# LA Enlargement

#### Causes:

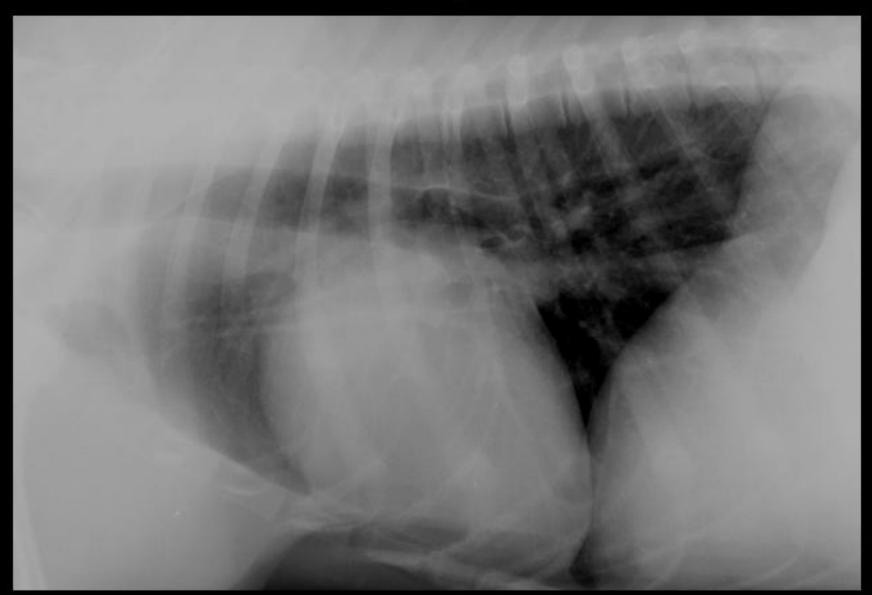
- Mitral Insufficiency
  - Endocardiosis
  - Dysplasia
- Patent Ductus Arteriosus
- Dilated Cardiomyopathy (mostly dogs)
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (cats)

## Right Ventricular Enlargement

#### Greater than 3 intercostal spaces wide

- < 3 1/2 for brachycephalic breeds (ie Eng Bulldogs)</p>
- < 21/2 for deep-chested breeds (ie Doberman)</li>
- Increased sternal contact is measured in intercostal spaces
- Rounded and full RV on VD view (6-9 o'clock)
  - Reverse D on VD view

# RV Enlargement



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#### Causes:

- Pulmonic Stenosis (with MPA enl.)
- Heart Worm
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Tricuspid insufficiency
- Tetrology of Fallot
- Second to Left Heart Failure
- Dilated Cardiomyopathy

RA enlargement alone is rare, seen with tricuspid dysplasia

# Main Pulmonary Artery "Bulge" (aneurysmal dilation)

- 2 o'clock
- Causes:
  - PDA
  - PS
  - HW
  - Pulmonary hypertension



Aortic "Bulge"

- 1-2 o'clock
- Causes:
  - PDA (descending aorta)
  - SAS (aortic arch)
  - Incidental in older cats



### Globoid Silhouette

Generalized cardiomegaly without distinct chamber enlargement.

"Basketball" shaped heart

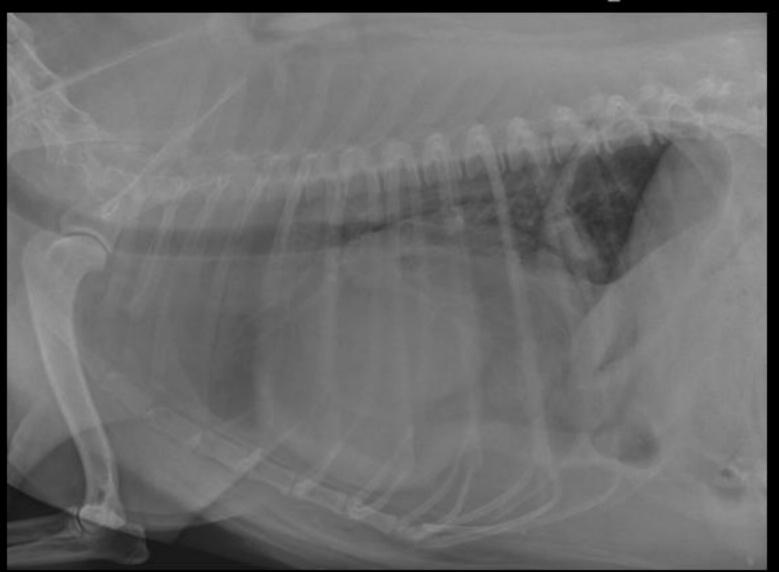


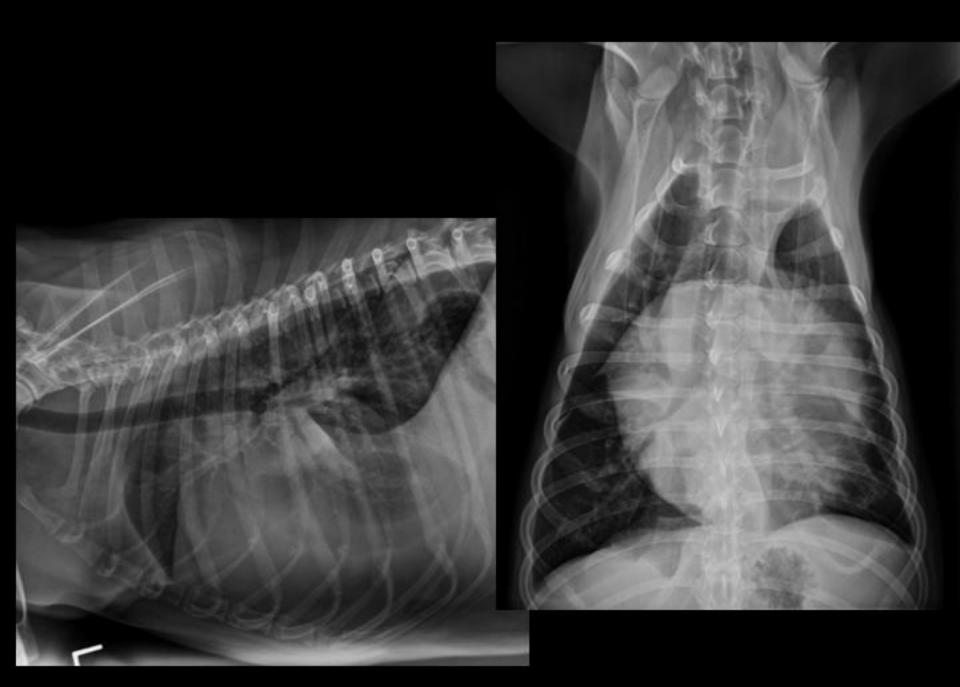
#### Globoid Silhouette

### ■ Causes:

- Pericardial effusion
- Severe DCM
- Peritoneopericardial Diaph Hernia
- Tricuspid dysplasia

# Globoid Silhouette- Opacities





# HW Radiographic Findings

- Pulmonary Arteries larger than Veins
- Right cardiac enlargement
- MPA Bulge (1-2 o'clock)
- Pulmonary Hypertension has similar radiographic appearance and may be present w/ HW

# Heart Worm





## Pulmonary Vessels

- Veins are Central and Ventral
- Veins bigger than arteries
- Pulmonary venous congestion (L CHF)
- Arteries bigger than veins
- Heart Worm, Pulmonary Hypertension
- Arteries and veins both big
- Over circulation- congenital L to R shunt
- Arteries and veins small to normal
- Underperfusion
- Hypovolemia, PS

# Venous congestion



# Pulmonary Arterial Enlargement

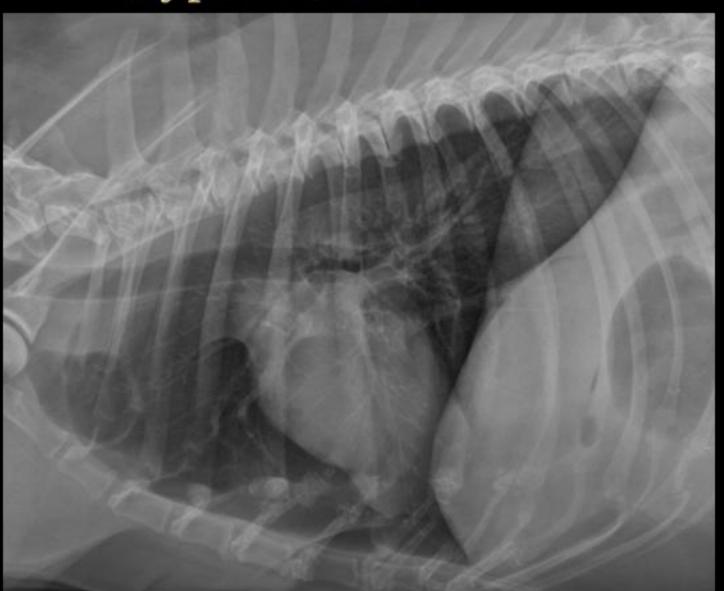


Pulmonary Vasculature

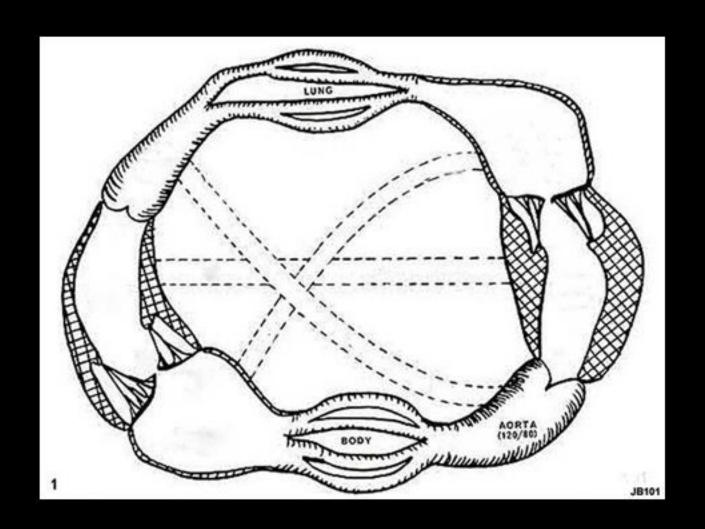




# Hypovolemia



# Blood Flow



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#### Left-sided Heart Failure-

- Left Atrial Enlargement
- Left Ventricular Enlargement
- Pulmonary Venous Congestion
- Cardiogenic Pulmonary Edema
  - Caudodorsal, Perihilar
    - Except DCM (canine) and cats
- Pleural Effusion (only in cats)

# Right-sided Heart Failure

- Right Sided Cardiomegaly
- Peritoneal Effusion (Ascites)
- Pleural Effusion
- Hepatic Congestion (Hepatomegaly)
- Enlarged Caudal Vena Cava



