

Rad Interpretations

Date: 05-20-2021
RDVM: Dr. Brittany Shumack
Client: Williams
Patient: Phoenix, Female, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog



Referring Veterinarian: Dr. Brittany Shumack
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Patient: Phoenix Williams, Pt ID:147539, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Female, 2 y 6 m

History: Received and imported 7 radiographs (2 elbow rads from May 2020; 5 elbow and hip rads from April 2021).

Phoenix presented for final OFA hips and elbows. Her preliminary radiographs came back as normal for elbows. When we took the final radiographs a mineralization was noted in the bend of the elbow. This was also present at the time of preliminary radiographs, but elbows were still normal. We sent the radiographs for a second opinion and it was stated that....."I see this from time to time. My suspicion is that it is mineralization of the flexor tendons. Probably a repetitive stress injury. I have never considered it part of elbow dysplasia." Her radiographs were sent to OFA and she came back as grade 1 DJD in both elbows. When the owner called and discussed the findings with a veterinarian at OFA he stated that he would have called the elbows normal. The owner is trying to do the right thing for her last litter of puppy owners and making them aware. She would like your opinion on the case, she said she is more than happy to do additional imaging if needed. Thank you, Brittany Shumack, DVM

Radiographic findings:

No overt elbow OA
Dystrophic mineralization tendon present (R)

Recommendations:

I do not see any overt elbow OA. I would also agree the mineralization is not a major concern. If the radiographs appear to have mixed results, CT scan can better assess the elbows.

Note: We typically review general radiographs within a few days. If a specific surgeon is requested or required the timeframe may vary depending on the surgeon's schedule. If you need an immediate response, please call us and we'll "make it happen". 😊

Sincerely,
Michael DeTora, DVM, DACVS

