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Date of Evaluation: March 2, 2011

Client: Ileana Kenney

Patient: Pinuki

Primary Care Veterinarian: Monique Maniet, DVM

History/Primary Issues: Pinuki presented with a several week history of neck pain as well as a chronic history of left hindlimb lameness. A soft tissue swelling was previously aspirated by Dr. Maniet. This aspirate yielded no abnormal results.

Current Medications Disclosed by Client: Pinuki responded fairly well to robaxin and tramadol.

Gait Analysis: Pinuki is weight bearing lame in the left hindlimb. She also has a stiff mechanical gait in both forelimbs.

Orthopedic Palpation: Pinuki had a soft tissue swelling on the left side of the cranial cervical musculature. The swelling was mildly uncomfortable on palpation with no obvious fluid component. Pinuki had left stifle effusion with no tibial thrust or cranial drawer. Pinuki had mild effusion in both elbows but no limitations in range of motion.

Radiographs: Radiographs revealed mild sclerosis of the ulnar notch as well as mild osteophytosis.

Range of Motion: WNL in all joints

Neurological Exam: No proprioceptive deficits were noted. No ataxia or stumbling was noted.

Assessment: Pinuki has multiple conditions affecting her. The most concerning given her forelimb gait is her neck swelling. Differentials for this swelling include muscle injury or cancer which can be malignant or benign. There are other possibilities but ultimately advanced diagnostic imaging is recommended. An MRI scan has been scheduled with Animal Scan in Vienna, VA on March 3, 2011. Pinuki's stifle effusion can be consistent with early cranial cruciate ligament injury, autoimmune disease, or tick borne disease such as Rocky

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Mountain Spotted Fever since Pinuki had tested negative for other tick borne diseases. Pinuki also has mild degenerative changes in both elbows consistent with possible elbow osteoarthritis.

The most pressing matter in regards to Pinuki's overall health is the cervical swelling and will be addressed first. A Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever titer was also submitted at this time to rule out infectious causes of joint disease.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the care of Pinuki Kenney. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns with Pinuki's medical care.

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