mg/kg administered PO q12h.		CLASS I LOE: WEAK
		ACEI (0.5 mg/kg PO q12h).		CLASS IIB LOE: WEAK
	<b>ACUTE</b>	Furosemide 2 mg/kg IV (or IM) followed by 2 mg/kg IV (or IM) hourly until patients respiratory signs are substantially improved.		CLASS I LOE: EXPERT OPINION
		Oxygen supplementation, if needed, can be administered.		CLASS I LOE: EXPERT OPINION
		Furosemide CRI (0.66-1 mg/kg/hour) for life-threatening pulmonary edema.		CLASS IIA LOE: EXPERT OPINION

## Stage C

Denotes dogs with either current or past clinical signs of heart failure caused by MMVD.

### CHRONIC (HOME BASED)



### Chronic

Continue pimobendan, 0.25-0.3 mg/kg PO q12h.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
STRONG**

Continue PO furosemide (2mg/kg q12h).

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

Spironolactone (2.0 mg/kg PO q12 - 24 h).

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

Diltiazem (often combined with digoxin) in cases of complicated atrial fibrillation.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

Dietary recommendations:  
- Ensure adequate protein intake  
- Modestly restrict sodium intake  
- Omega-3-fatty acids

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

In centers with low complication rates, patients benefit from surgical intervention to repair their mitral valve apparatus.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

Continue or start ACEI (0.5 mg/kg PO q12h).

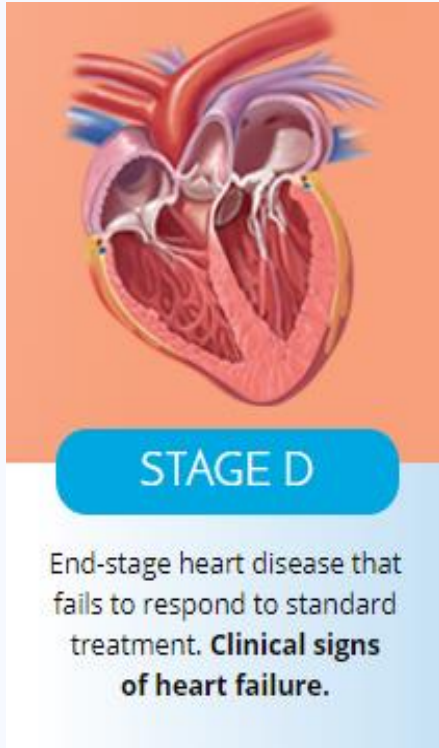
**CLASS IIB**

**LOE: WEAK**

None of the panelists routinely use nitroglycerin.

**CLASS III**

**LOE: EXPERT  
OPINION**



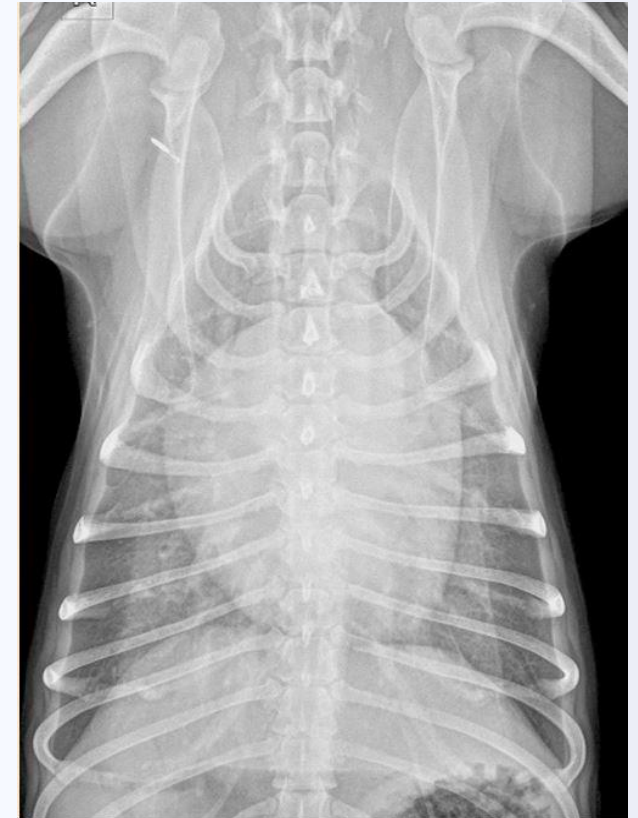
Failure refractory to standard treatment

### **Meds**

-> more than 8mg/kg/day of furosemide with  
+ Pimobendan 0.3mg/kg q12hr -> q8hr  
+ Benazepril 0.25mg/kg q24hr  
+ Spironolactone 2mg/kg q12hr

### **Echo**

-> LV systolic dysfunction.



## Stage D

Refers to dogs with end-stage MMVD, in which clinical signs of heart failure are refractory to standard treatment

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIAGNOSES



CHF involves the same diagnostic steps outlined for Stage C plus the finding of failure to respond to treatments outlined in the Stage C guidelines.  
Chronic PO furosemide dosages -8 mg/kg q24h in any dosing regimen to maintain patient comfort in the face of appropriate dosages of pimobendan, an ACEI, and spironolactone indicate disease progression to Stage D.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREATMENT



#### HOSPITAL BASED



Pimobendan dosage may be increased (off-label use) to include a third 0.3 mg/kg daily PO dose.

**CLASS IIA**

**LOE:EXPERT  
OPINION**

#### CHRONIC HOME-BASED TREATMENT



Torsemide, a potent and longer-acting loop diuretic, may be used to treat dogs no longer adequately responsive to furosemide.

**CLASS I**

**LOE:  
MODERATE**

Furosemide (or torsemide) dosage should be increased as needed to decrease the accumulation of pulmonary edema or body cavity effusions.

**CLASS IIA**

**LOE:EXPERT  
OPINION**

Pimobendan dosage is increased by some panelists to include a third 0.3 mg/kg daily dose.

**CLASS IIA**

**LOE:EXPERT  
OPINION**

Beta blockers generally should not be initiated at this stage.

**CLASS IV**

**LOE:EXPERT  
OPINION**

Dietary requirements:  
All of the dietary considerations for Stage C (above) apply.



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Benazepril	ACE inhibitor	0.25 – 0.5 mg/kg PO q (12)-24h
Enalapril	ACE inhibitor	0.5 mg/kg PO q12-24h
Furosemide	Loop diuretic	<p><i>Acute CHF:</i> Initial bolus, 2 mg/kg IV, IM, or SC</p> <p>Repeat at 1 - 4 mg/kg q1-4h</p> <p>until RR↓, then q6-12h</p> <p>Or, 0.66 – 1 mg/kg/h CRI for (6-12)h</p> <p><i>Maintenance:</i> (0.5-)1-3 mg/kg PO q8-24h</p> <p>Titrate to lowest effective dosage for chronic therapy</p>
Hydrochlorothiazide	Thiazide diuretic	0.5 – 4 mg/kg PO q12-48h
Imidapril	ACE inhibitor	0.25 mg/kg PO q24h
Pimobendan	Positive inotrope / Inodilator	0.2 – 0.3 mg/kg PO q(8-)12h
Ramipril	ACE inhibitor	0.125 - 0.25 mg/kg PO q24h
Spironolactone	Potassium sparing diuretic	0.5 – 2 mg/kg PO q24h (or, divided, q12h)
Torsemide	Loop diuretic	Calculate 1/8 to 1/12 of patient's total daily furosemide dose & give as 2 divided doses



### STAGE C

Structural abnormality and **current or previous clinical signs of heart failure.**



### STAGE D

End-stage heart disease that fails to respond to standard treatment. **Clinical signs of heart failure.**

## Complications of heart failure

- + **Kidney damage** or failure : "CvRD-H"
- + **Liver damage.** Heart failure can lead to a buildup of fluid that puts too much pressure on the liver. This fluid backup can lead to scarring
- ++ Pulmonary hypertension**
  - > Common in stage C > B2 (Borgarelli et al, 2015)
  - > Prevalence of PH in dogs with MMVD between 14 and 53%.
  - > Prevalence of PH was associated with severity of MMVD
  - > Humans and animals with more severe mitral regurgitation, and therefore higher left-atrial pressure, have an increased risk of developing PH.
  - > Poorer prognosis with PH. >55 mmHg.

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- + **Arrhythmias: AF, VT, VF**



## DEGENERATIVE MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

### PROGNOSIS

- + MMVD B2 may live 2 years or more -> C
- + **MMVD with CHF** survival times can generally be between 12 - 24 months at time of diagnosis (Some shorter, some longer) related to adequate care, treatment, complication (Lefborn et al, 2016).
- + **Decreased survival time** in dogs with
  - Severe MR / chordal rupture
  - Syncope
  - Tachycardia
  - PAH (moderate to severe); PAP >55mmHg
  - Severe increased LA size



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**Penny: 9y FS CKCS x Maltese, 8 kg**

Presenting complaint: **Coughing**

- ♥ 1-2x/day for 2 years
- ♥ 8-10x/day for 6 months

♥ Current treatment:

- Frusemide 20 mg q 12 hrs
- Pimobendan 2.5 mg q 12 hrs
- Benazepril 2.5 mg q 24 hrs
- Spironolactone 25 mg q 12 hrs

Problem	Location
Sneezing/discharge	Nasal cavity/oropharynx
Coughing with minimal dyspnea	Tracheobronchial
Dyspnea with minimal coughing	Laryngeal/bronchial/lung/pl eural/ mediastinum
Coughing and dyspnea	brochoalveolar



## CASE 1

**Penny: 9y FS CKCS x Maltese, 8 kg**

Temp: 101.4 F

- ♥ HR 100 bpm
- ♥ PR 100 bpm
- ♥ Grade IV/VI left apical systolic murmur
- ♥ Resp. sinus arrhythmia
- ♥ RR 24, eupneac
- ♥ MM pink, CRT 1 sec, tacky





## CASE 1

**Penny: 9y FS CKCS x Maltese, 8 kg**

- ♥ Signalment and murmur consistent with MMVD
- ♥ III/VI murmur could be consistent with CHF
- ♥ HR, sinus arrhythmia, and RR are not consistent with CHF
- ♥ Long history of cough suggests chronic airway disease
- ♥ Plan: Chest xrays, Echocardiogram, Blood Work

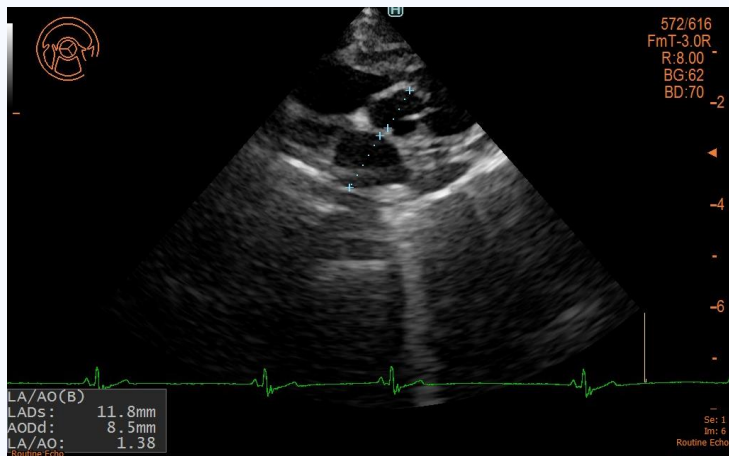
Bronchointerstitial pattern.  
Vertebral heart score 10.8 without enlargement of  
any specific chamber



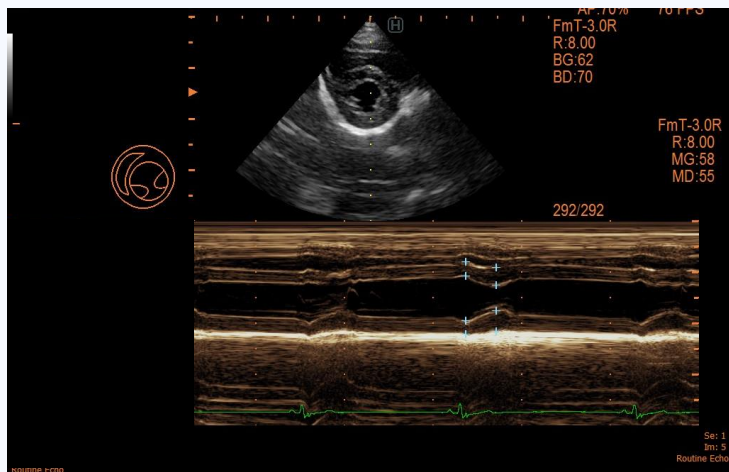
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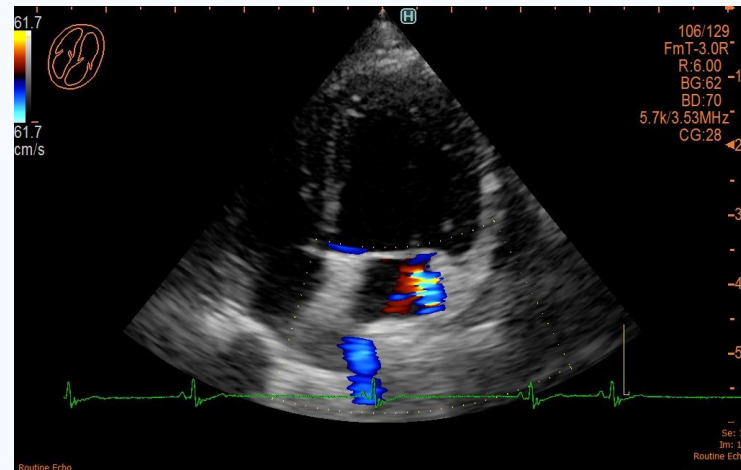
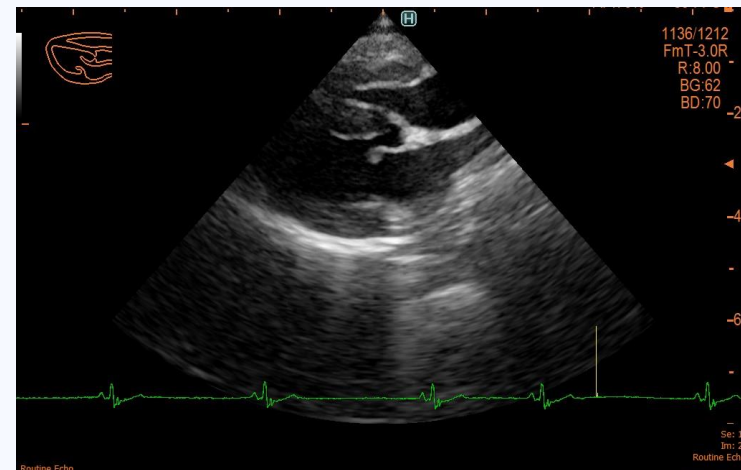


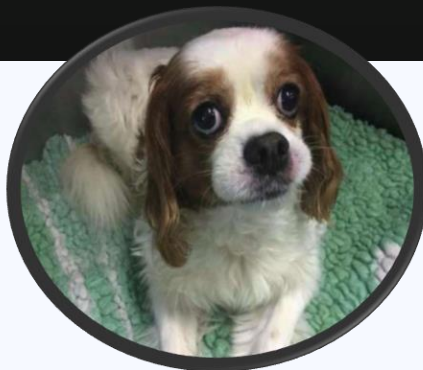
LA/Ao: 1.38 (<1.6)



LVIDd: 28.4 mm  
LVIDdN: 1.54 (<1.7)

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- ♥ Stopped cardiac medications
- ♥ Doxycycline 5 mg/kg bid 3 weeks
- ♥ Theophylline 10 mg/kg bid 3 weeks

Plan

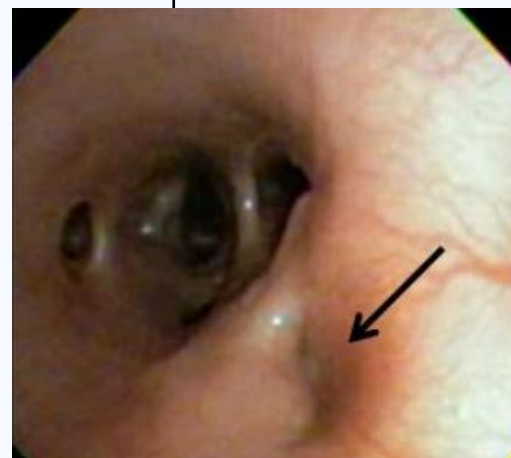
- ♥ Bronchoscopy



100% collapse  
left cranial lobar bronchus

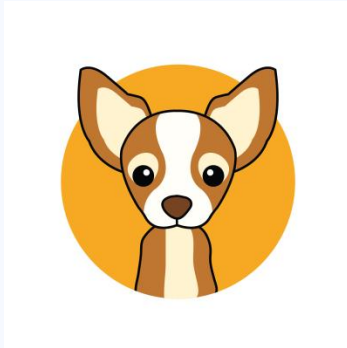


100% collapse  
left caudal lobar bronchus



100% collapse  
Right middle lobar bronchus

**Diagnosis of  
Bronchomalacia with  
Myxomatous Mitral  
Valve Degeneration B1**



## CASE 2

### Thung-Ngern: 7y M Chihuahua, 3.8 kg

The referring DVM **ausculted a heart-murmur** during the examination and referred **Thung-Ngern** for cardiac evaluation and echo request.

Temp: 100.4 F

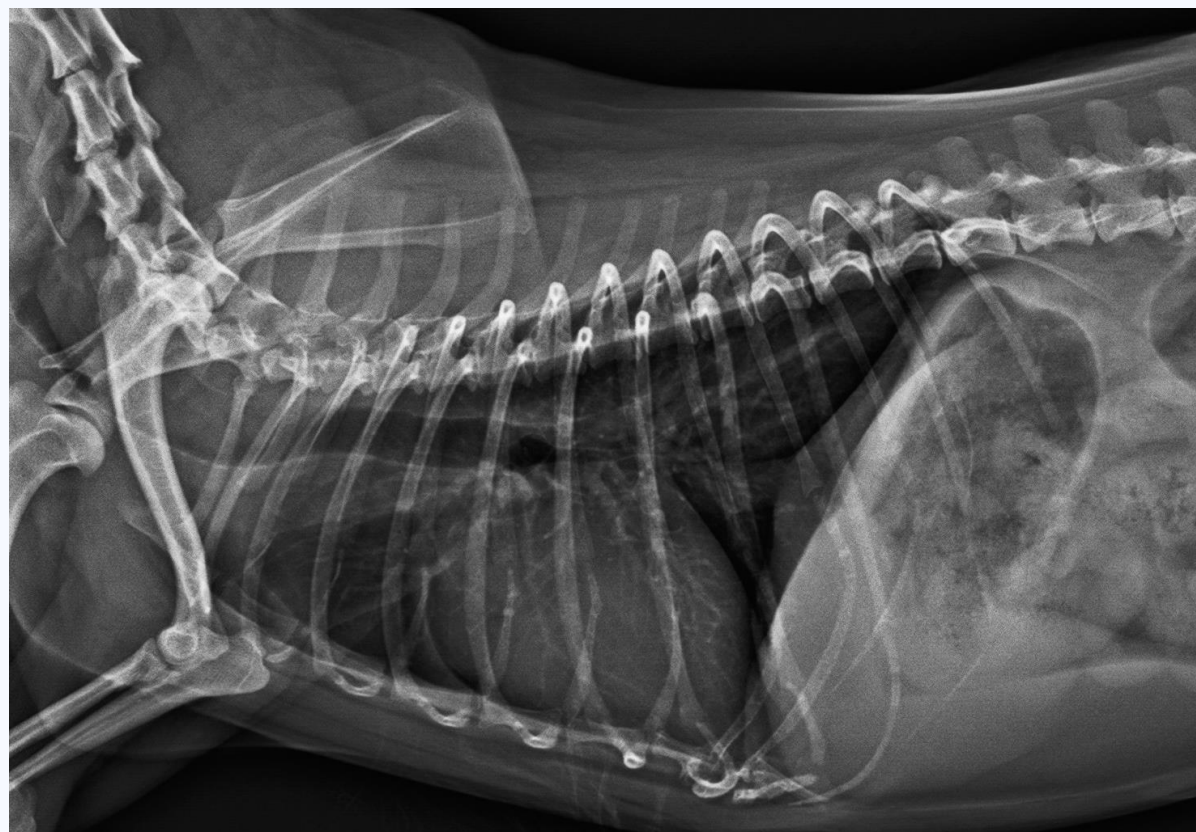
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- ♥ MM pink, CRT 1 sec, tacky

no signs associated with Lt. CHF.

Plan: Chest xrays, Echocardiogram



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VHS = 10.6

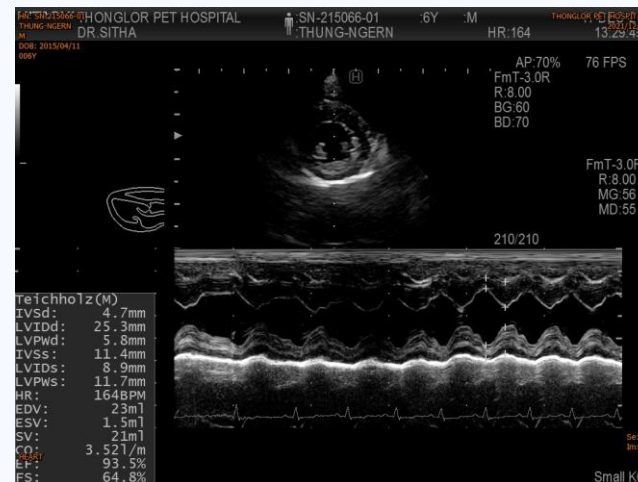
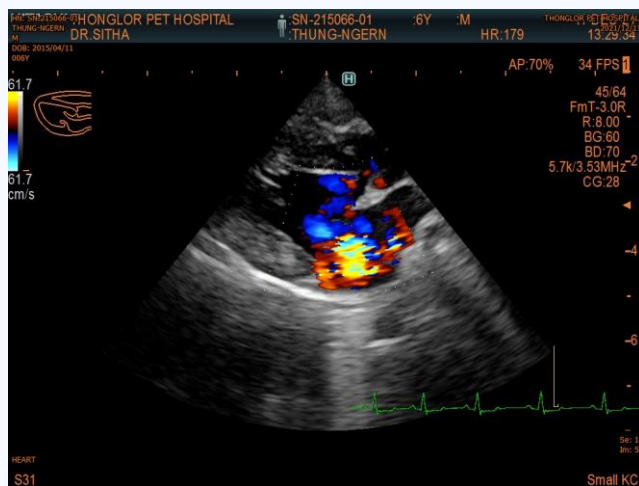
No evidence of cardiogenic pulmonary edema.



## Thung-Ngern: 7y M Chihuahua, 3.8 kg



LA/Ao: 1.67 (<1.6)



LVIDd: 25.3 mm  
LVIDdN: 1.71 (<1.7)

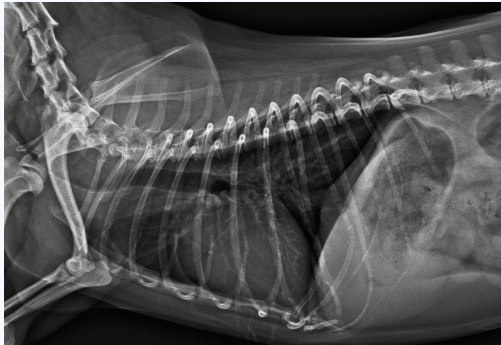


Ev: 0.75 m/s  
E/A: 1.22

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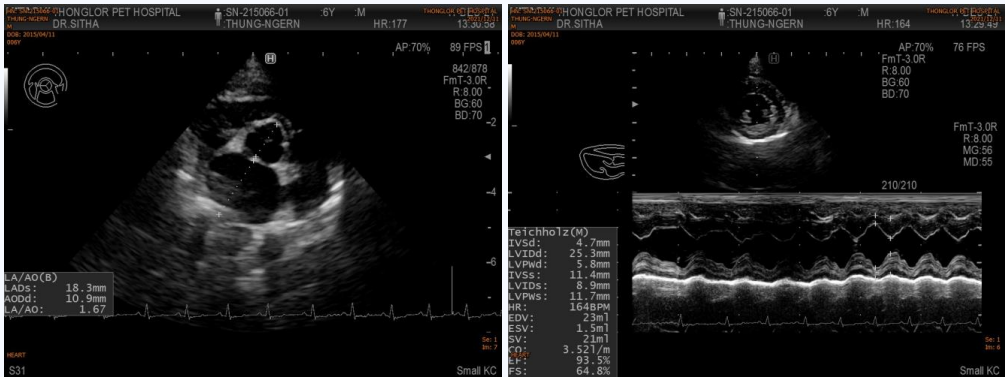
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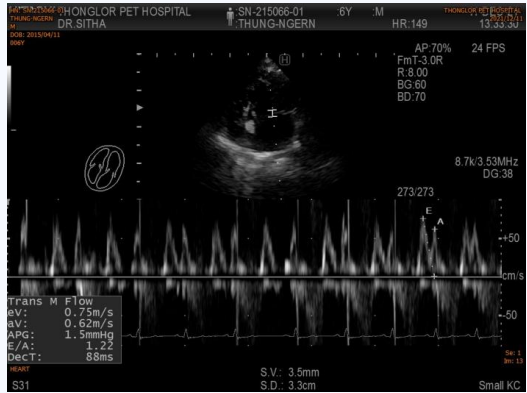
- Mild to moderate mitral regurgitation.
- Normal LV systolic function.
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Pimobendan 0.25mg/kg q12h AC

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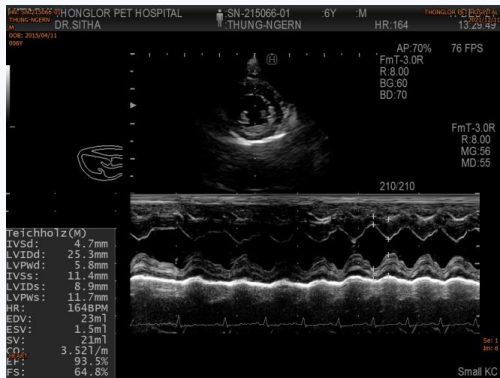
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## Survival times MINE score

- 1.) LA/Ao: 1.67 = 1 score
- 2.) LVIDdN: 1.71 = 2 score
- 3.) %FS: 64.8 = 3 score
- 4.) E-vel: 0.75 = 1 score

**Total = 7**

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## CASE 3

**Lucky: 14-year-old Mc Pomeranian, 6.4 kg.**

**Loss of consciousness / Collapse:  
Syncope, Seizure ??**

### Pertinent history

- **Diagnosed** with MMVD stage B2 with severe mitral regurgitation and mild tricuspid regurgitation **2years ago.**
- Previous medication history: discontinue Pimobendan
- Episode **brief with recovery and no tonic-clonic motor signs.**
- Episode **follows stress or excitement.**



**Syncope**





**Lucky: 14-year-old Mc Pomeranian, 6.4 kg.**

## Physical examination

On presentation, QAR

**Respiratory rate was 56 bpm with dyspnea.**

Mucous membranes were cyanosis and CRT 2 seconds.

Lung auscultation : **increased respiratory sounds to fine crackle lung field bilaterally.**

**Heart rate of 168 beats/minute**

Cardiac auscultation **5/6 systolic murmur PMI over the left apical** radiates dorsocranially, 4/6 systolic murmur PMI on the right, regular rhythm. Femoral pulses strong and symmetric.

Rectal temperature was not measured initially to minimise stress.





**Lucky: 14-year-old Mc Pomeranian, 6.4 kg.**

### Diagnostic plan and initial stabilization

The pertinent history, presence of **acute dyspnea & syncope** in an **asymptomatic MMVD male dog with severe mitral regurgitation** raised the suspicion of heart disease and CHF.

## Cardiogenic > Non-cardiogenic causes

**Initial stabilisation:** placed in an oxygen-enriched chamber.

Once the patient had relaxed and appeared more comfortable,

- Thoracic radiography
- Electrocardiogram (ECG)
- Echocardiogram

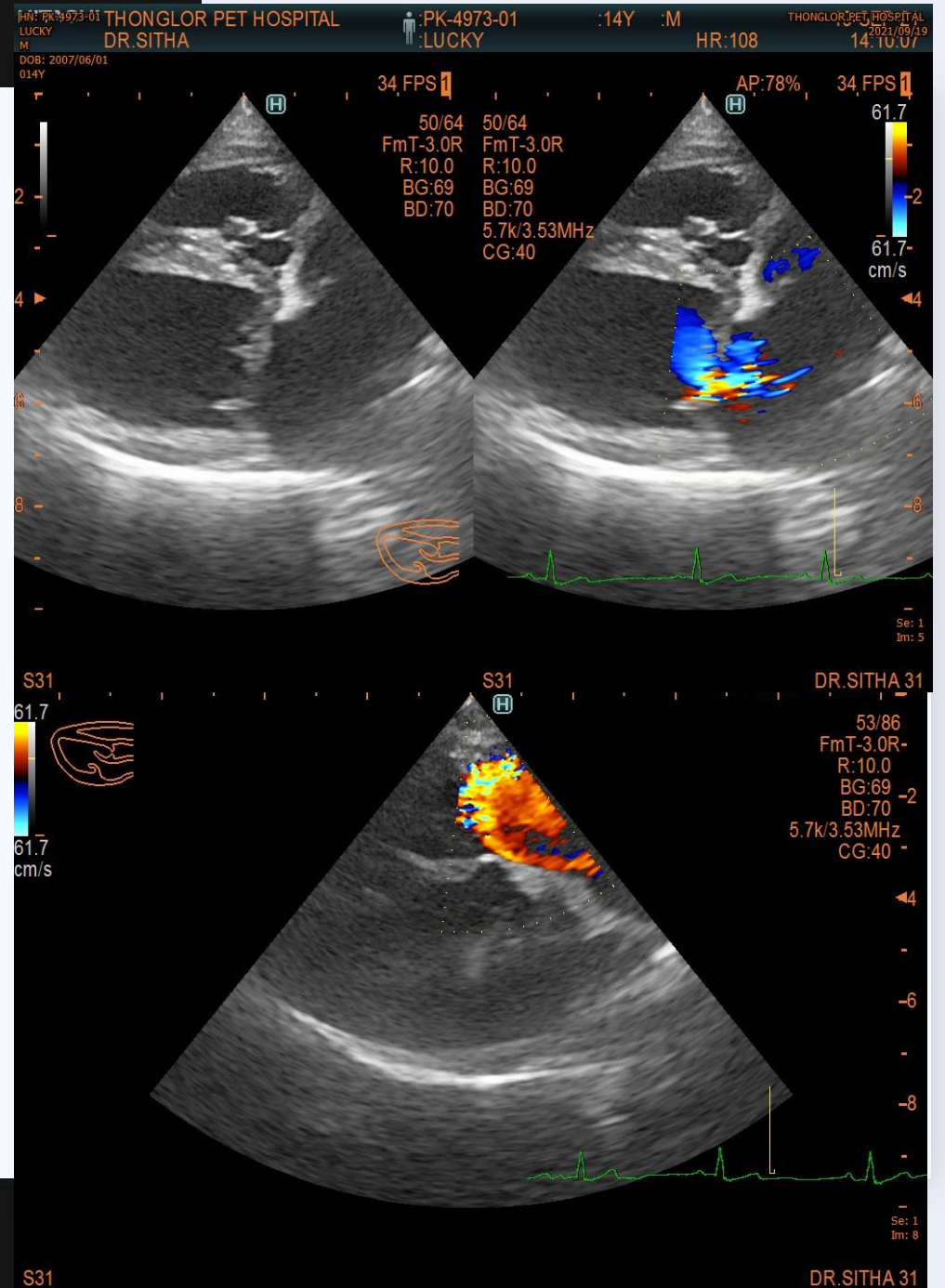
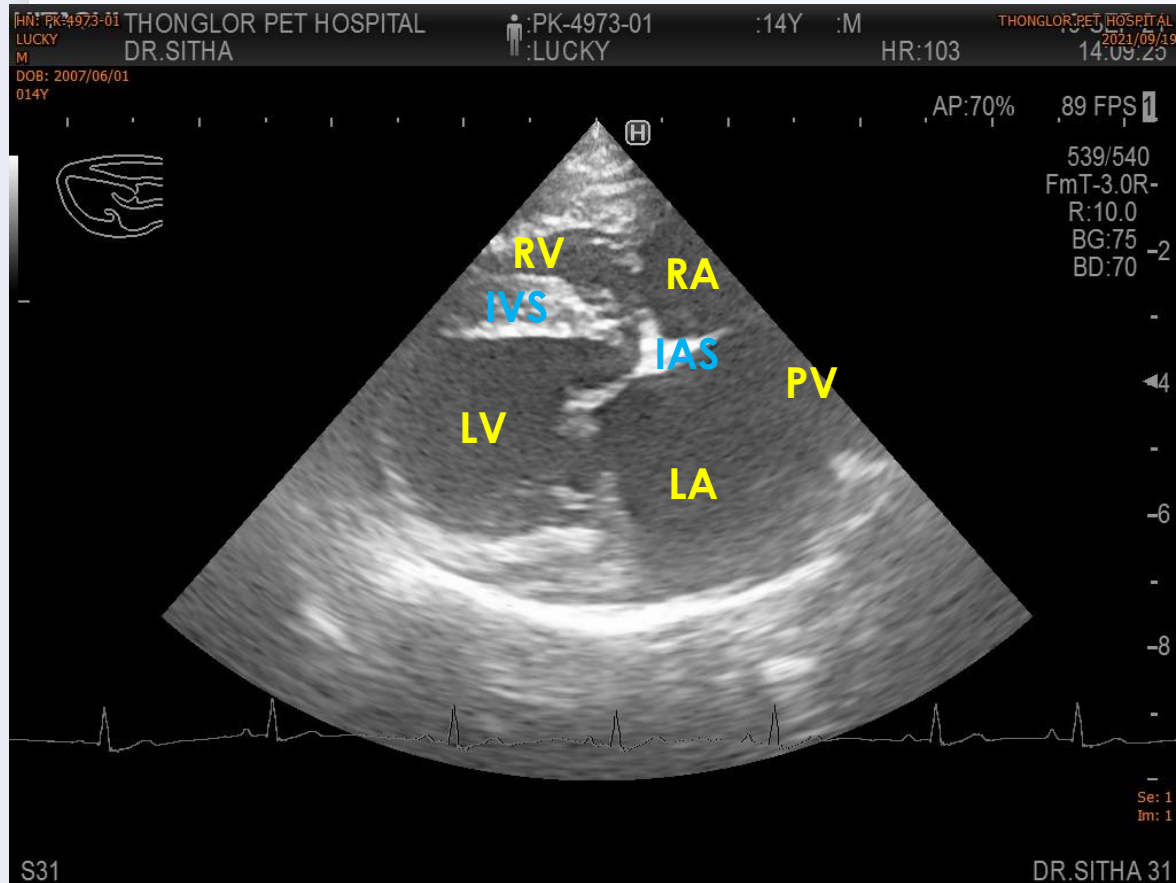


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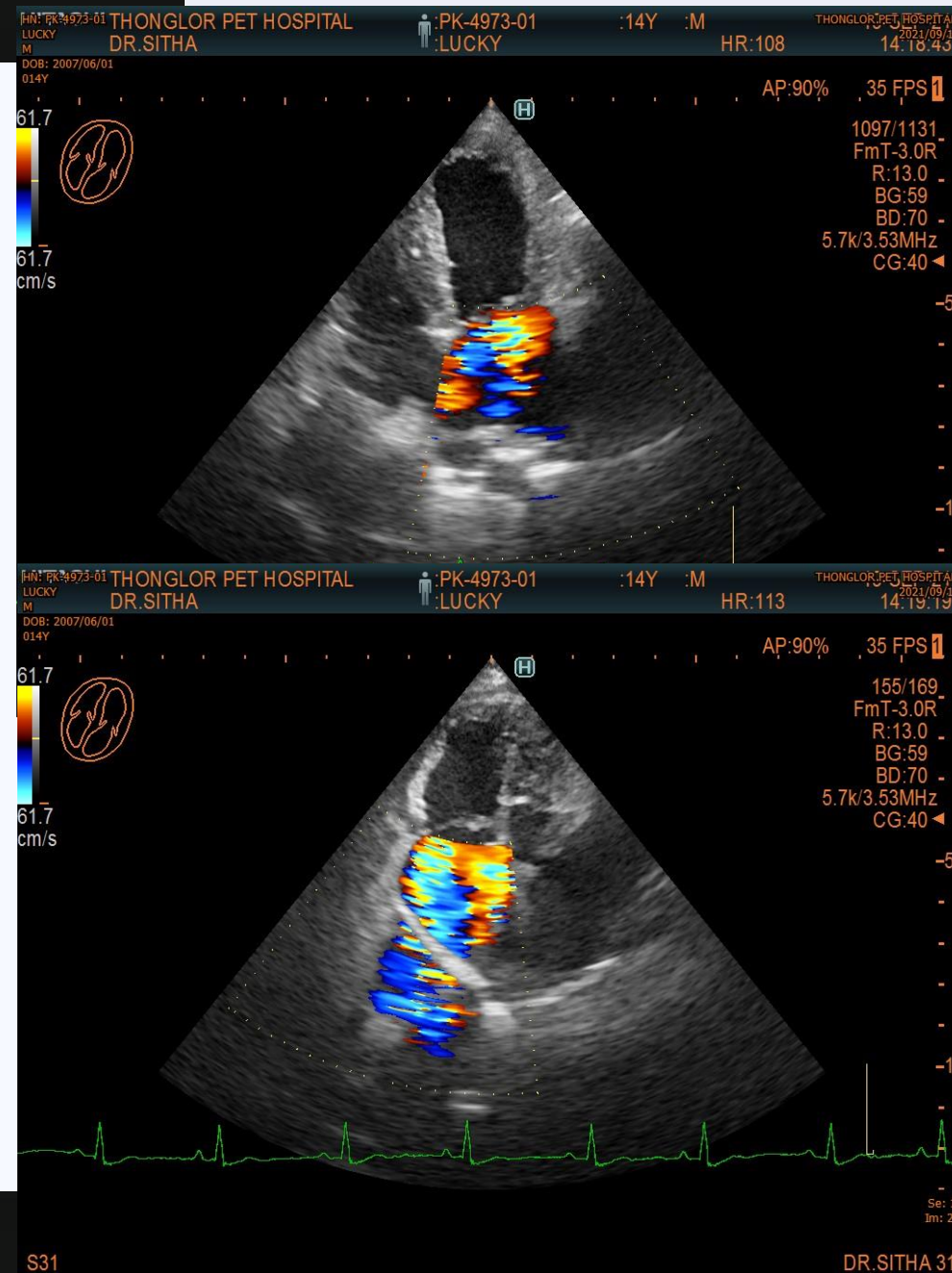
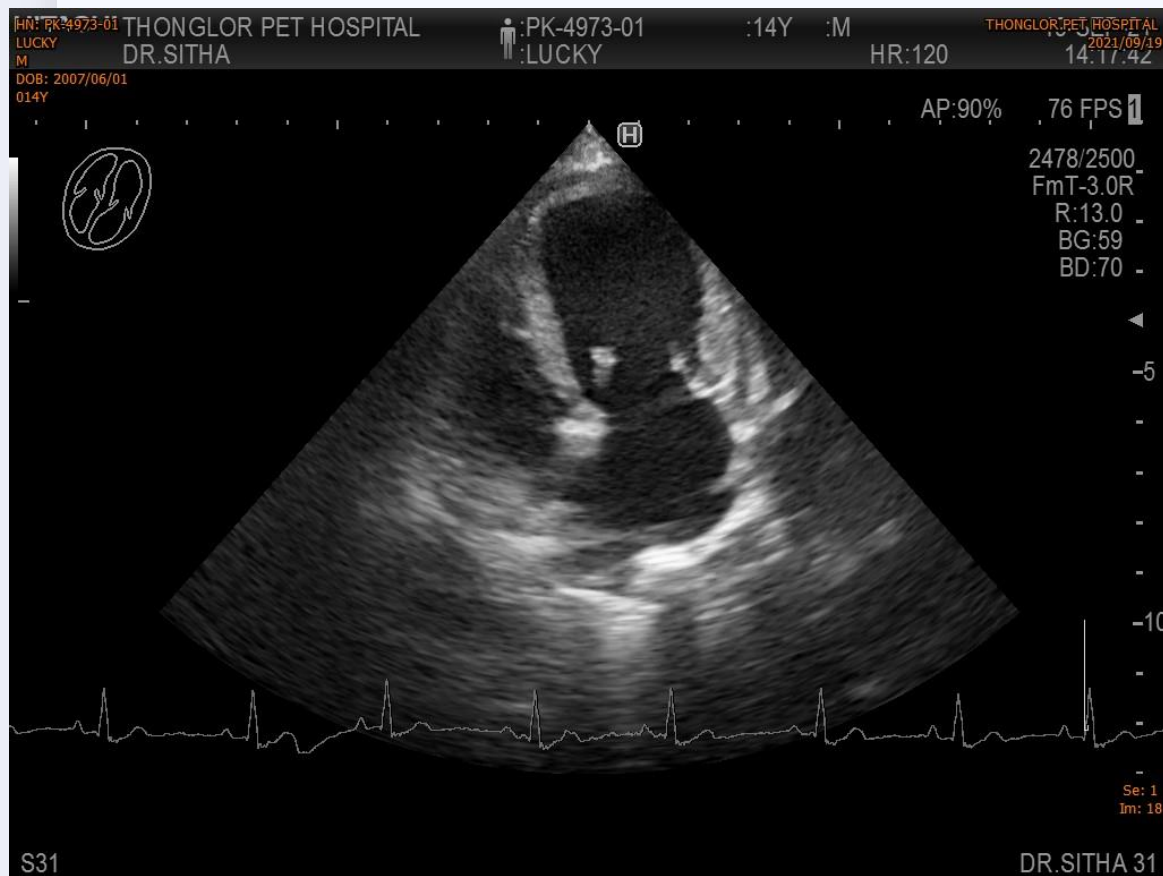




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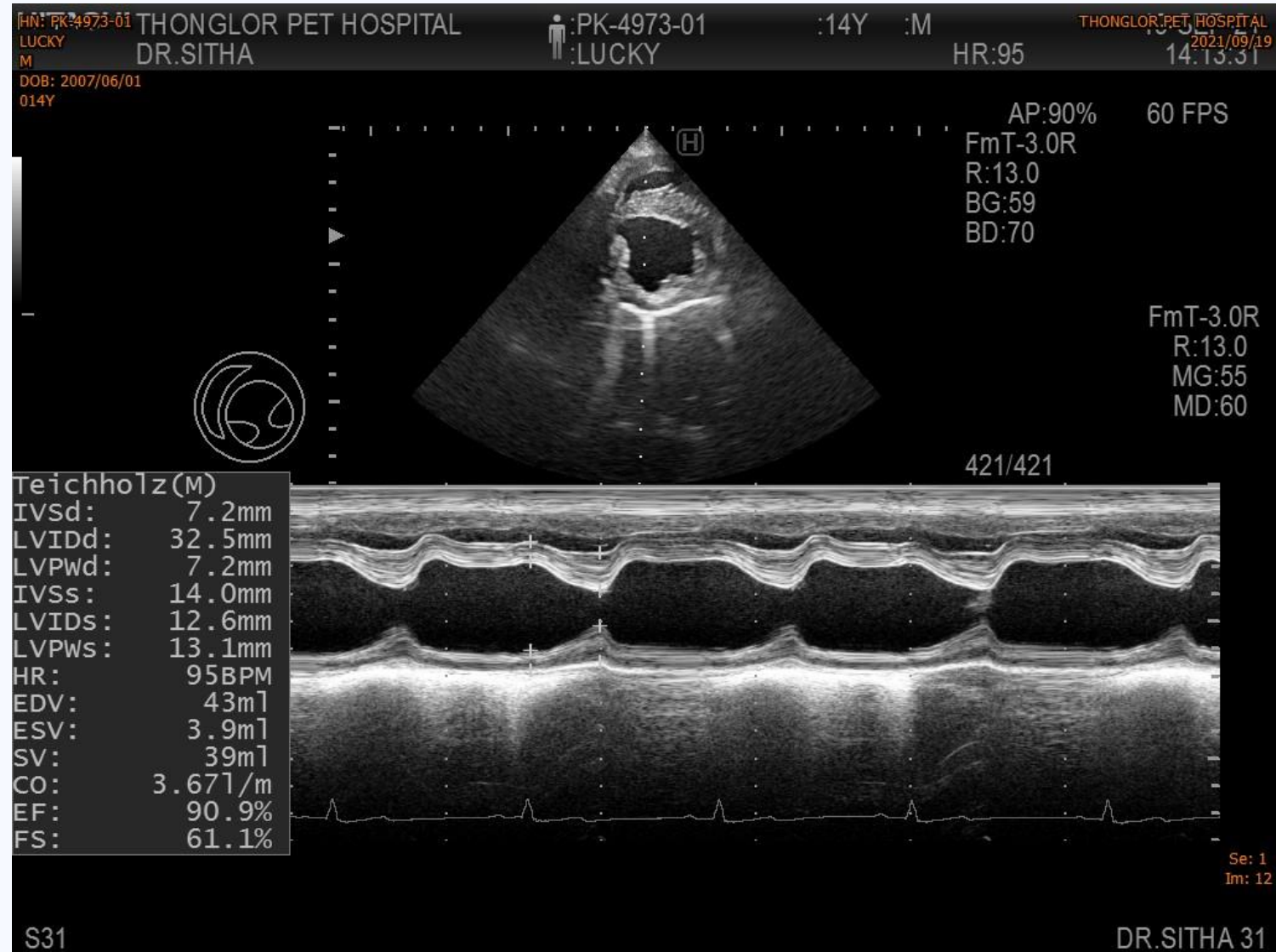
# Echocardiogram

## Left ventricle assessment

### M-mode

- LVIDd: 32.5 mm
- LVIDdN: 1.88 \*\*\* (<1.7)

“ Left ventricular enlargement ”



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## Echocardiogram

### Pulmonary artery assessment

2D: MPA/AO = 1.2 (0.8-1.0)

“ Pulmonary artery enlargement ”

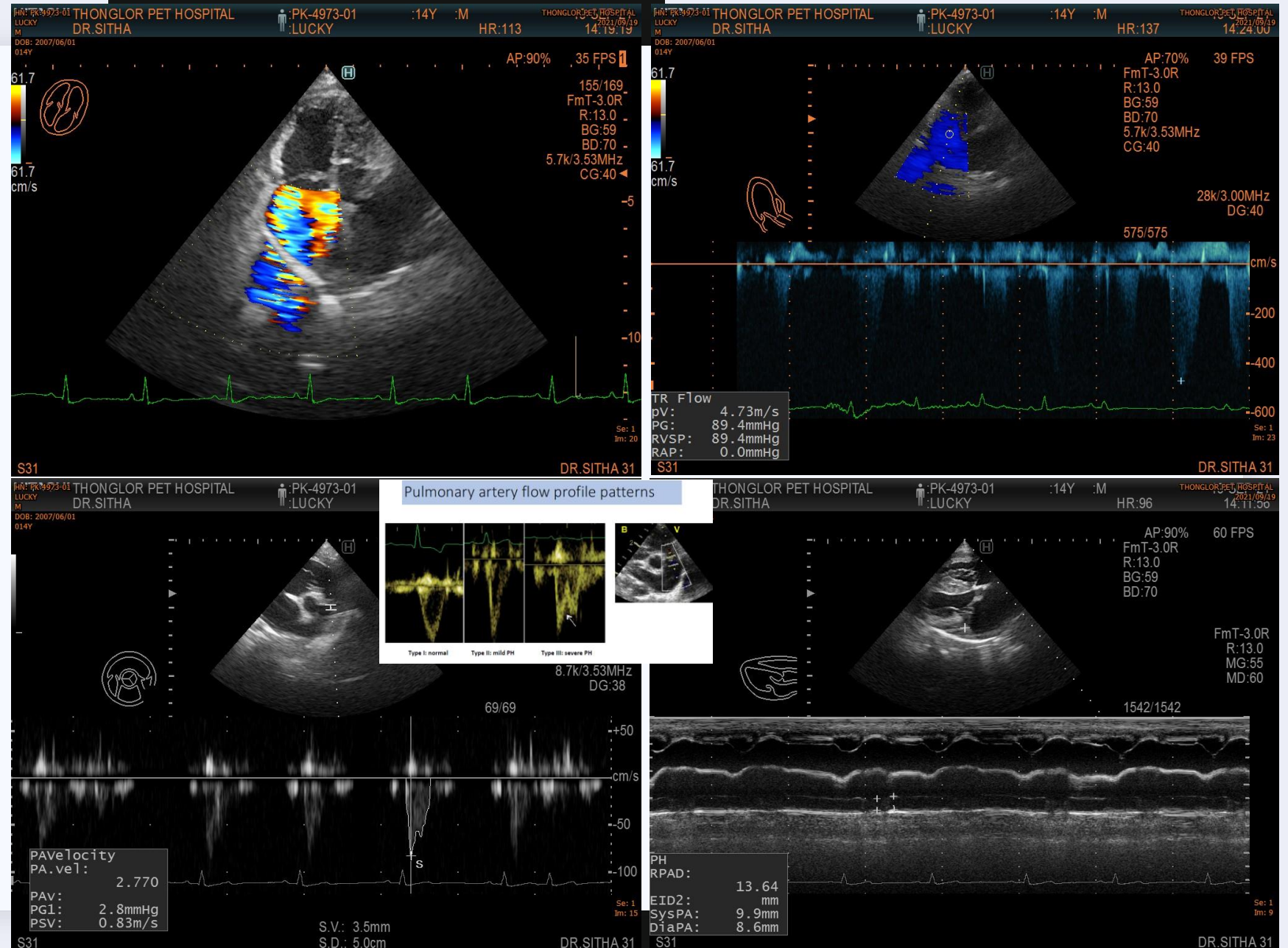




## Pulmonary hypertension

- ## “Severe pulmonary hypertension”

Peak tricuspid regurgitation velocity (m/s)	Number of different anatomic sites of echo signs of PH <sup>a</sup>	Probability of PH
≤3.0 or not measurable	0 or 1	Low
≤3.0 or not measurable	2	Intermediate
3.0 to 3.4	0 or 1	Intermediate
>3.4	0	Intermediate
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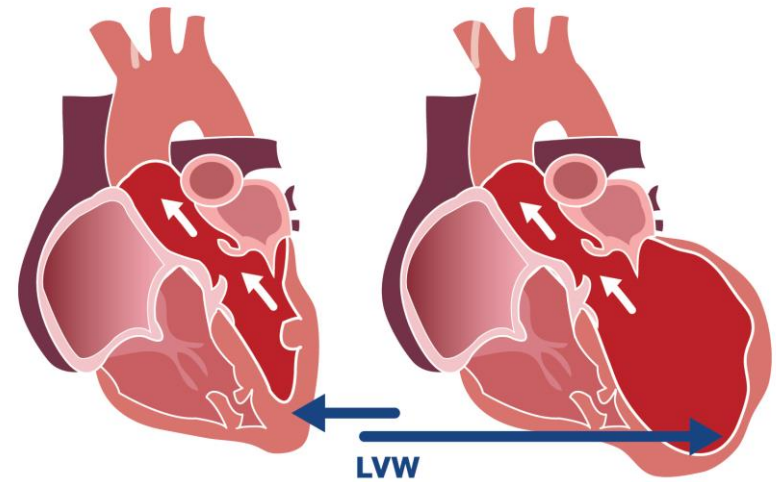
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### Diagnosis of MMVD Stage C with Pulmonary hypertension (PH).

- Cardiogenic pulmonary edema.
- High probability of PH
- RVSP: 89.4 mmHg (Severe PH)



# CANINE DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY



Note the thin left ventricular wall (LVW), dilated LV chamber, and depiction of decreased forward blood flow with DCM.



# CANINE DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY

**NON-AGING**-ASSOCIATED DISEASES  
LARGE - GIANT BREEDS

8-10% OF HEART DISEASE IN DOGS  
80-90% DOBERMAN PINCHER & BOXER  
25% IRISH WOLFHOUSES

MALE (50%) > FEMALE (33%) (DOBERMAN PINCHER)

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- COCKER SPANIELS • GREAT DANES
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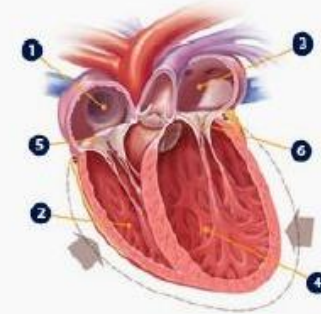




# CANINE DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY

- Loss of myocardial contractility and progressive ventricular dilation.

CANINE HEART DAMAGED BY DCM



LV systolic dysfunction



Arrhythmia / Low CO signs



Chamber dilation / Arrhythmia

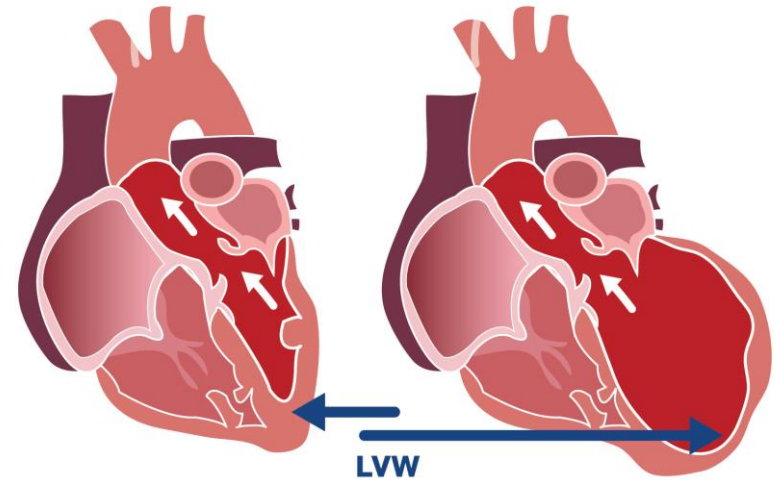


**Functional mitral regurgitation** → lung edema  
Arrhythmia



# CANINE DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY

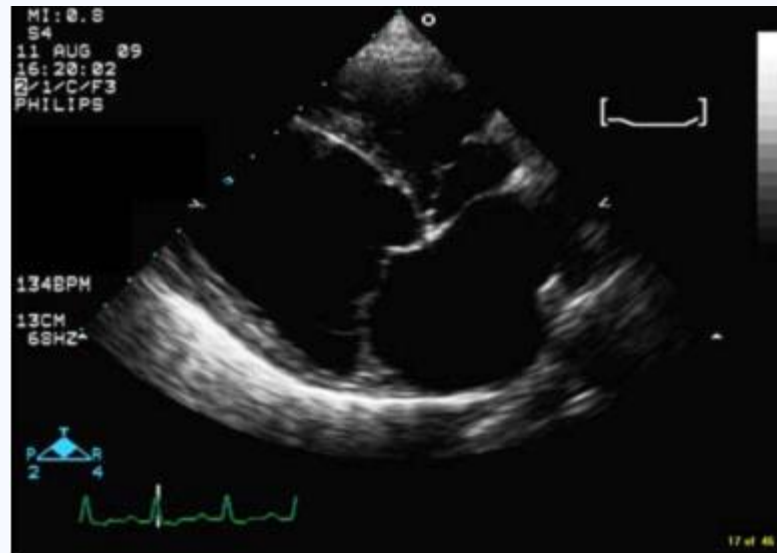
- **Primary:** Disease of the heart muscle of unknown etiology
- + **Genetic:**
  - : Dobermans: PDK4 gene
  - : Boxers: STRN gene
  - : German Shorthaired Pointers: DMD gene
  - : Great Danes: X-lined likely since males predisposed
    - specific gene unknown
- **Secondary:** Disease of heart muscle due to
  - + toxins : chemotherapy
  - + nutritional deficiencies : taurine, carnitine
  - + endocrinopathies : hypothyroidism
  - + Arrhythmias : chronic rapid heart rate
  - + infection / inflammation : myocarditis





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## Proposed Guidelines for the Diagnosis of Canine Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy

**The ESVC Taskforce for Canine Dilated Cardiomyopathy**

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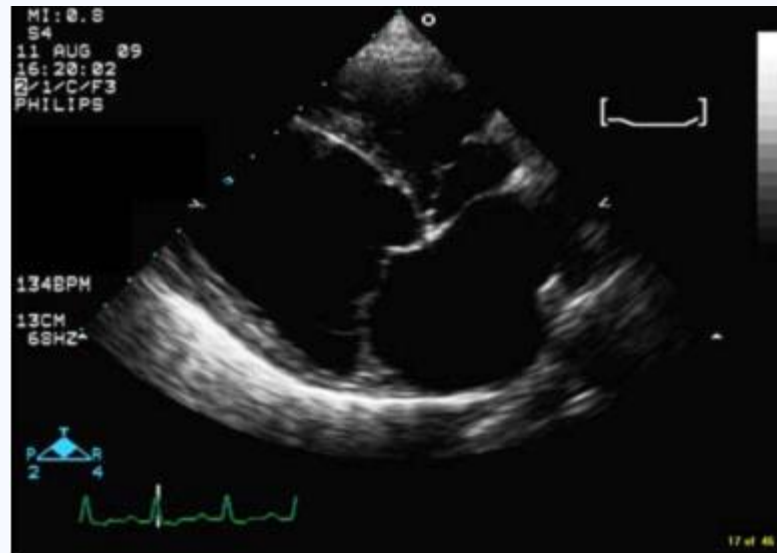
### Abstract

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in various dog breeds. The diagnosis of overt DCM is not normally problematic, although the importance of active exclusion of other causes of the dilated, hypokinetic heart is emphasised. Recent interest in human familial DCM has prompted a number of researchers to investigate the genetic basis of canine DCM. Prospective screening of dogs from lines with familial prevalence of DCM may identify dogs with **pre-clinical ("occult") DCM**. Dogs with other echocardiographic abnormalities or arrhythmias may also be identified. It is clear that dogs, like humans, have a prolonged pre-symptomatic phase of the disease extending over years. The ESVC DCM taskforce was established to provide the veterinary cardiology community with guidelines for the diagnosis of DCM, predominantly based on 2D and M-mode echocardiography. **Diagnosis of DCM requires all of the following:** (i) Left ventricular dilatation (ii) Reduced systolic function (iii) Increased sphericity of the left ventricle. **We propose a scoring system for the identification of dogs in the pre-clinical stages.** These include a number of **major criteria and minor criteria**. Future prospective longitudinal studies are required to test these in different breed populations to assess their predictive power and further refinements may be required. The importance of post mortem confirmation of disease is emphasised, and the two major histopathological features associated with DCM, the attenuated wavy fibre and the fibro-fatty infiltration-degenerative forms, require further investigation to identify the different aetiopathogenetic factors which may be involved.

**Key words:** Dog, Dilated Cardiomyopathy, Echocardiography, Histopathology, Familial Dilated Cardiomyopathy



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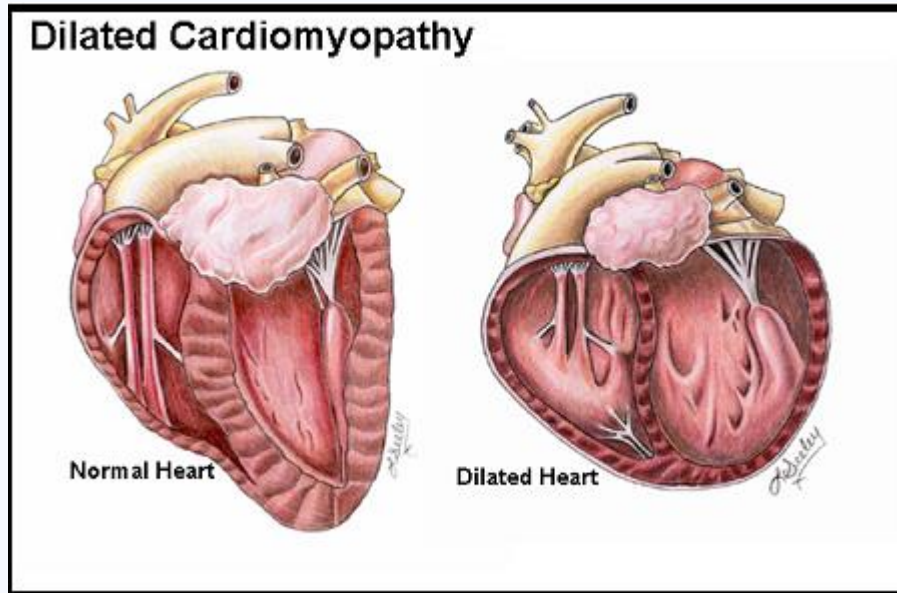
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# DCM



DCM is generally divided into two phases:

- 1) An occult phase, during which time disease is present but dogs remain asymptomatic. This phase can last months to years.
- 2) An overt clinical phase, when clinical signs develop.



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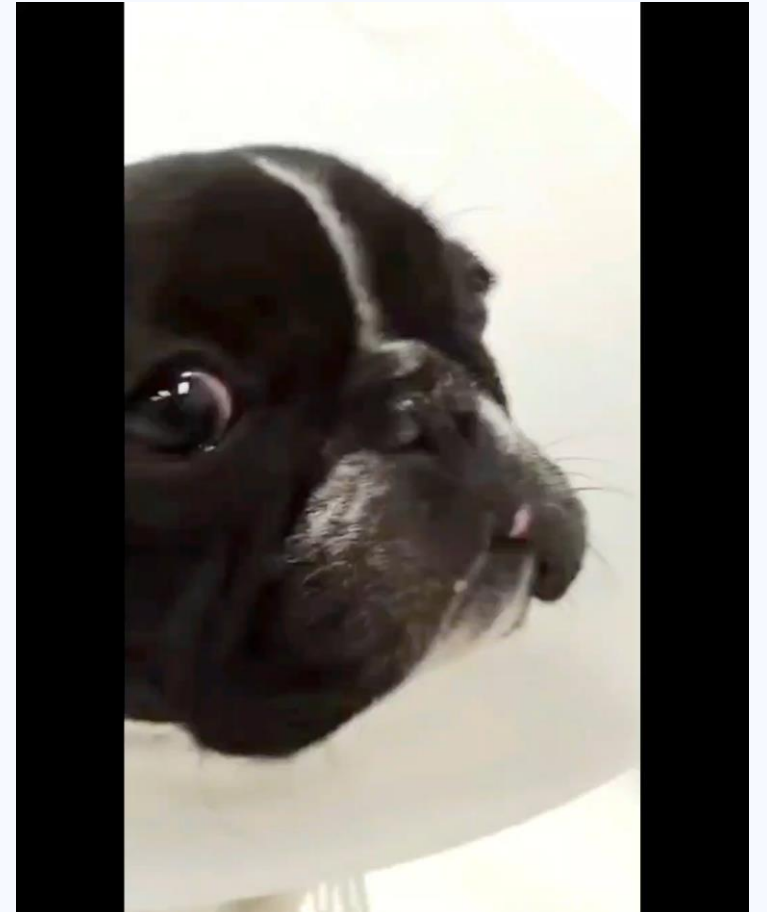
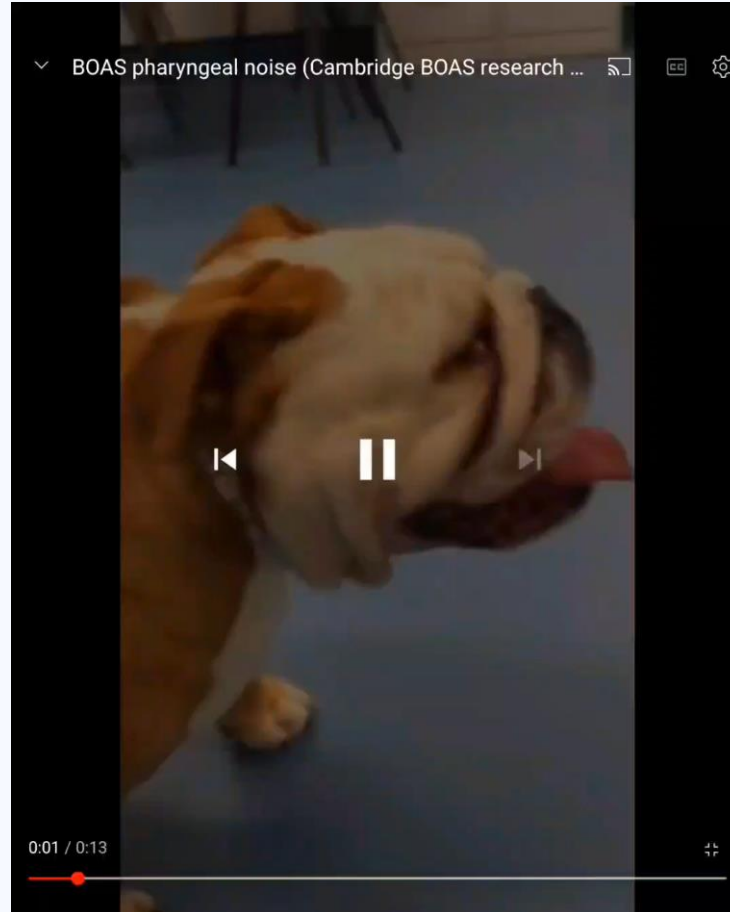
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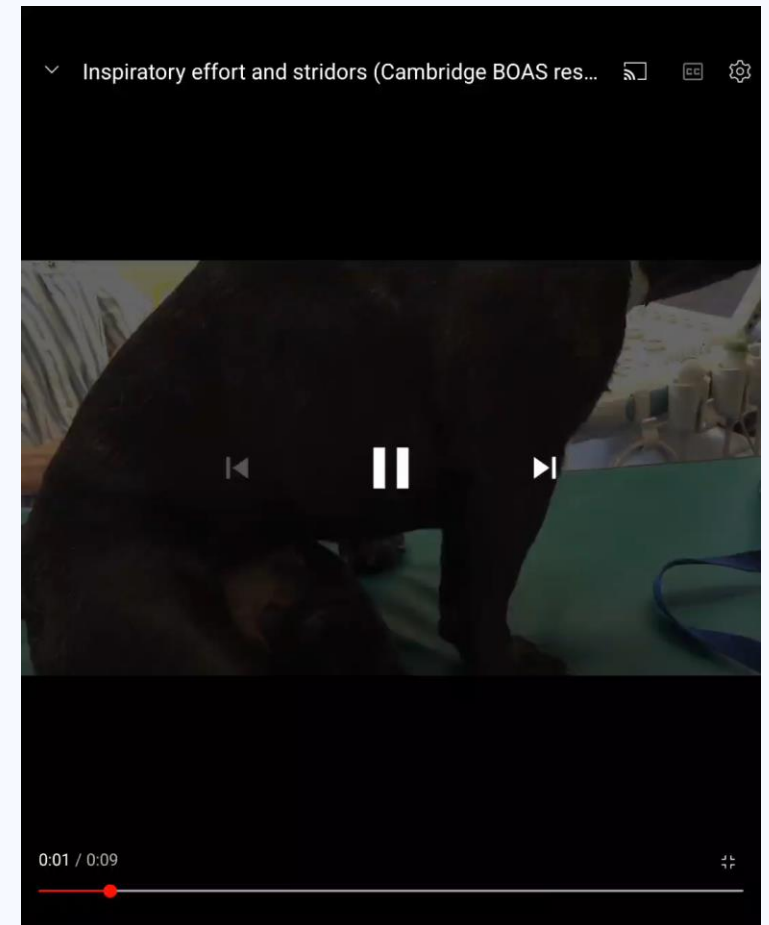
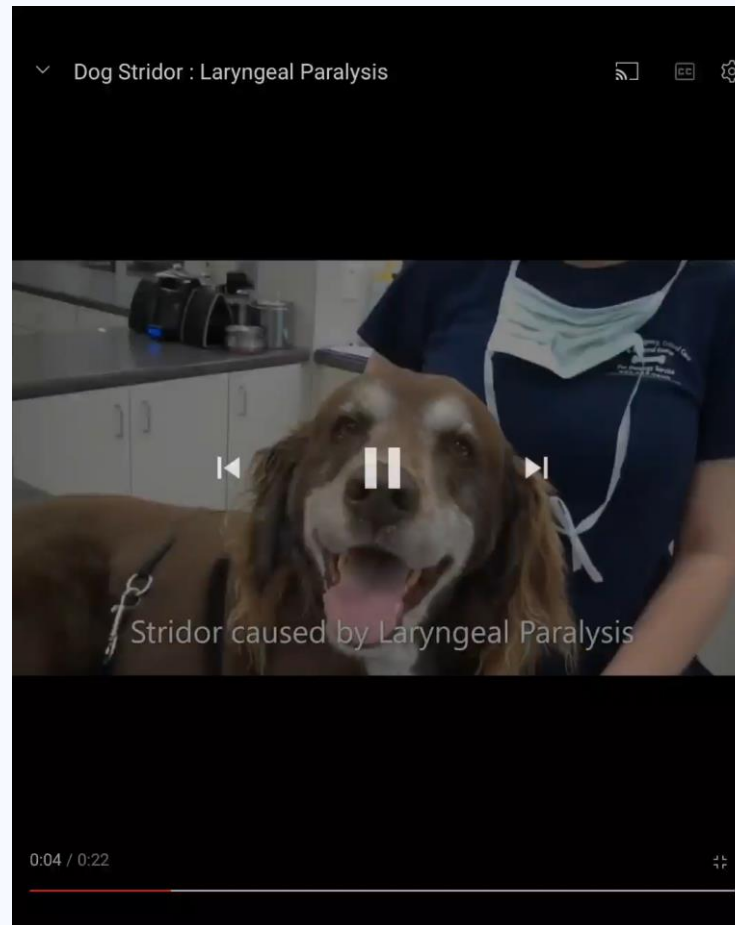


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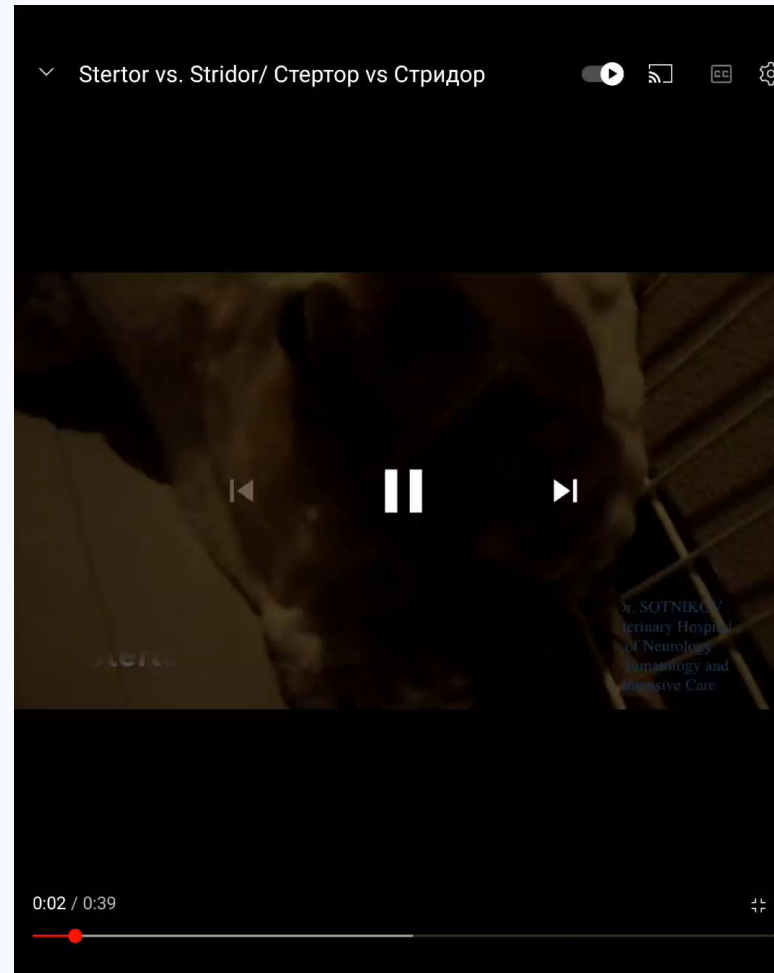
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