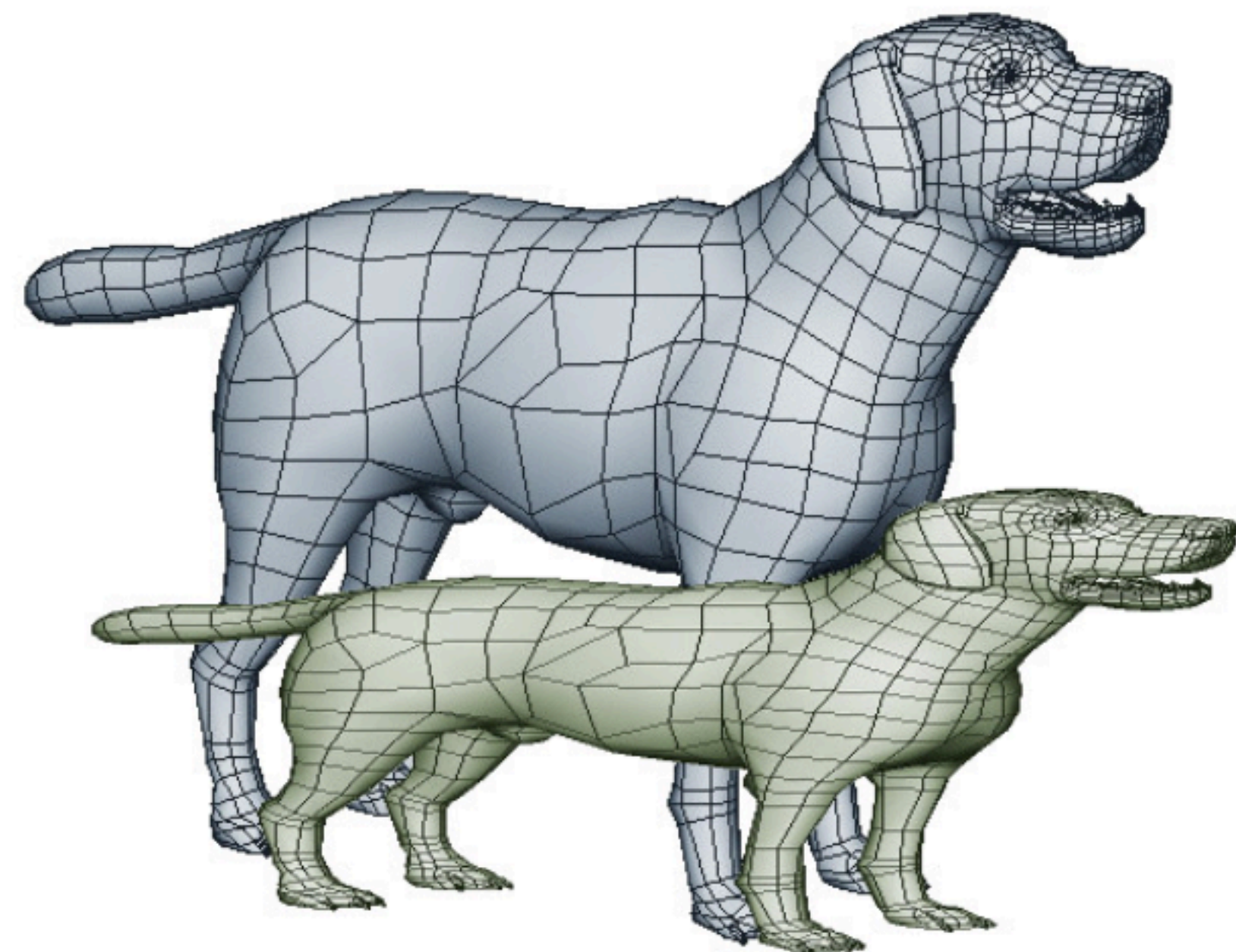


Rare congenital skeletal disorders

Leon, Mexico , 2019



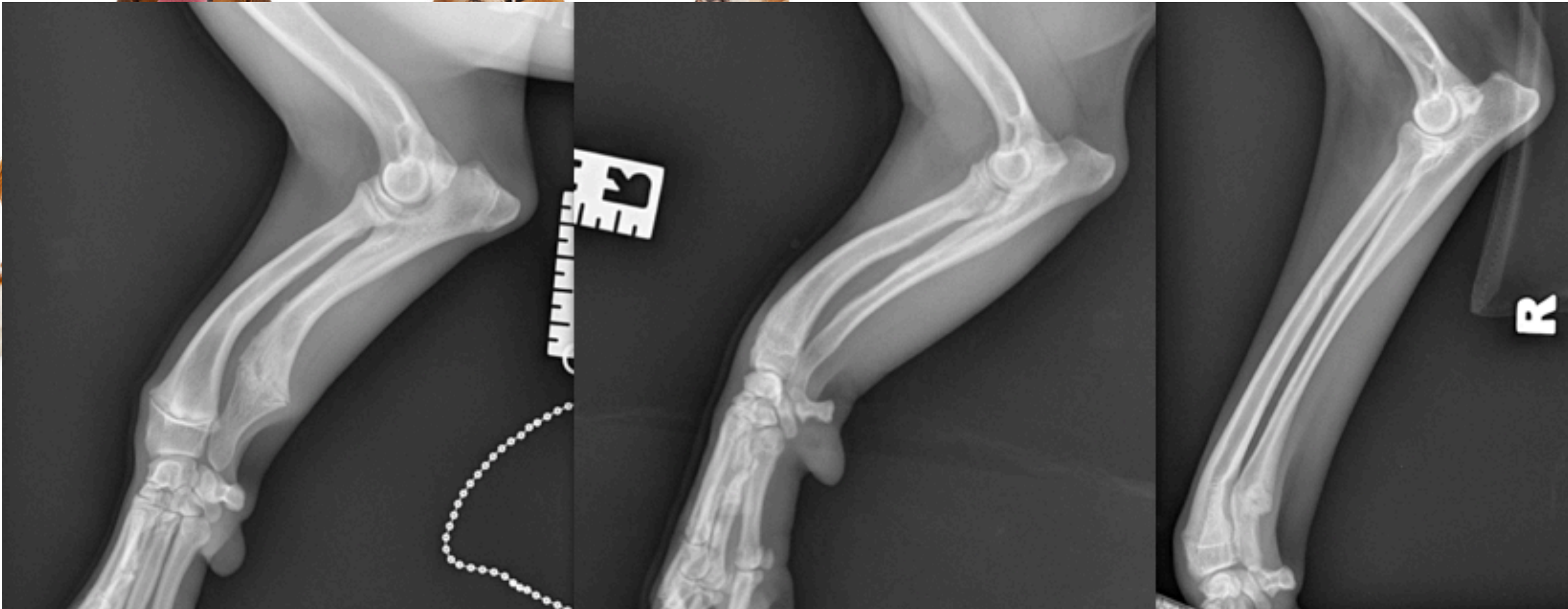
Dr. Vladislav Zlatinov, DVM
Central Vet Clinic- Sofia
Bulgaria

Deformity definition

“Situation in which a part of the body has not developed in the normal way or with the normal shape.”



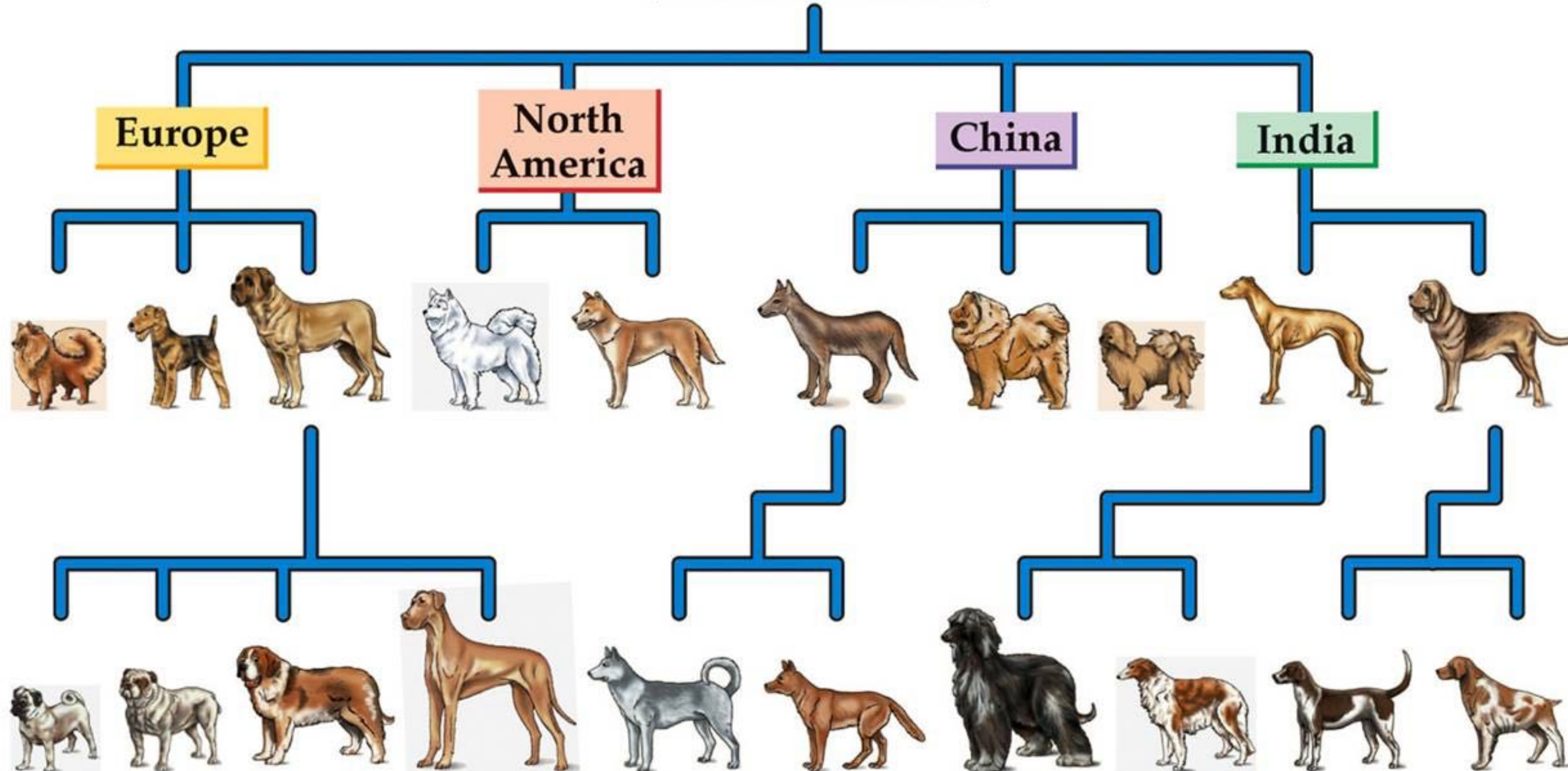
What is NORMAL shape /size?



Breeding breeds



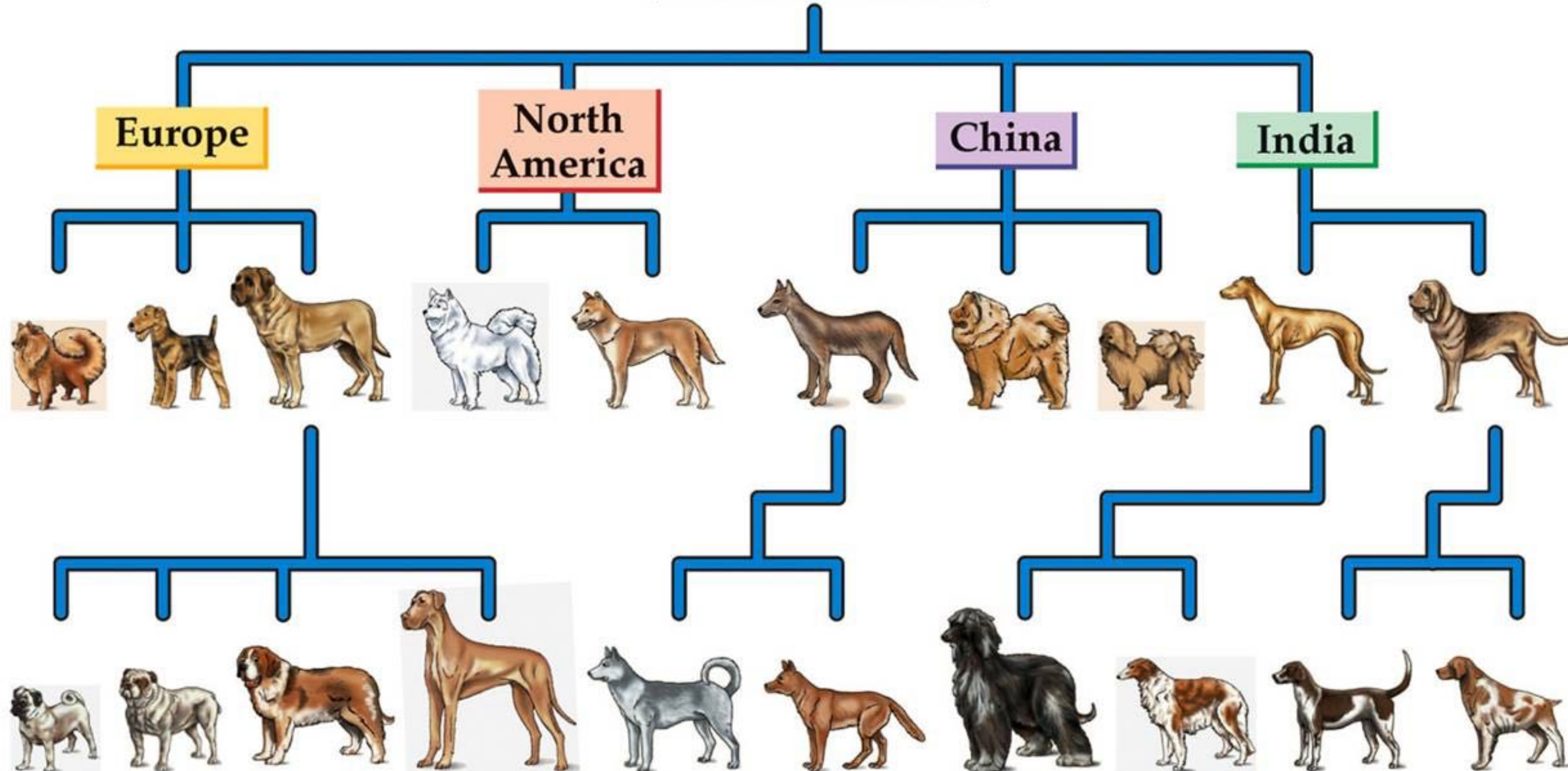
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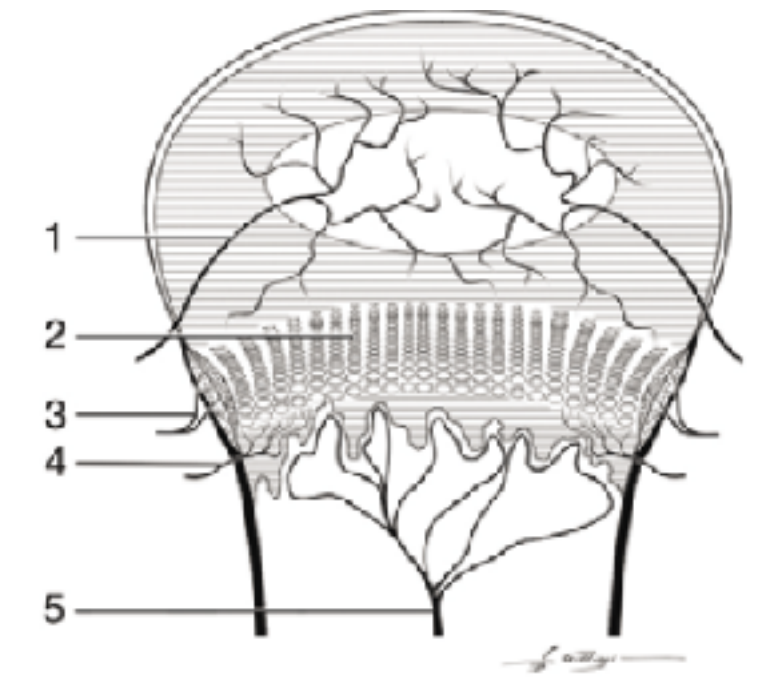


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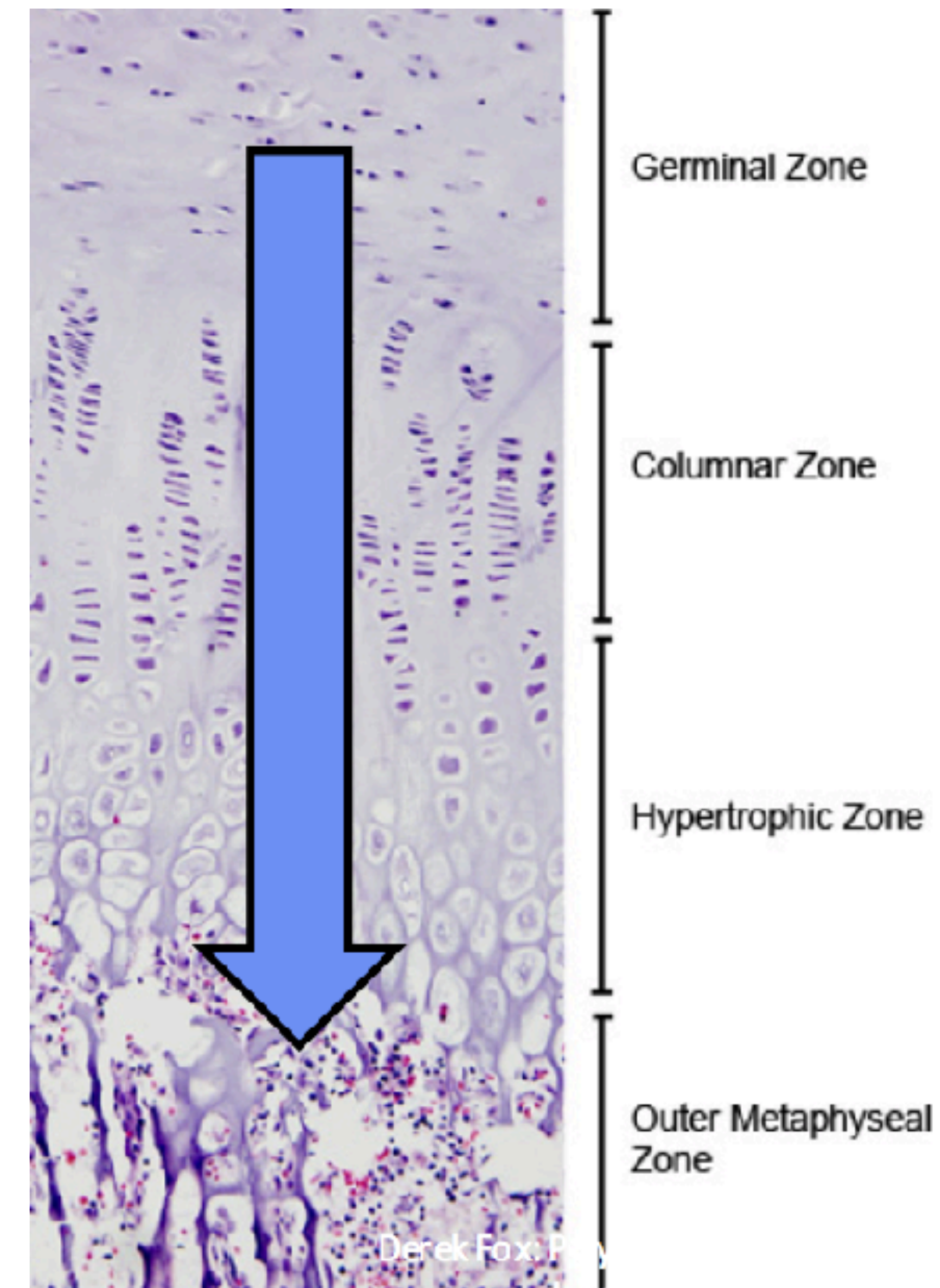
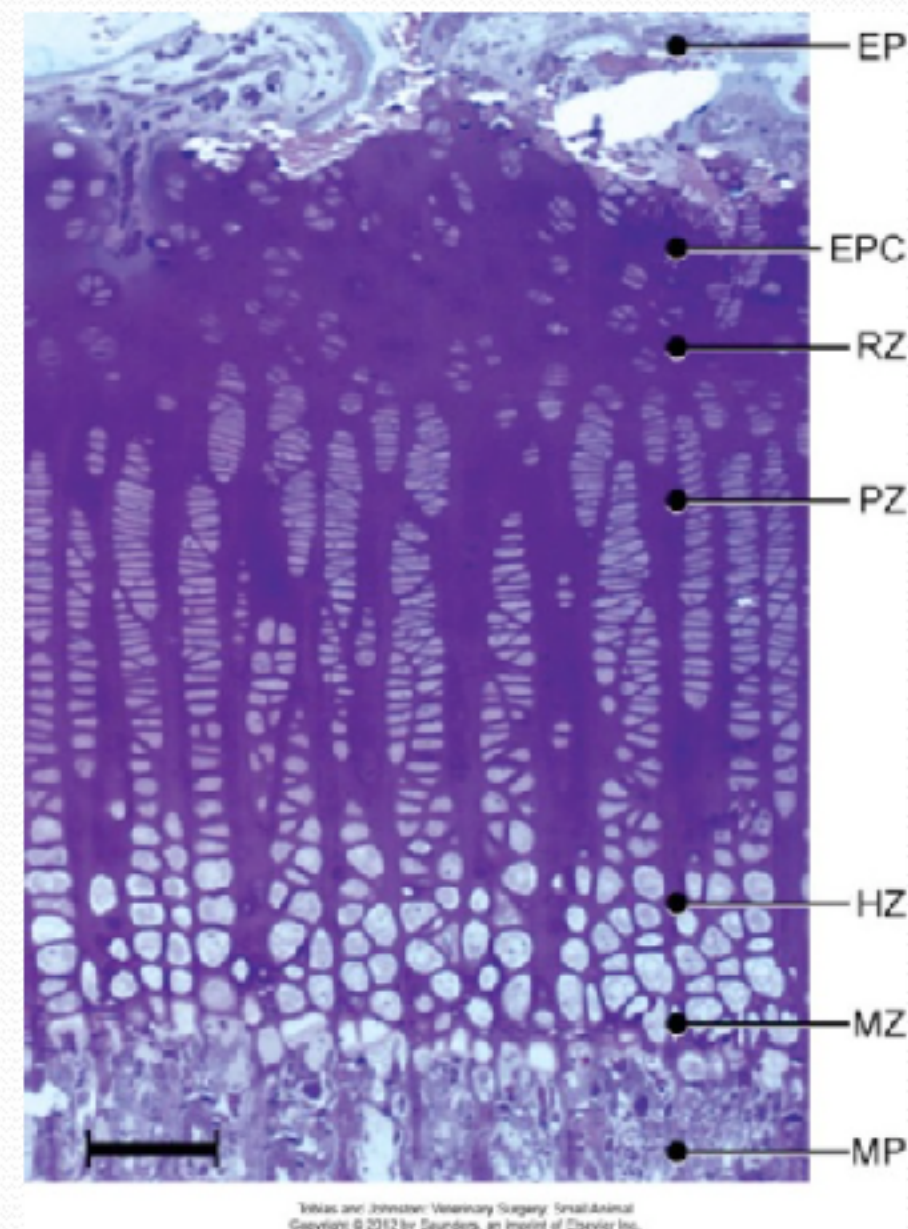
Common knowledge

Plate anatomy and physiology



Physal Growth Plate

- Epiphysis (EP)
- Epiphyseal cartilage (EPC)
- Resting zone (RZ)
- Proliferative zone (PZ)
- Hypertrophic zone (HZ)
- Mineralisation zone (MZ)
- Metaphysis (MP)



Physeal plate growth

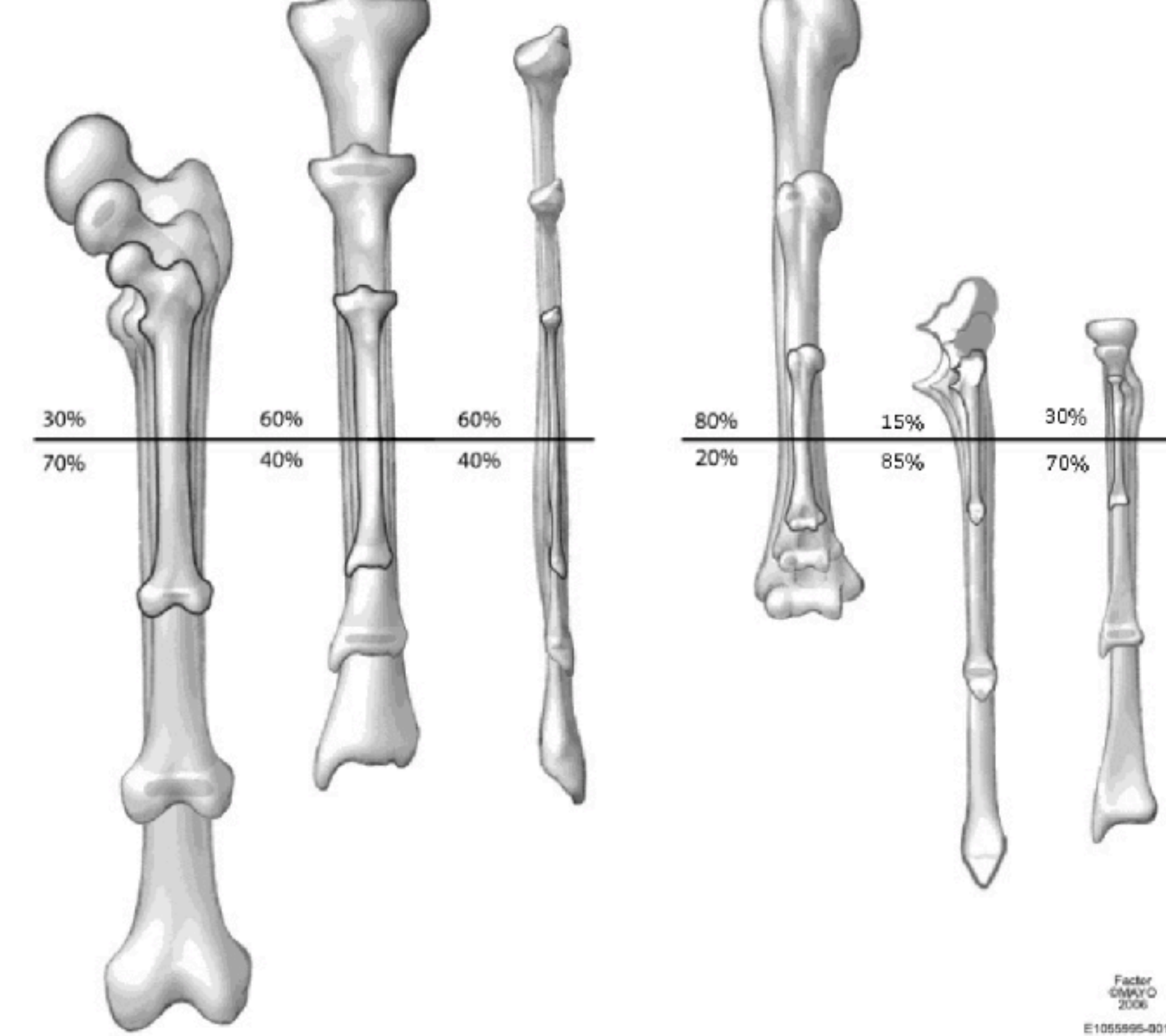
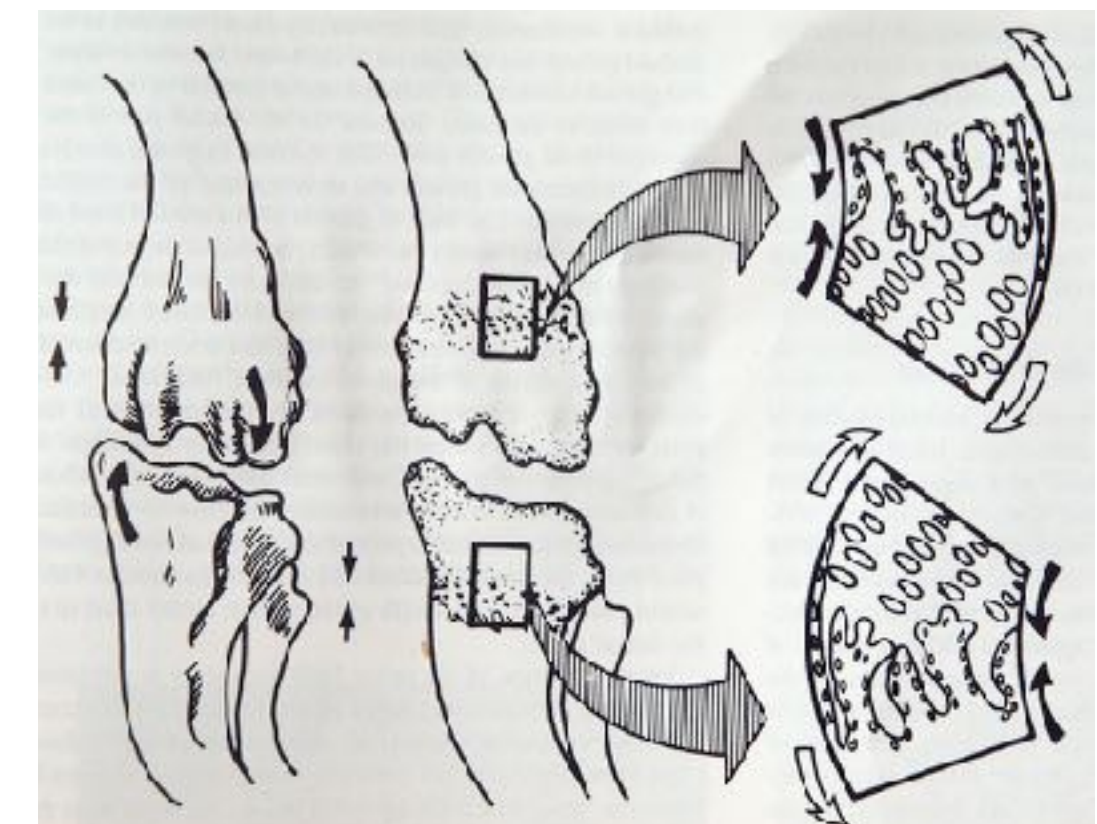
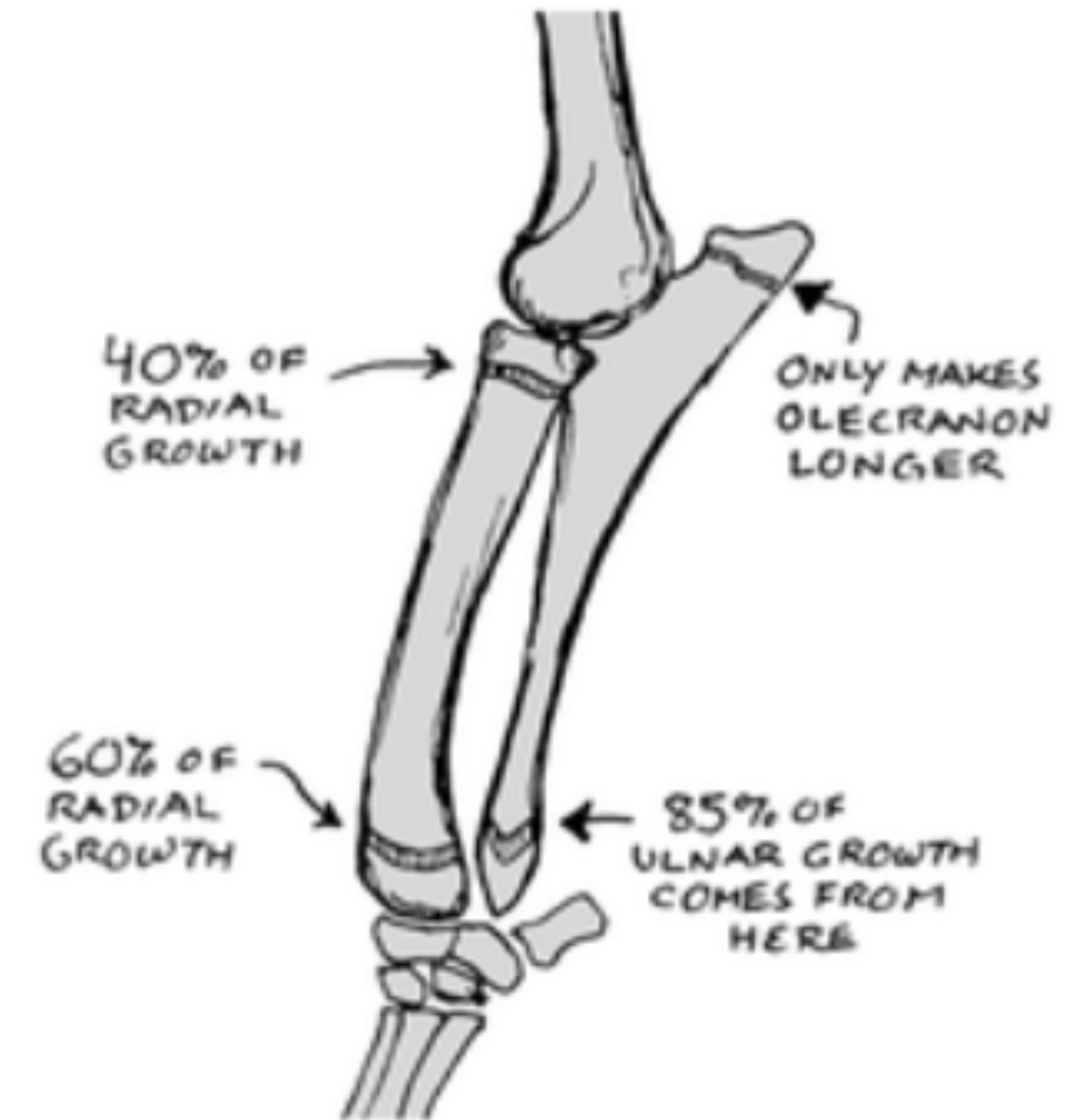


TABLE 3 Approximate Contribution of the Growth Plates to the Growth of Canine Long Bones

Forelimb		Hindlimb	
Growth Plate	Percentage	Growth Plate	Percentage
Proximal humerus	80	Proximal femur	25
Distal humerus	20	Distal femur	75
Proximal radius	40	Proximal tibia	55
Distal radius	60	Distal tibia	45
Proximal ulna	0–15	Proximal fibula	60
Distal ulna	85–100	Distal fibula	40

Physeal plate growth

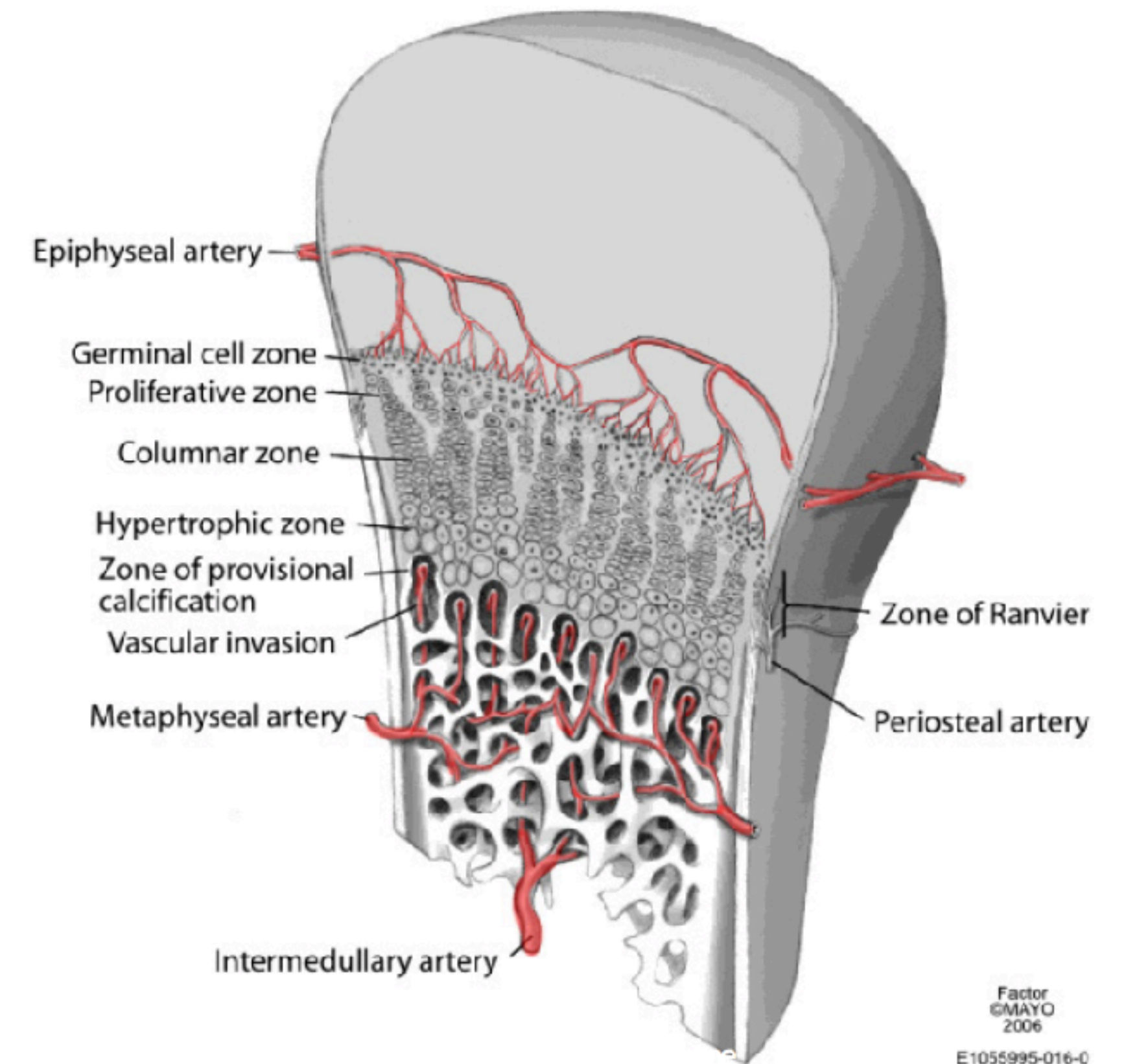
- One or two bone systems?
- Heuter-Volkmann law/Wolf's law



Etiopathogenesis

Abnormal physal growth , caused by:

- Metabolic
- Traumatic
- Developmental
- Inflammatory
- Endocrine
- Genetic



Presentation goals

To focus on some inherited diseases that you may not be familiar with.



Initial approach

A thorough history:

- Age at which the disease became apparent
- Littermates
- Breeding environment
- Exposure to medications
- Maternal health



Thorough examination



Imaging



Knowledge



Genetic (or other) tests



Treatment
-palliative
-curative



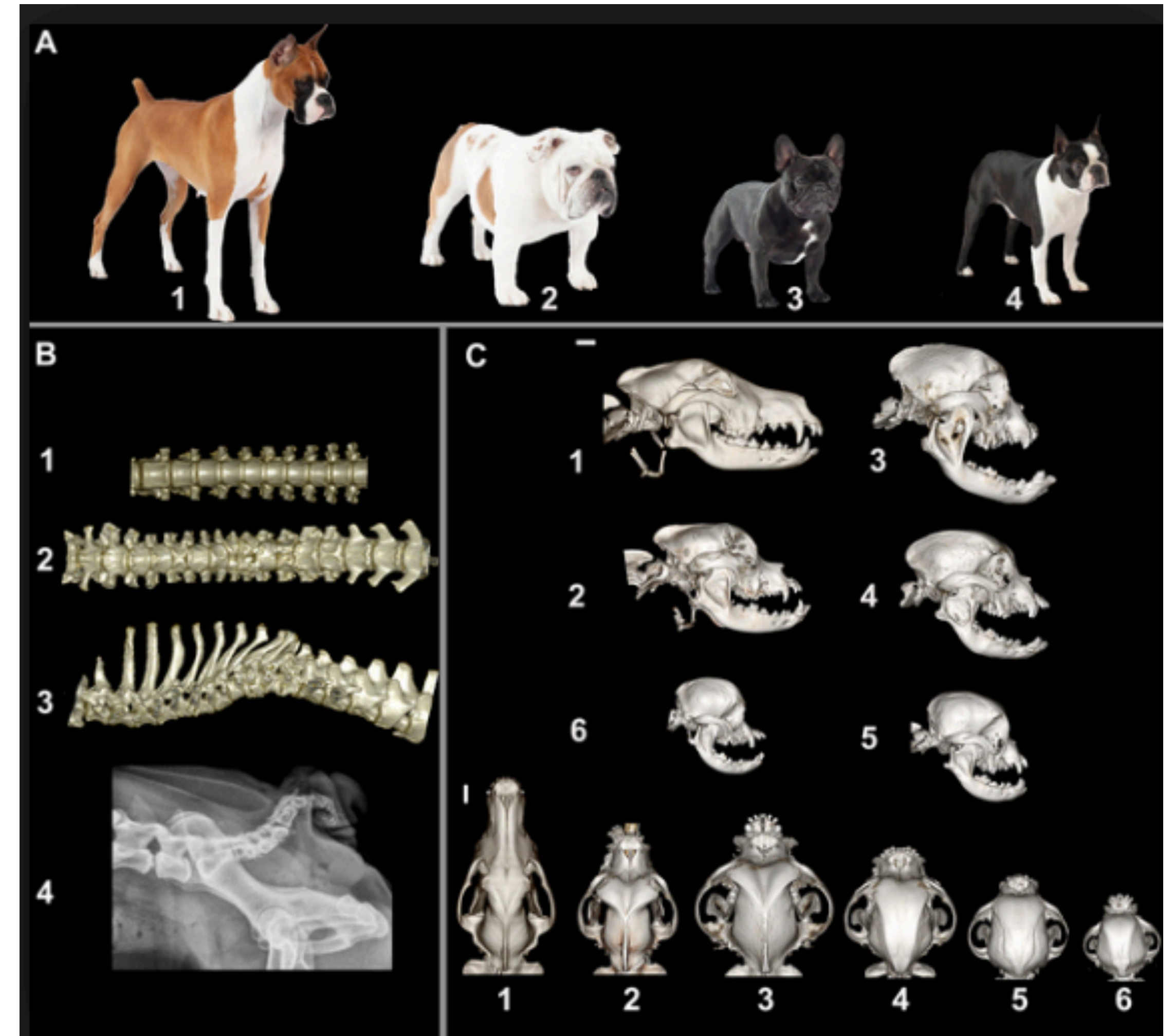
Dysostoses

- *Synostosis*= fusion, dysostosis the opposite.
- **Defect in the formation** of a bone or part of a bone.
- **Transformation** of the mesenchymal bone model into **cartilage**, or conversion of cartilage into bone.
- **Spinal or appendicular** skeleton.



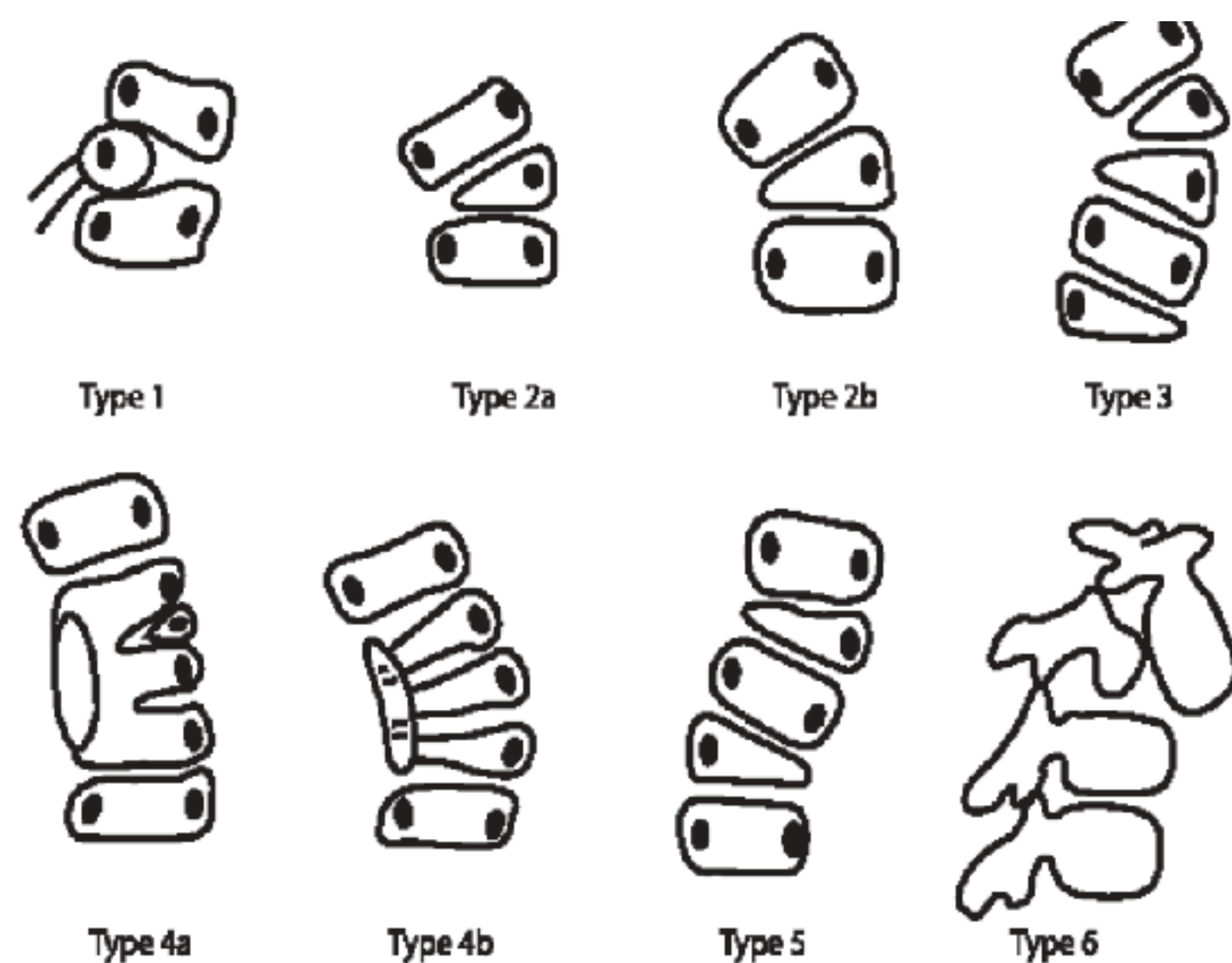
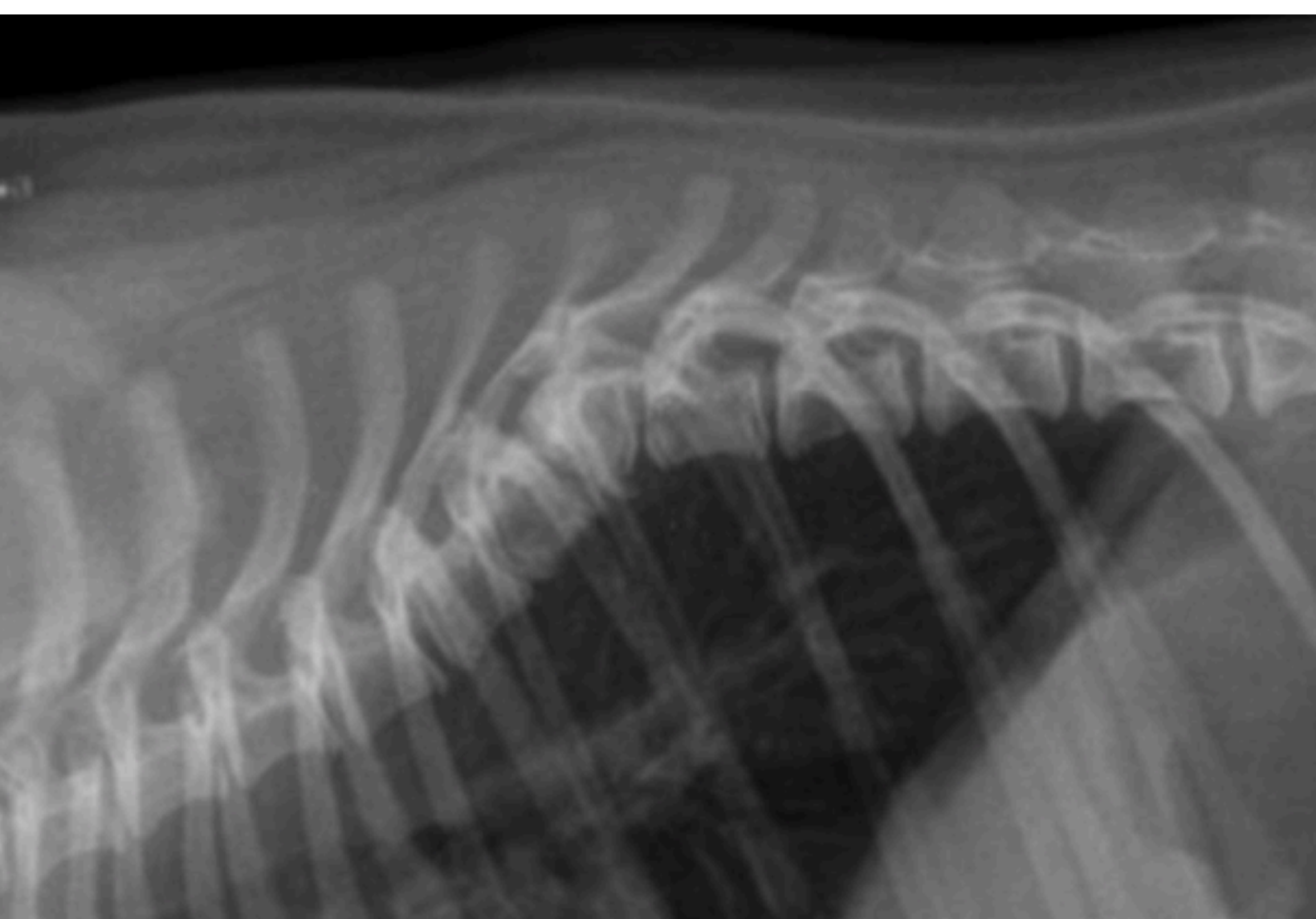
SPINAL dysostoses

- Hemivertebra
- Block vertebra
- Butterfly vertebra
- Transitional vertebra
- Spina bifida
- Facet aplasia
- Dens malformation



Consequence- varying degrees of spinal cord or nerve root compression

- Hemivertebra



- **Transitional vertebra**

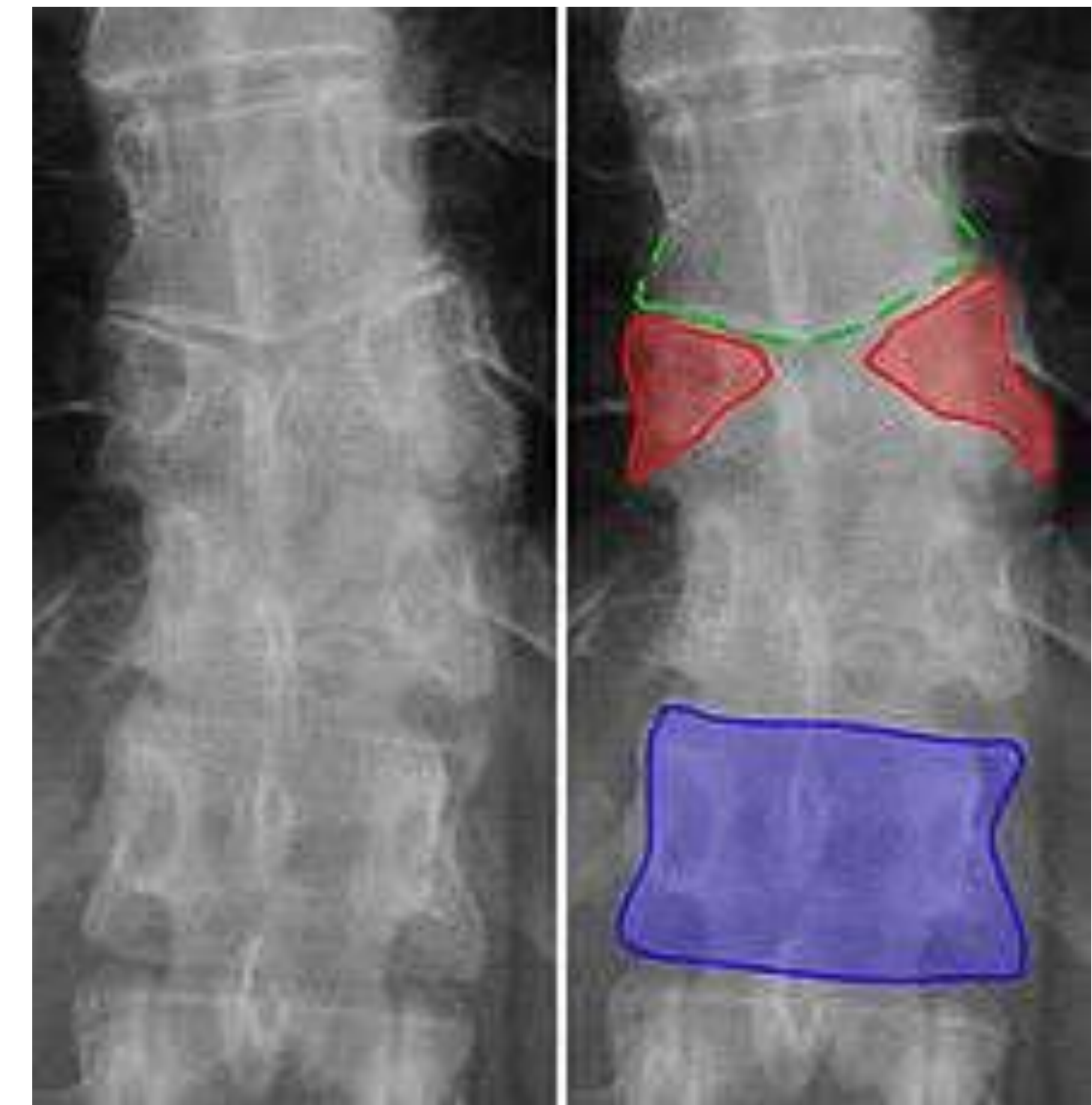


- **Block vertebra**

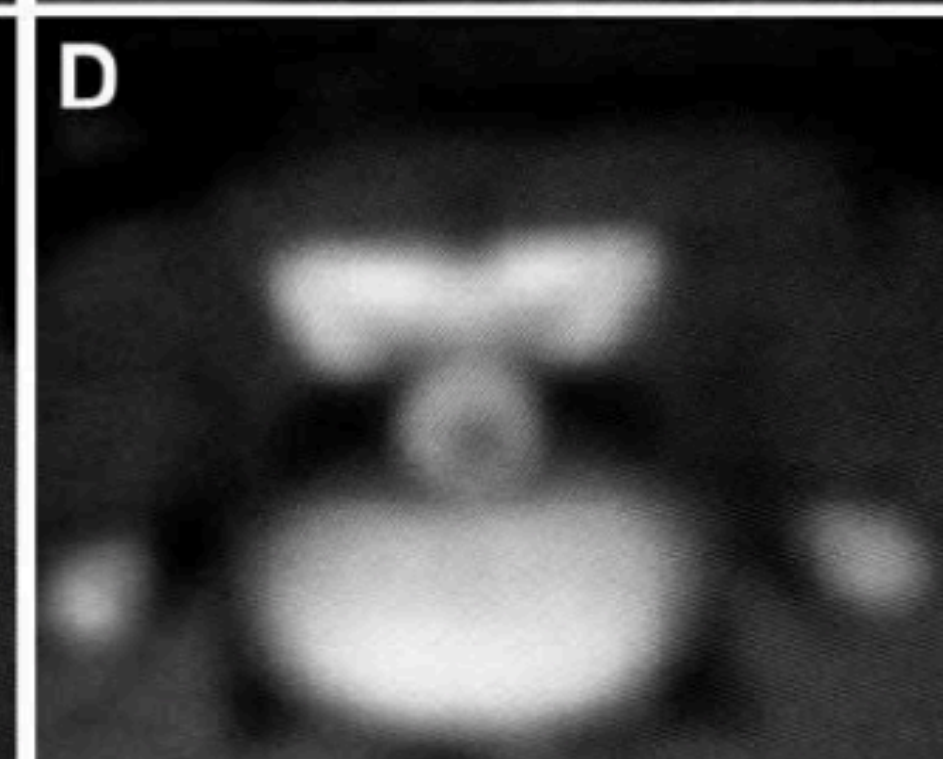
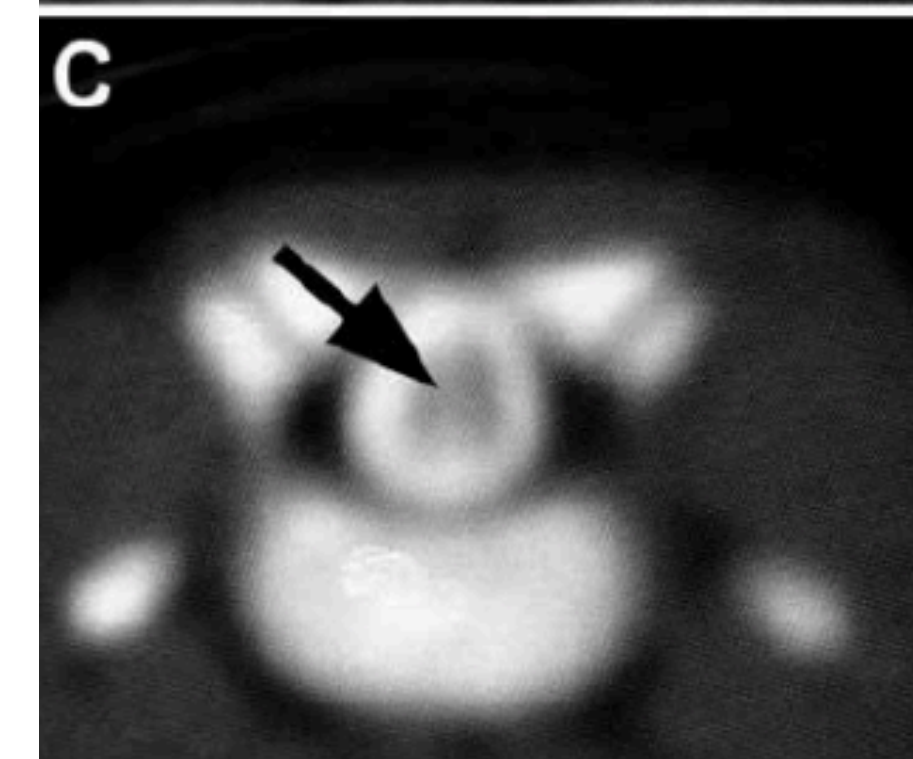
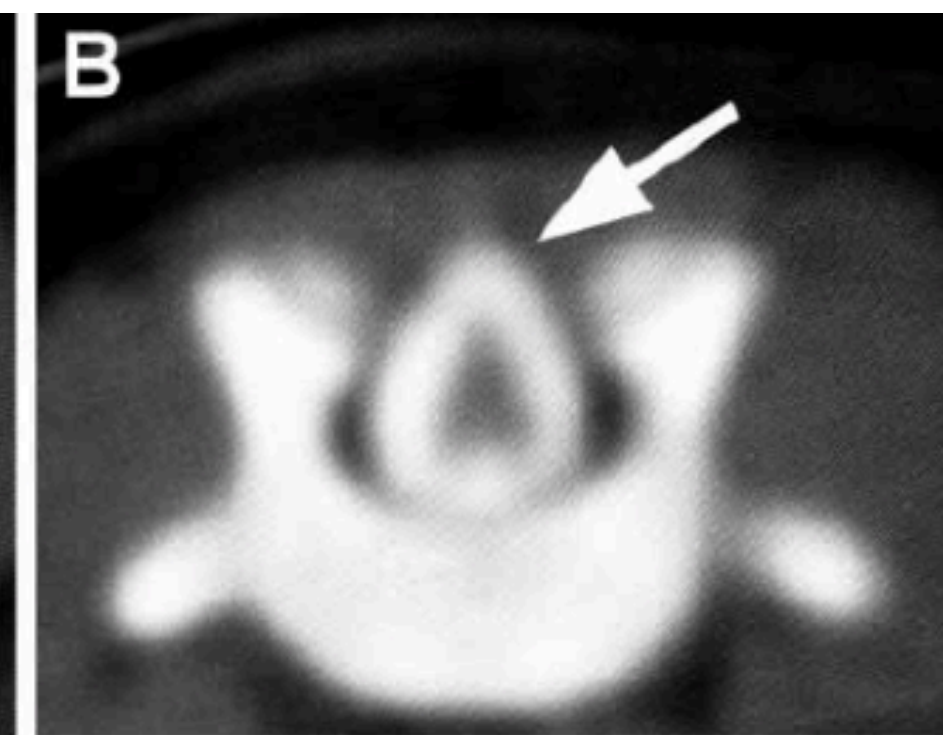
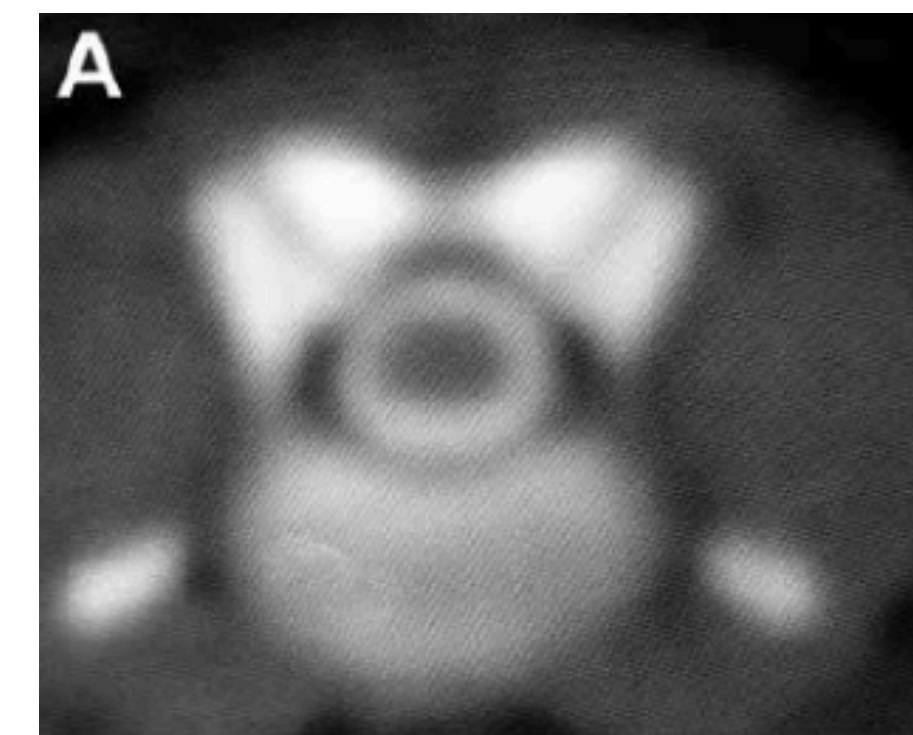
Klippel-Feil – like Syndrome (KFS)



- **Butterfly vertebra**



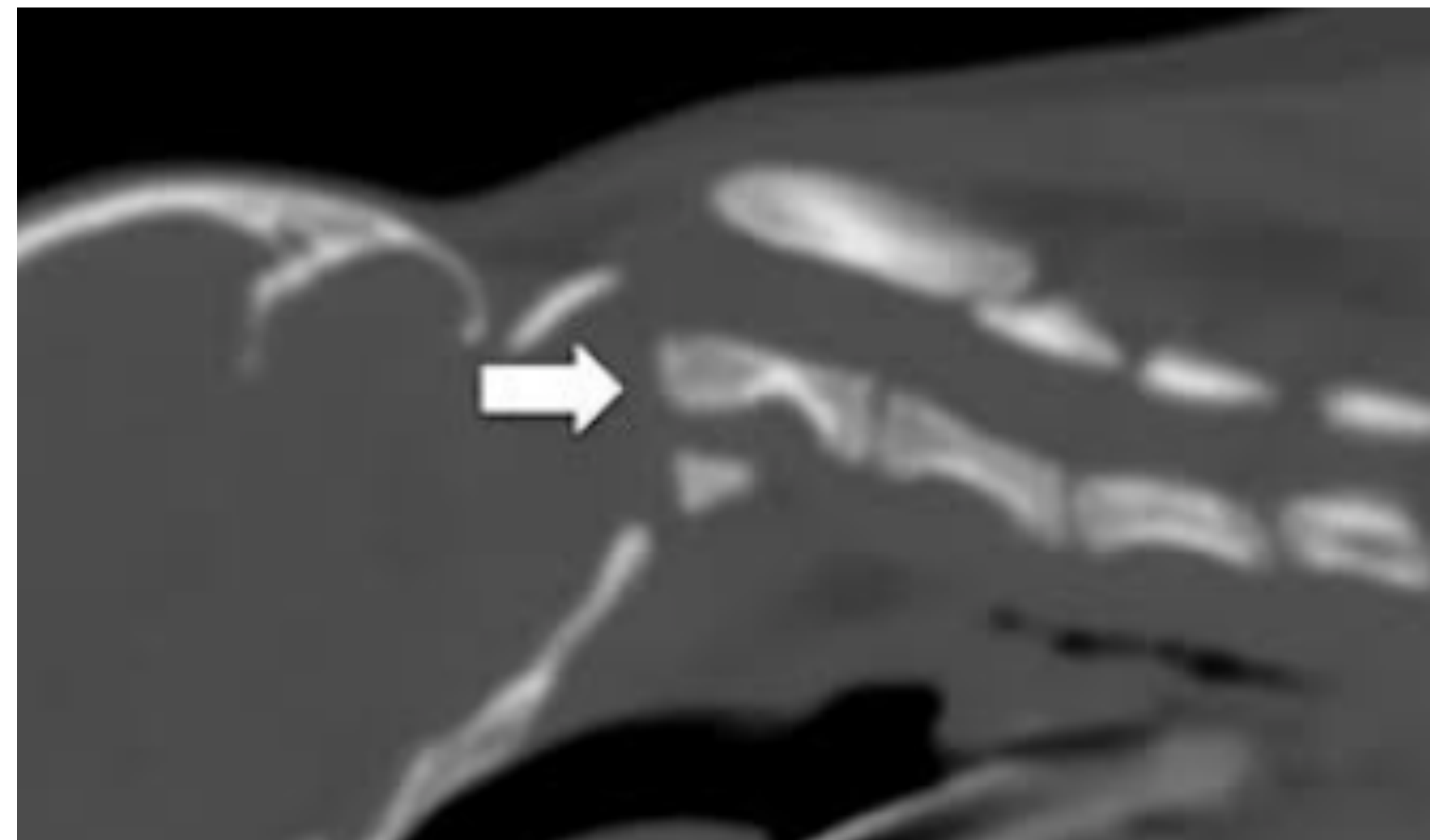
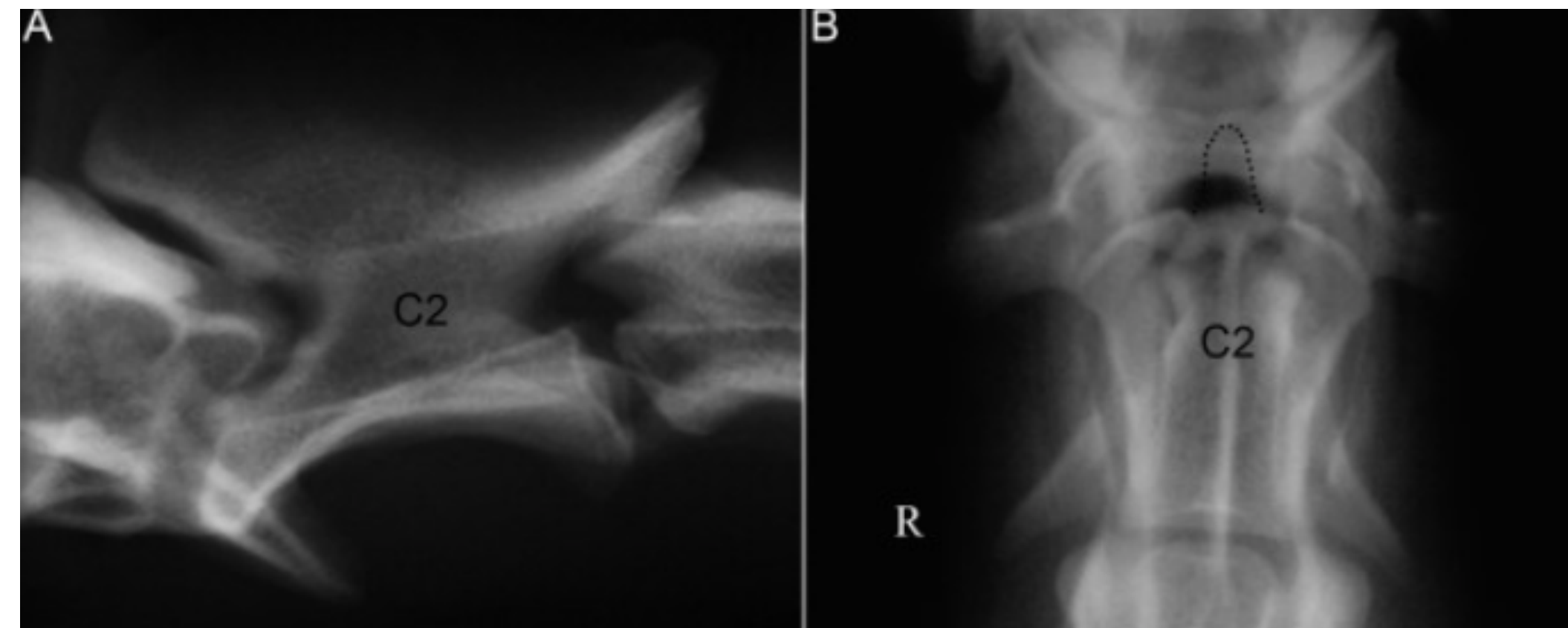
- **Spina bifida**



- **Combination**



- **Dens malformation**

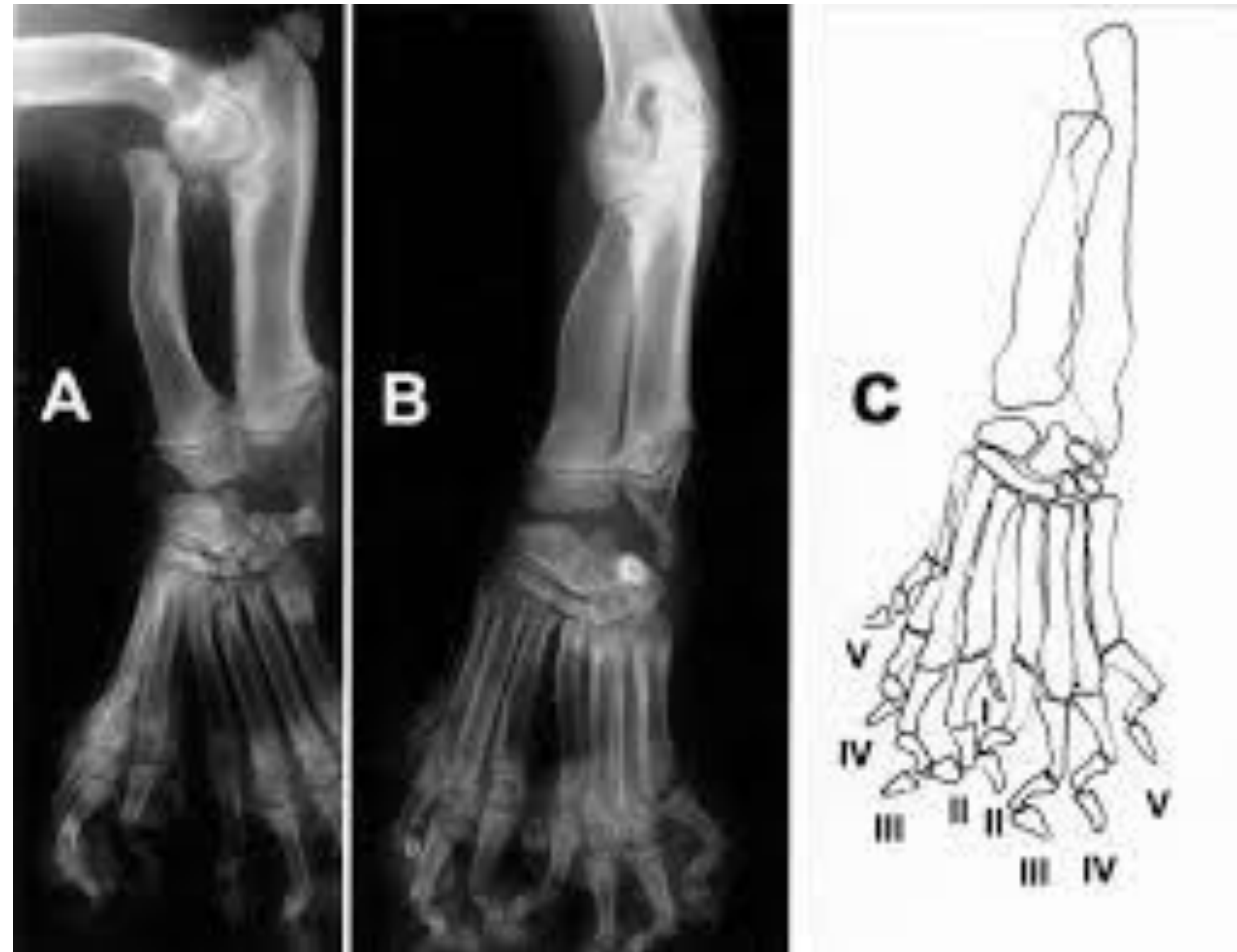


Appendicular dysostoses (Bone agenesis/duplication)

- Amelia
- Hemimelia
- Dimelia
- Ectrodactyly
- Polydactyly
- Syndactyly

APPENDICULAR DYSOSTOSIS	DEFECT
Amelia	Absence of 1 or more limbs; frequently have concurrent life-threatening conditions
Hemimelia	Complete or partial absence of 1 or more bones
Dimelia	Duplication of entire, or part of, limb
Ectrodactyly	Digital cleft between metacarpal bones
Polydactyly	1 or more extra digits
Syndactyly	Lack of differentiation between 2 or more digits

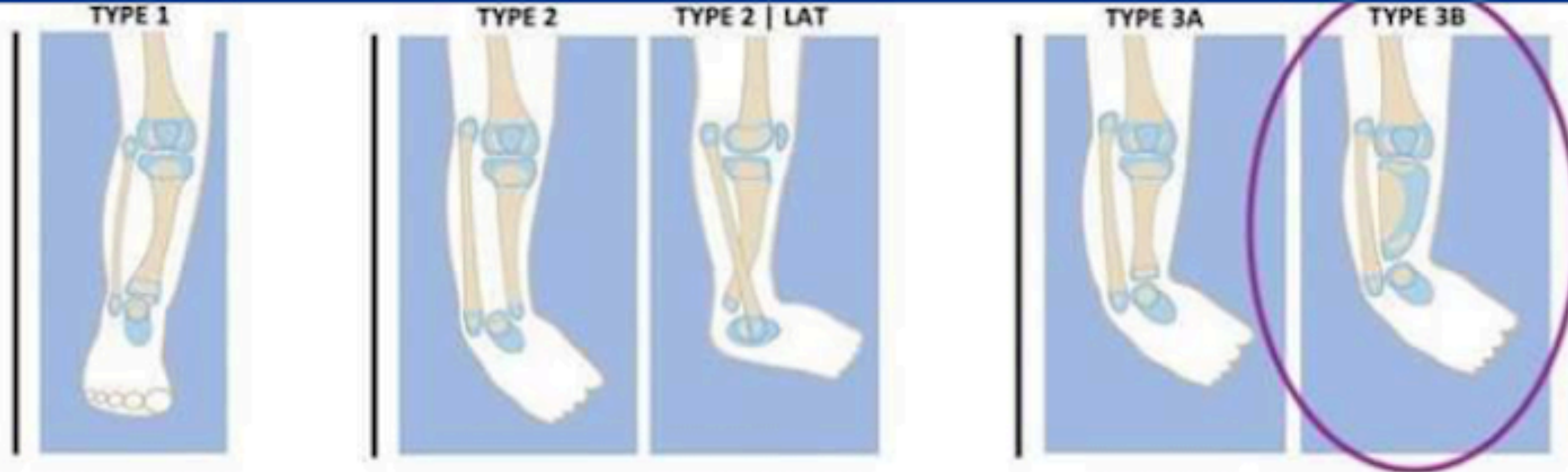
- **Dimelia (duplication)**



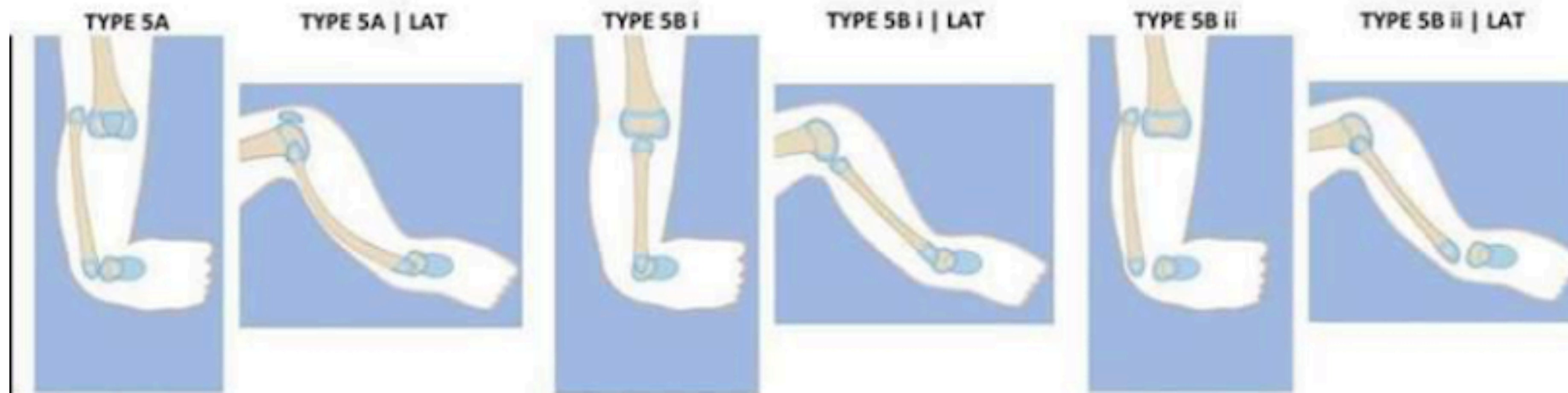
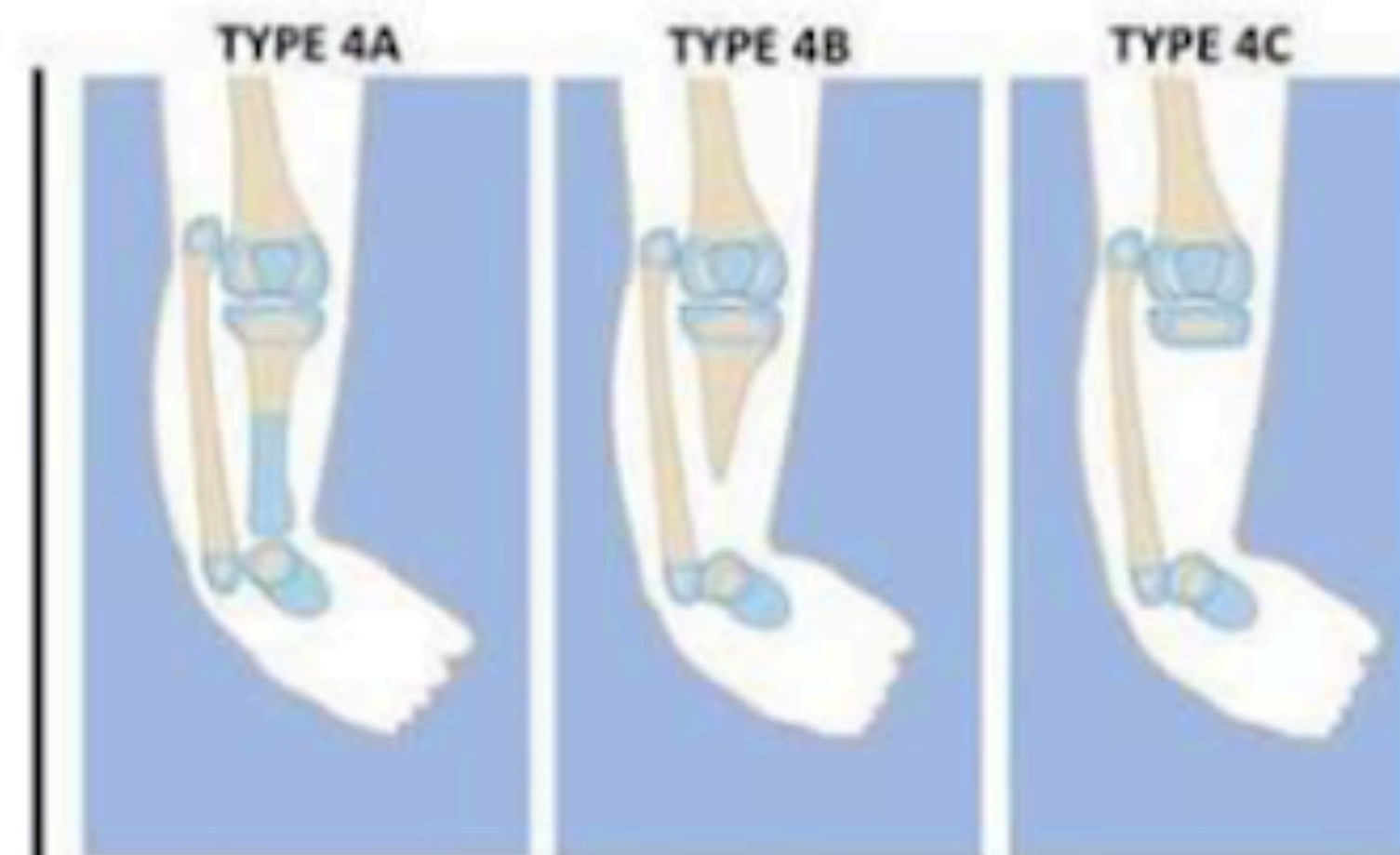
Hemimelia

- **Complete radial agenesis**



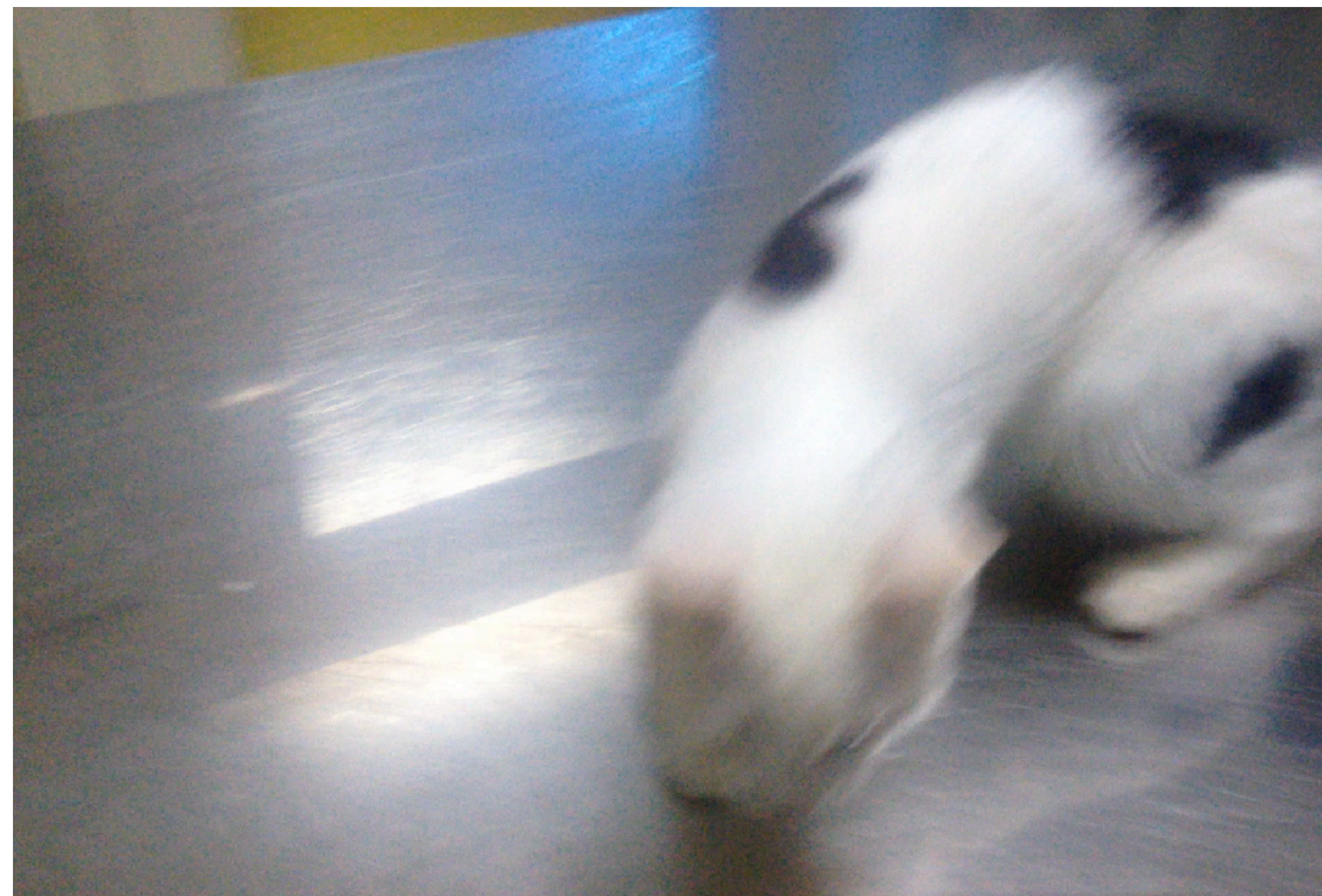
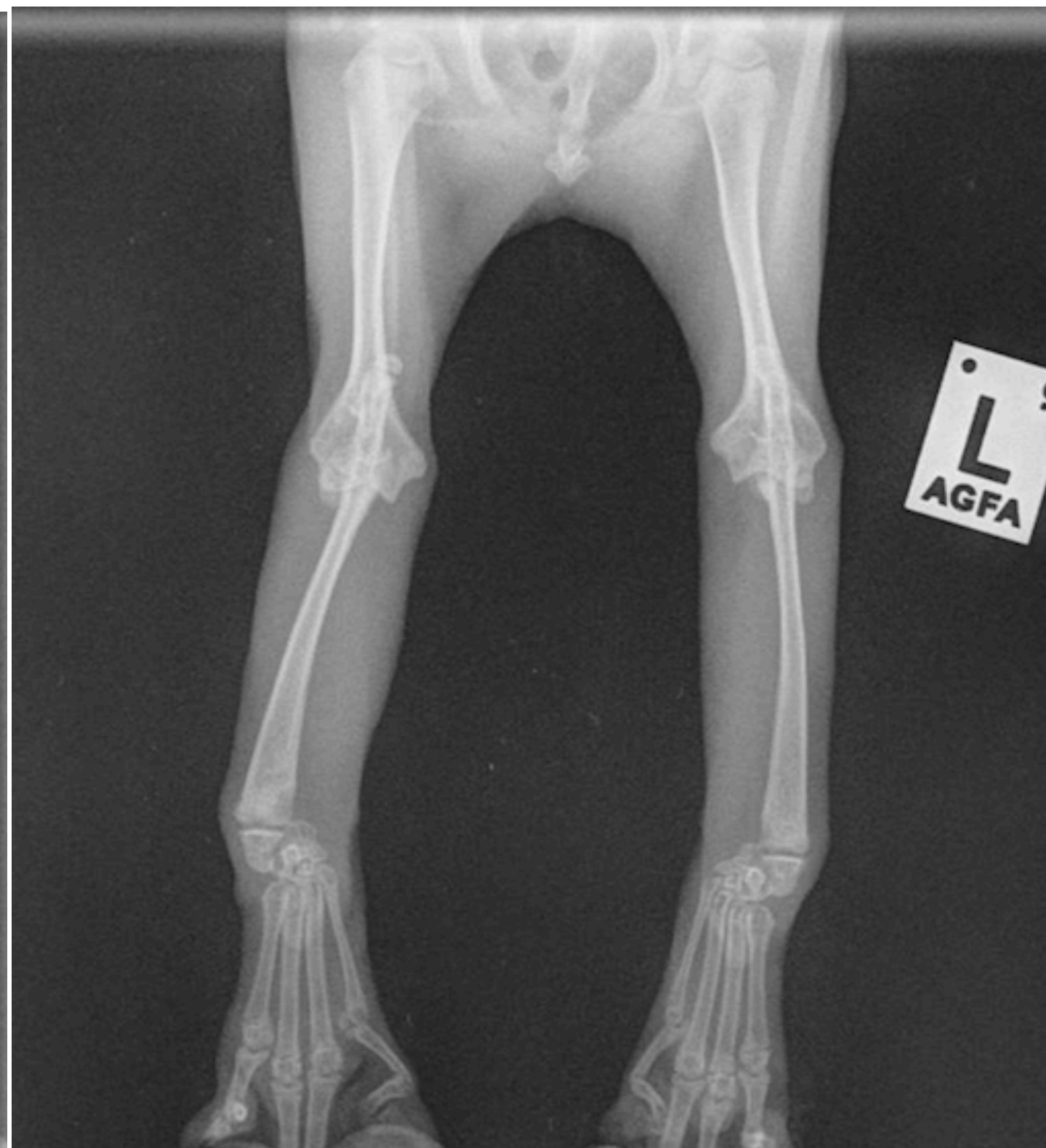


PALEY CLASSIFICATION TIBIAL HEMIMELIA



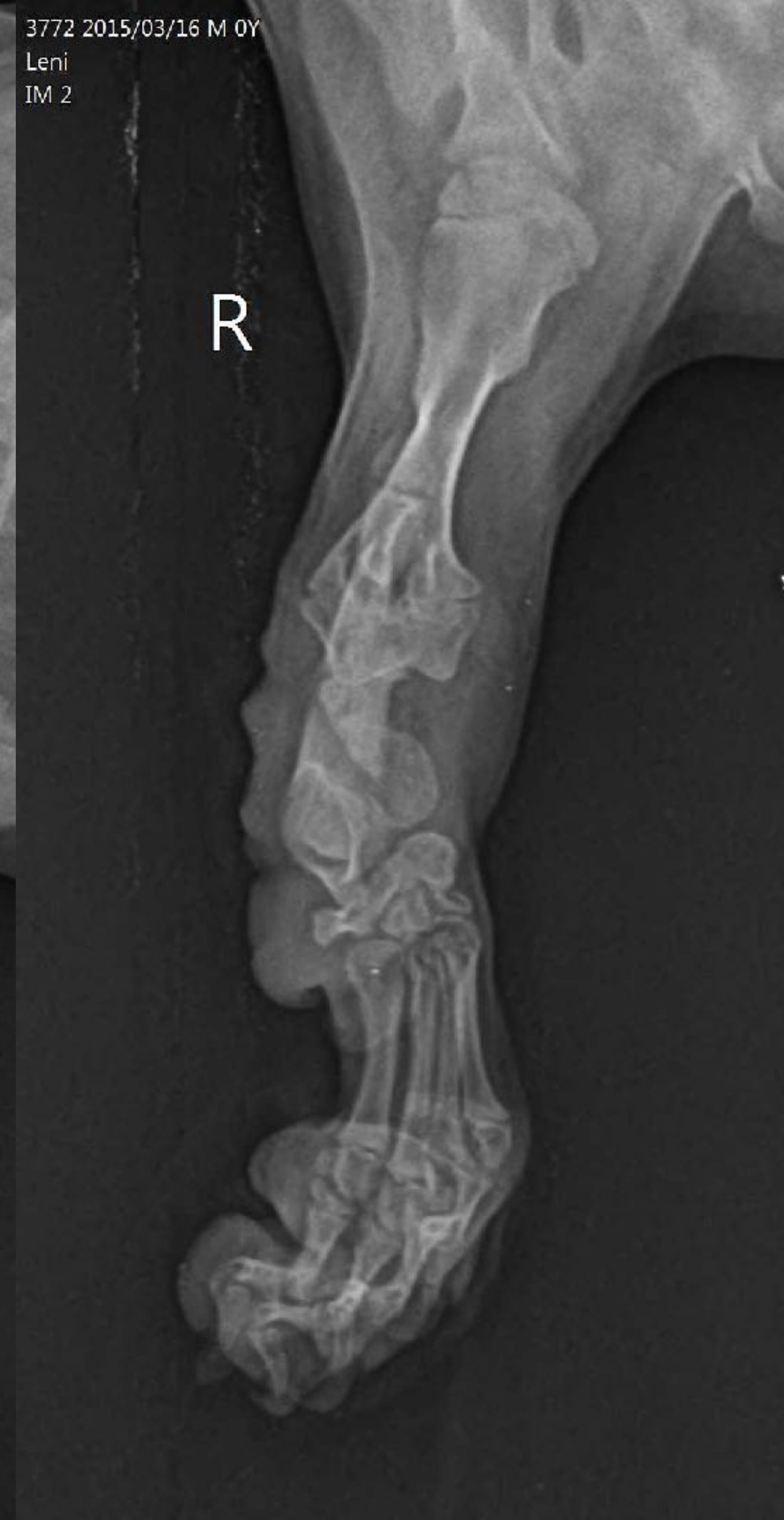
Hemimelia

**Complete radius agenesis ,
4 m old ESH kitten**



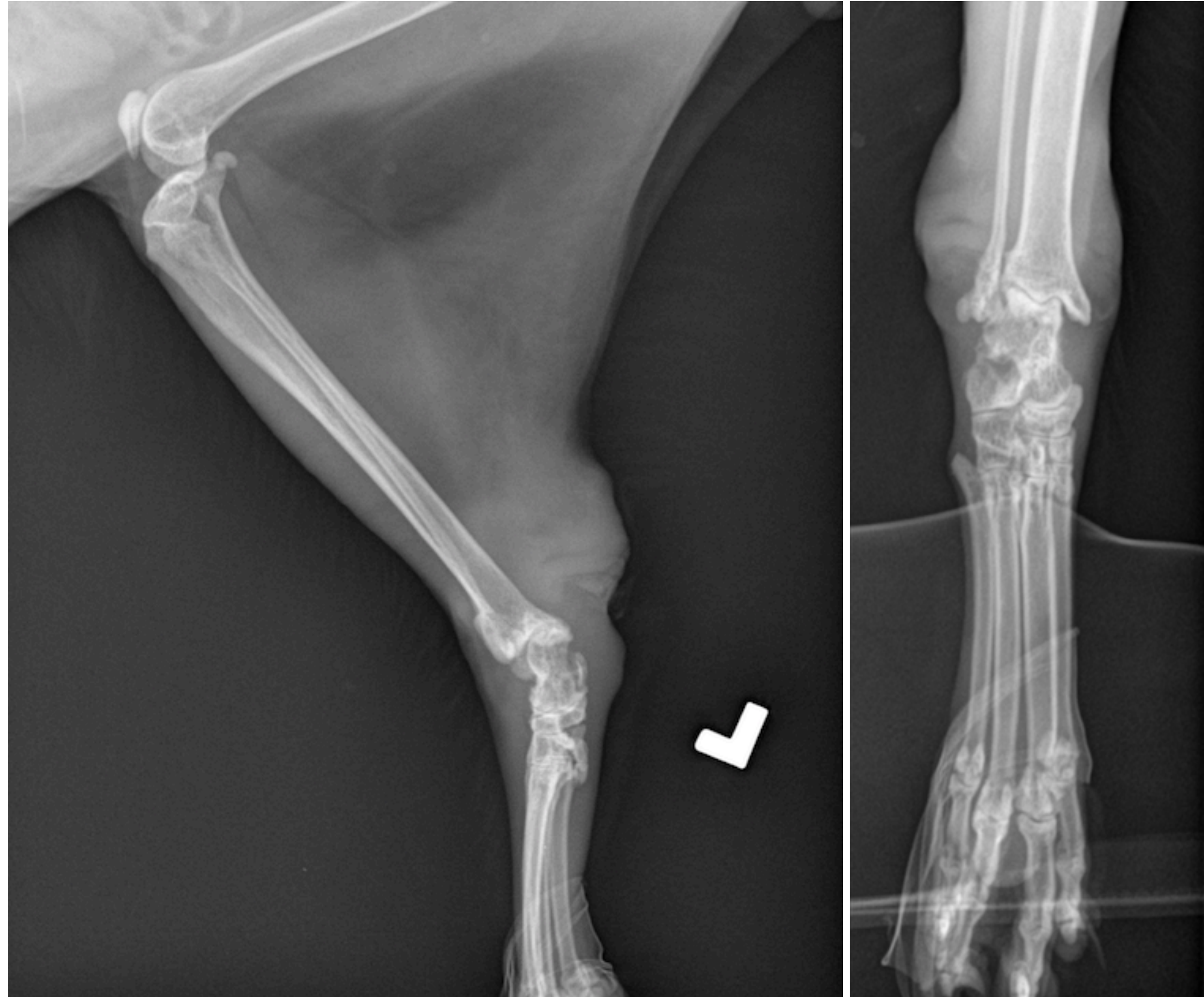
Hemimelia

**Partial Radius agenesis,
6 m old dachshund**



Hemimelia

Calcaneus agenesis
1 y old ESH cat



Ectrodactyly

Terminal Intercalary hemimelia



Treatment

- **Medical**

- Physical rehabilitation- alleviate pain, build muscle, and regain function.
- Splinting -ectrodactyly or hemimelia

- **Surgery- palliative or reconstructive**

- Palliative- total or partial amputation
- Reconstruction- limb salvage, realignment, frequently, arthrodesis

- **Neutering!**



Specialist Services

- Arranging a Referral
- ▶ Pet Health Information
 - ▶ Cardiology
 - ▶ Dermatology
 - ▶ Internal Medicine
 - ▶ Joint Replacement
 - ▶ Neurology
 - ▶ Oncology

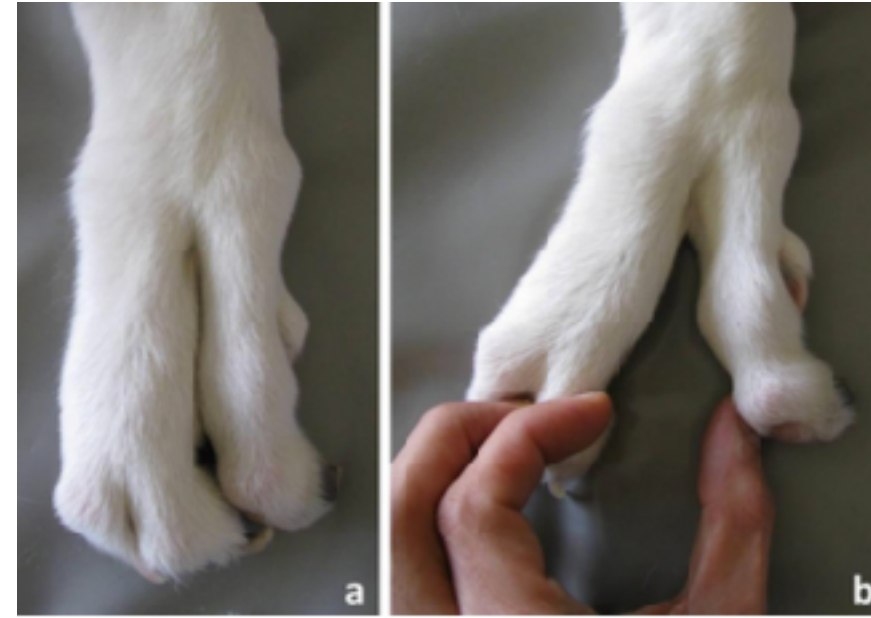


Short Communication / Kısa Bilimsel Çalışma

Surgical management of ectrodactyly in a Turkish Kangal dog

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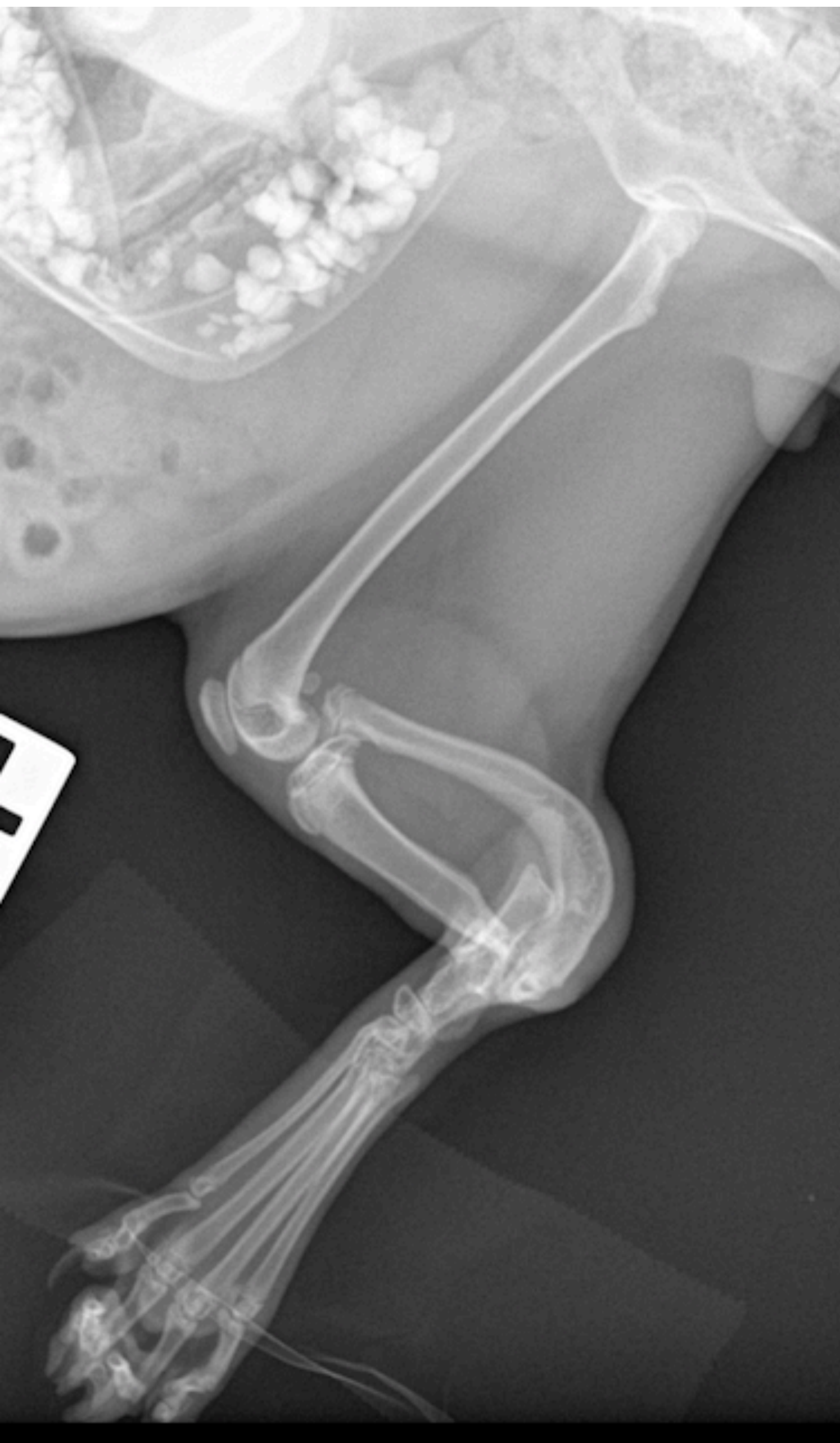
Bilateral Radial Agenesis in a Cat Treated with Bilateral Ulnocarpal Arthrodesis

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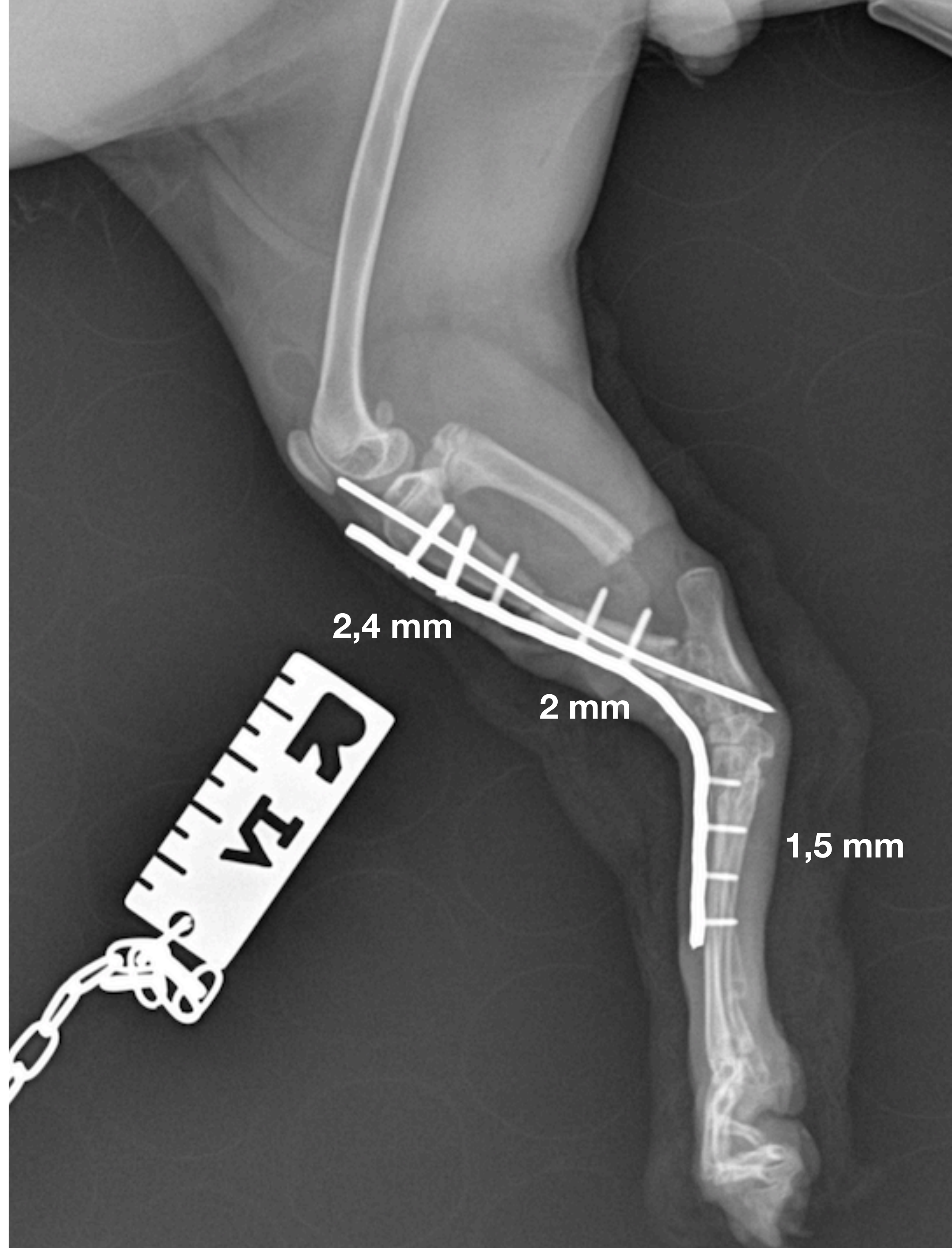


**Riko,
4 m old ESH
Deformed hind legs-
unable to walk on them at all.**











40 d f up



The other limb



60 days f up





Osteochondrodysplasias

- Group of cartilage and bone disorders => defective endochondral ossification.



Osteochondrodysplasias

- Group of cartilage and bone disorders => defective endochondral ossification.
- An autosomal recessive gene.
- The result- slowed growth and small stature.

- Dwarfism
 - proportionate
 - disproportionate

- Intentional osteochondrodysplasia - certain breeds.



Canine & Feline Osteochondrodysplasia^{1,3}

BREED	TRAIT	MODE OF INHERITANCE
Akita	Achondrogenesis	Unknown
Alaskan malamute	Chondrodysplasia	Simple autosomal recessive
Beagle	Chondrodysplasia punctata	Unknown
	Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia	Simple autosomal recessive
	Osteogenesis imperfecta	
Bulldog	Osteochondrodysplasia	Unknown
Bull terrier	Osteochondrodysplasia	Unknown
Cocker spaniel	Hypochondrodysplasia	Unknown
Collie	Osteogenesis imperfecta	
Dunker	Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia	Unknown
Great Pyrenees	Chondrodysplasia	Simple autosomal recessive
Hygenhund	Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia	Unknown
Irish setter	Hypochondrodysplasia	Simple autosomal recessive
Labrador retriever	Oculoskeletal dysplasia	Simple autosomal recessive
Miniature poodle	Achondrodysplasia	Simple autosomal recessive
	Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia	Unknown
	Pseudoachondrodysplasia	Unknown

Diagnosis

Radiographic assessment:

- abnormal growth plate morphology, reduced length of the axial/appendicular skeleton.
- lumbar spine
- radius/ulna

If endocrinopathy is suspected:

Serum T4

TSH

Growth hormone (stimulation test)

Insulin-like growth factor-1 serum concentrations.



Chondrodysplasias

4 m lab



Osteochondrodysplasias

11 month of age, partially torn cruciate, excessive tibial slope



Treatment

- Palliation of clinical signs.
- Neutering



Archi

4 m old male cane corso
27 kg

“Crooked front legs”

Chondrodysplastic?



Retained ulna growth?



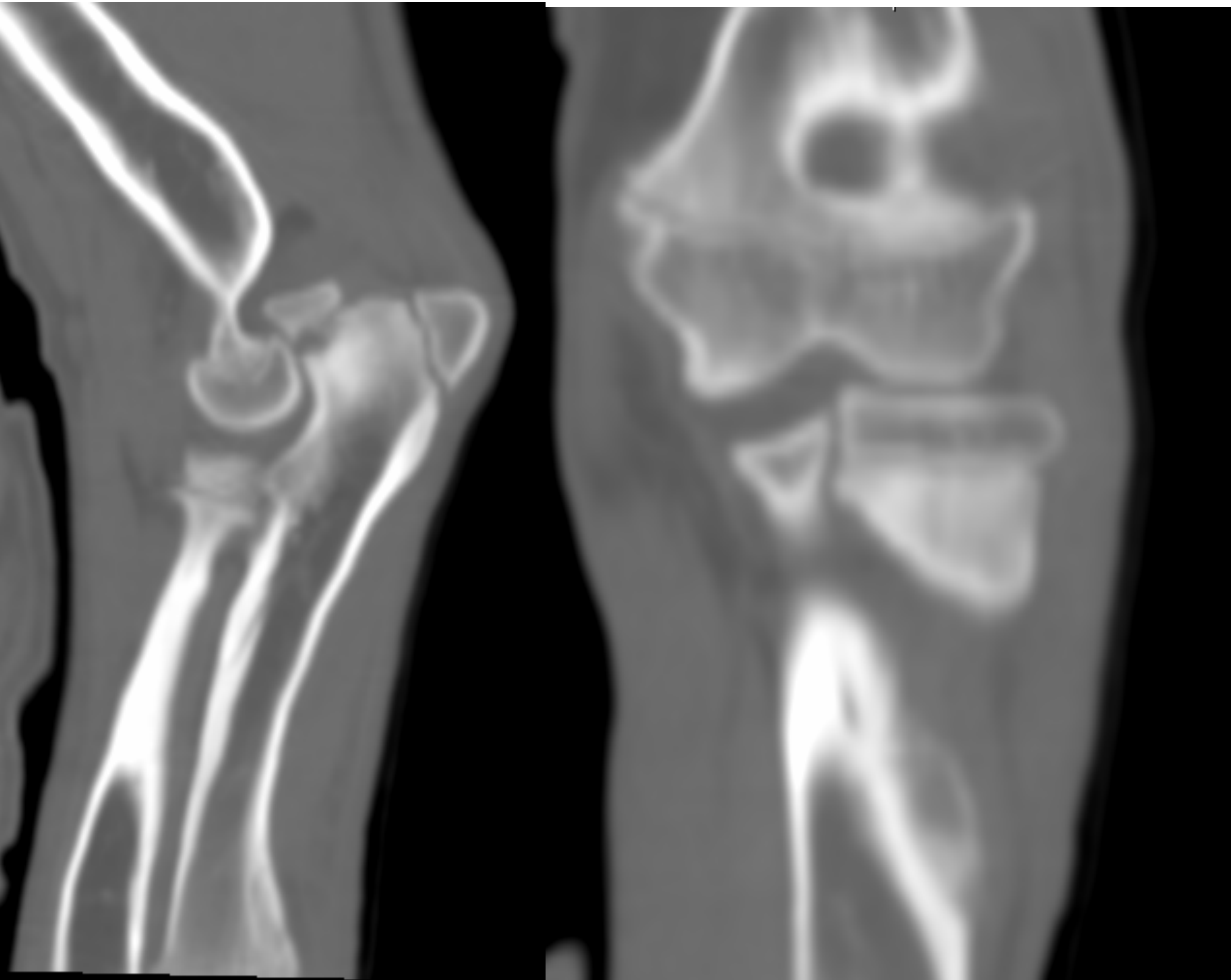
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Normal hind legs

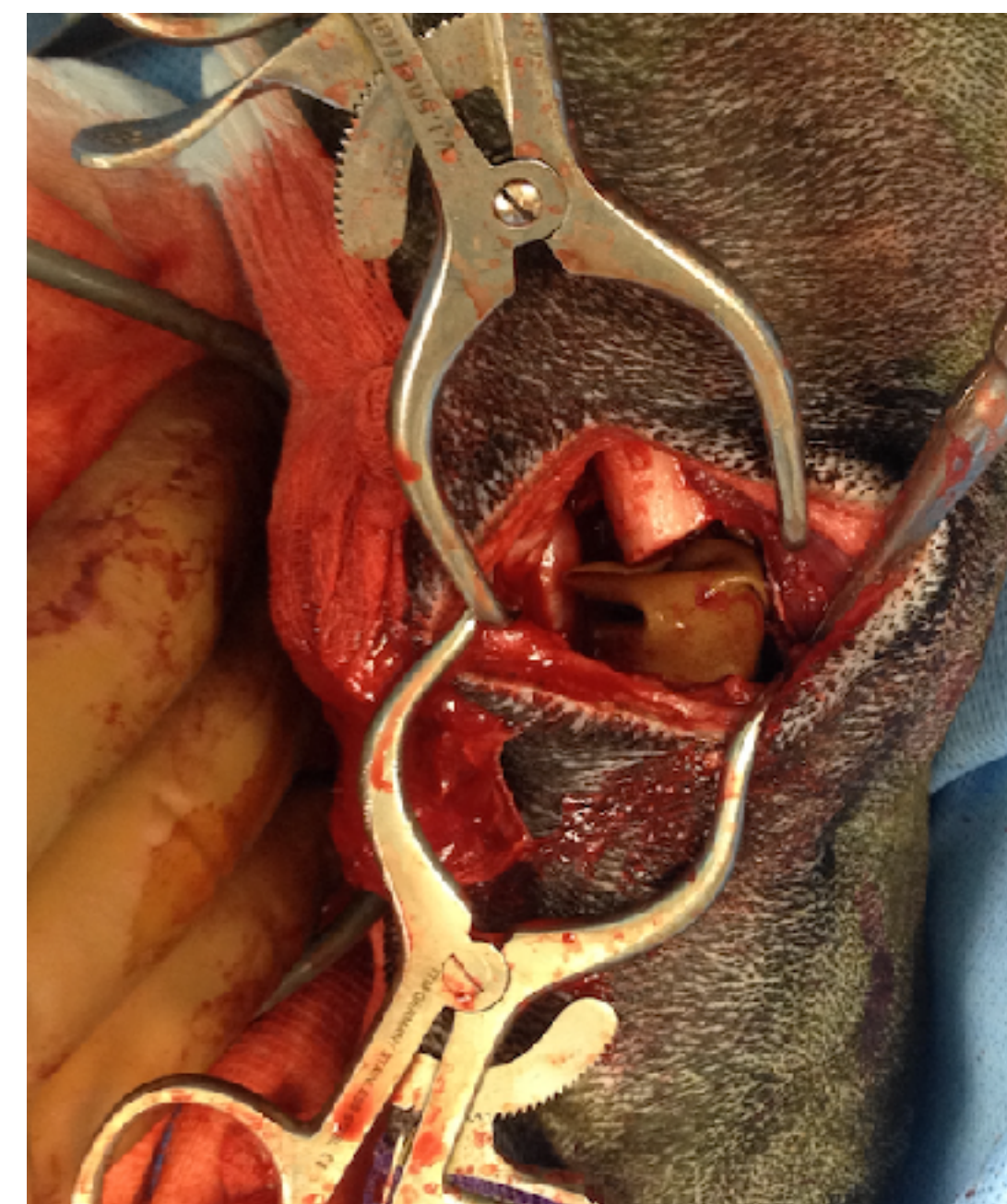
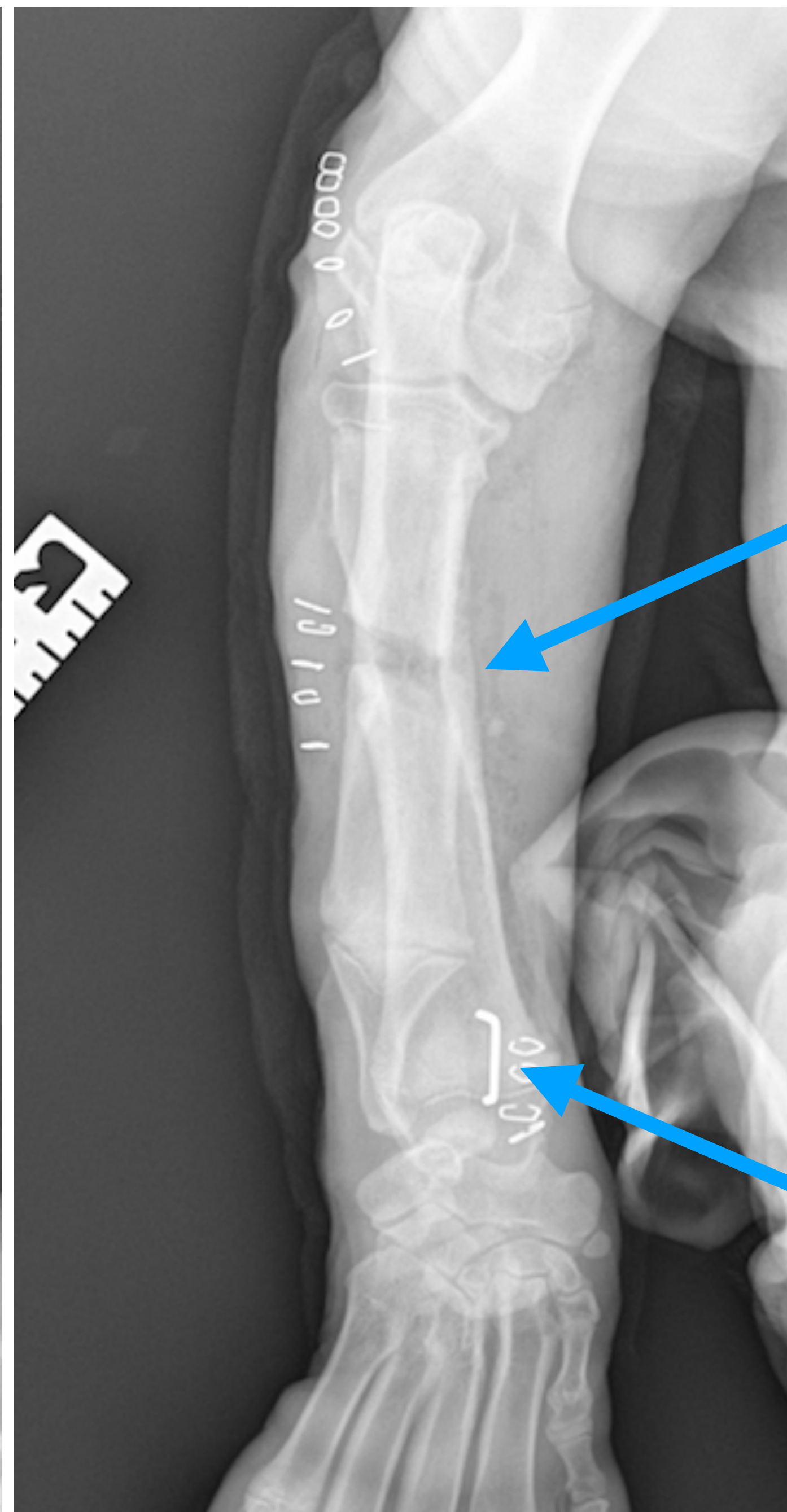


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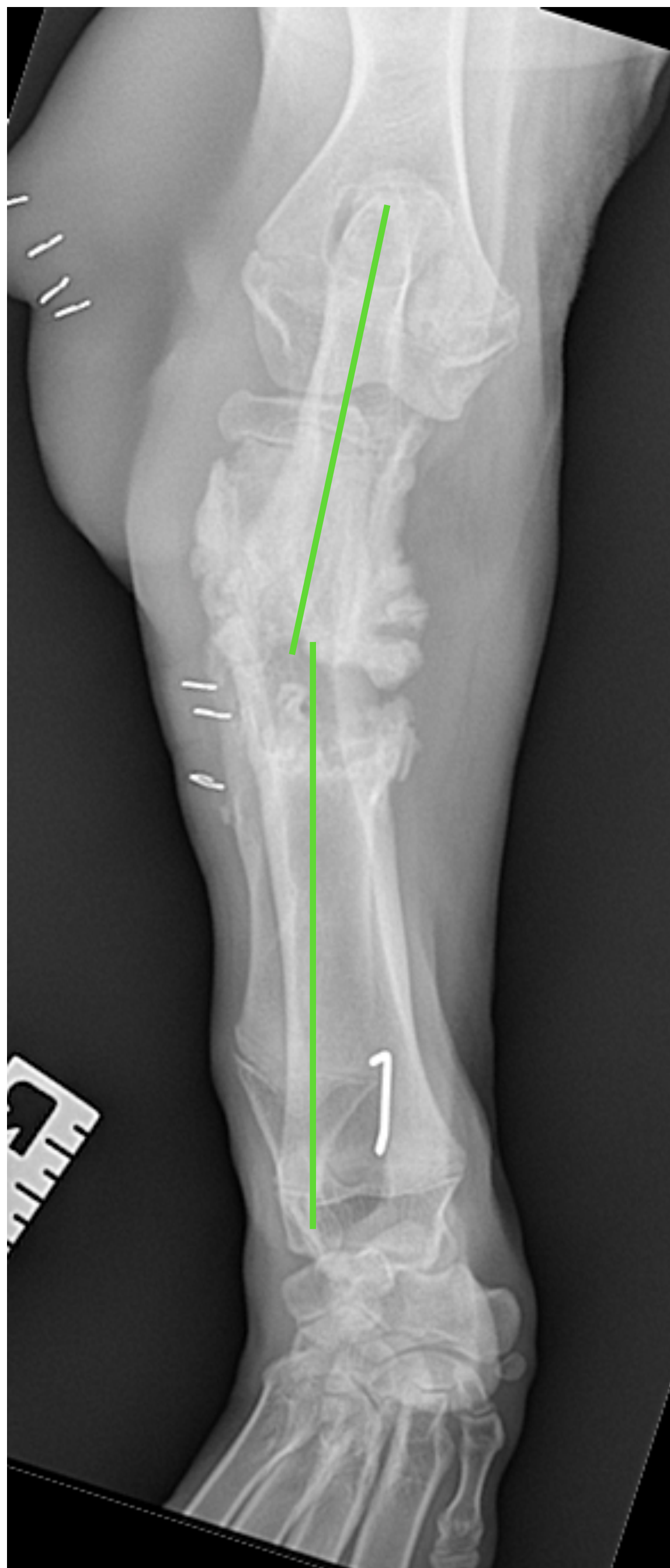
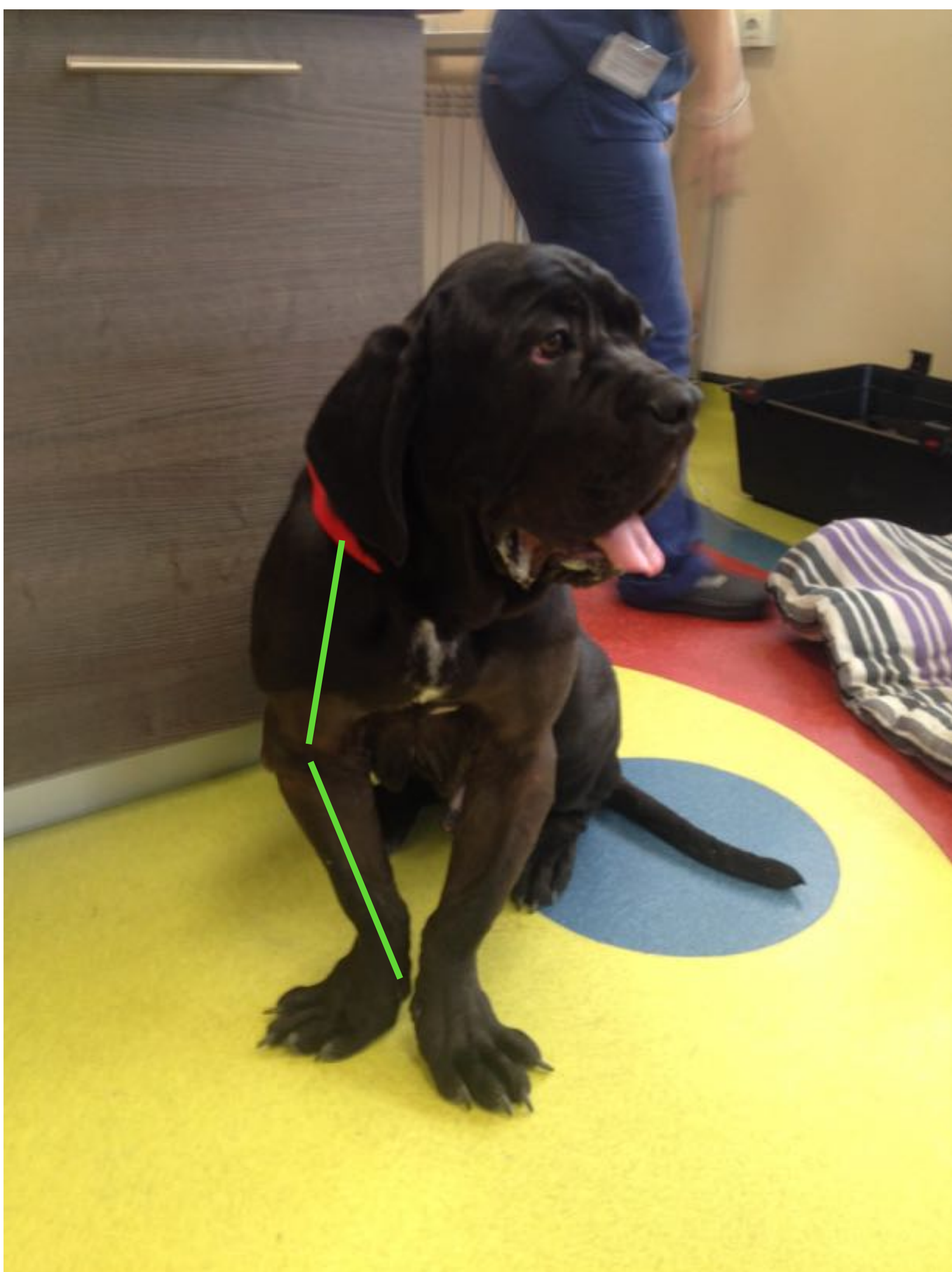
**Retained ulna growth
4 months age?**

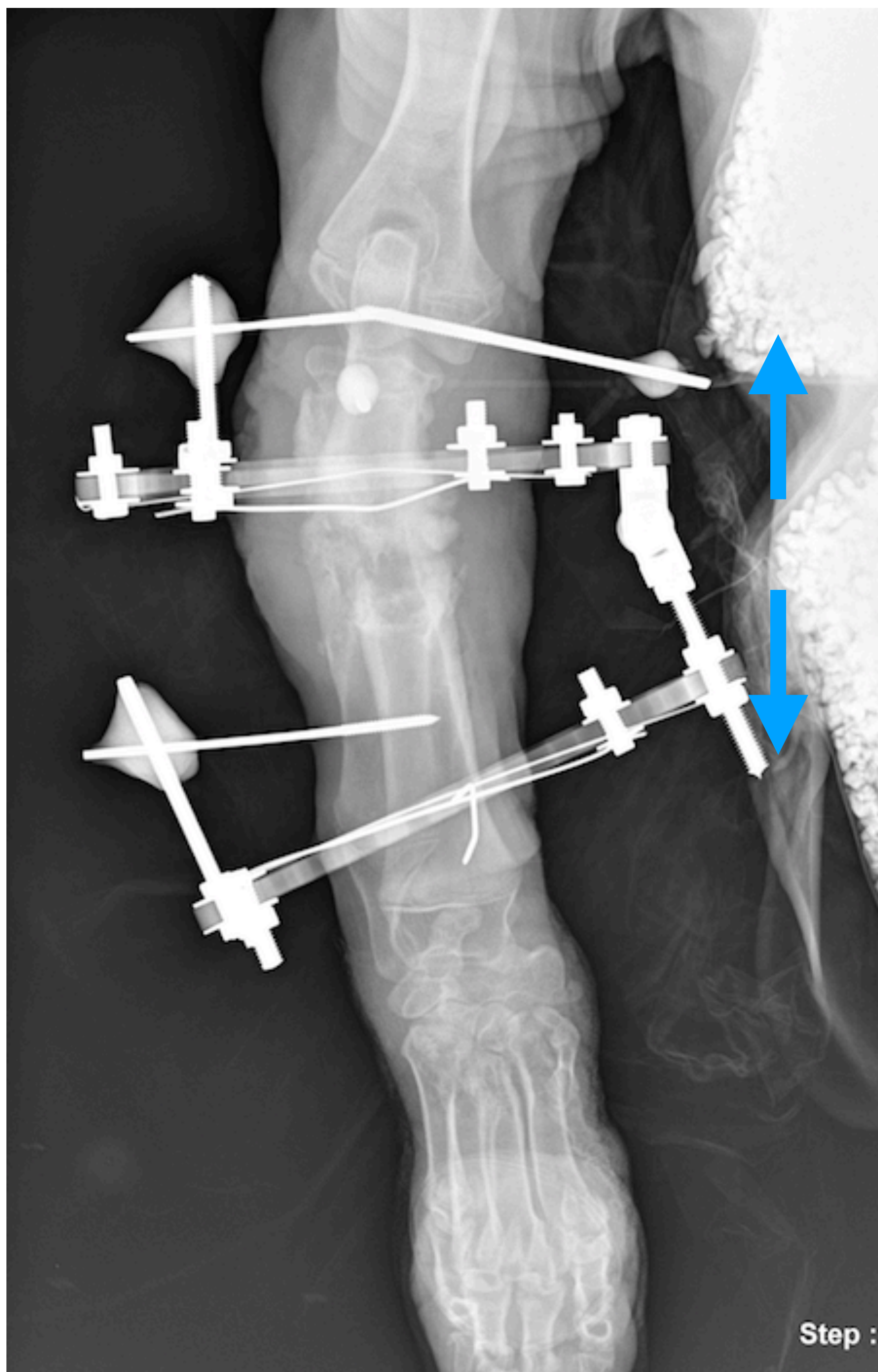
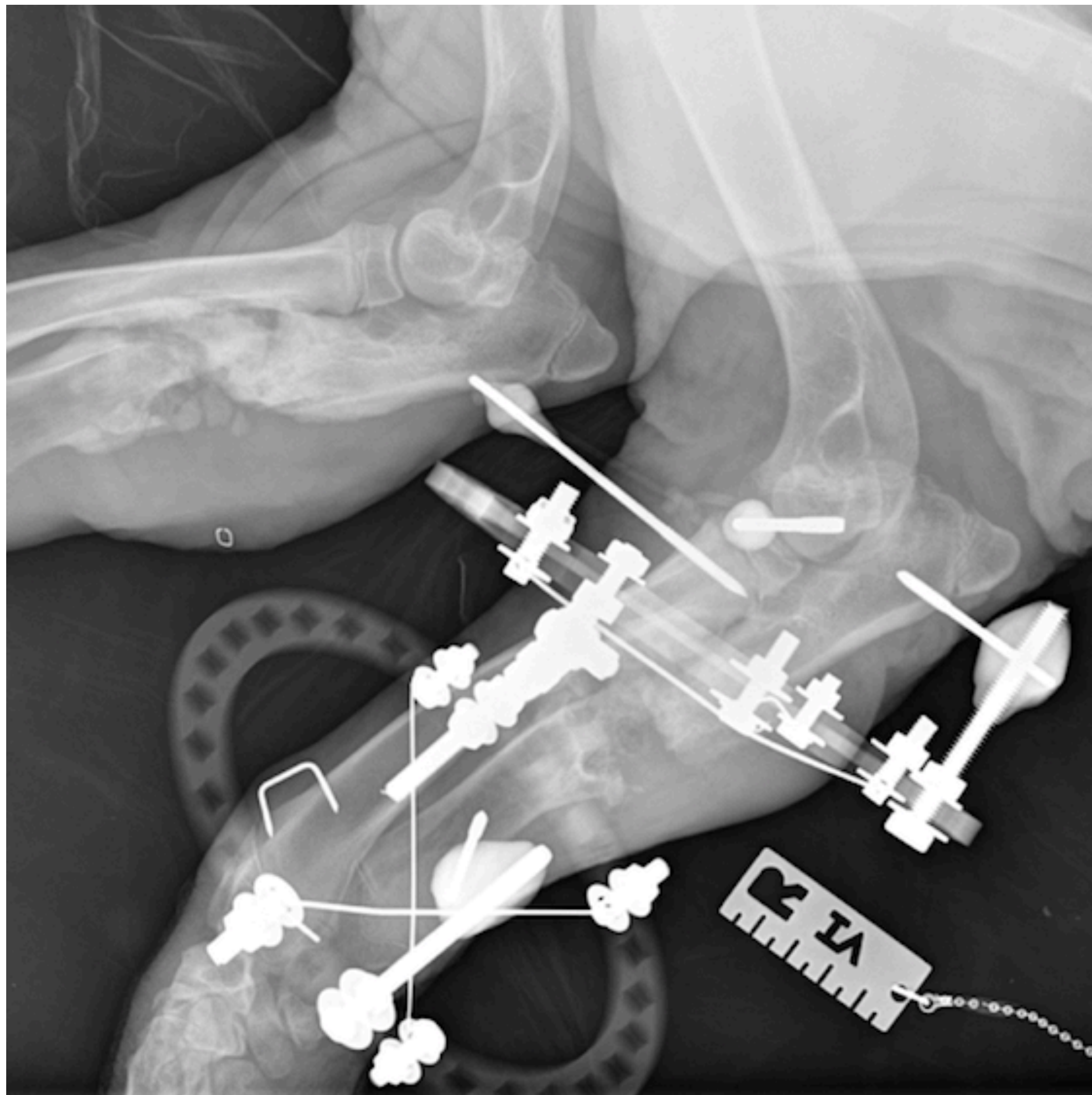


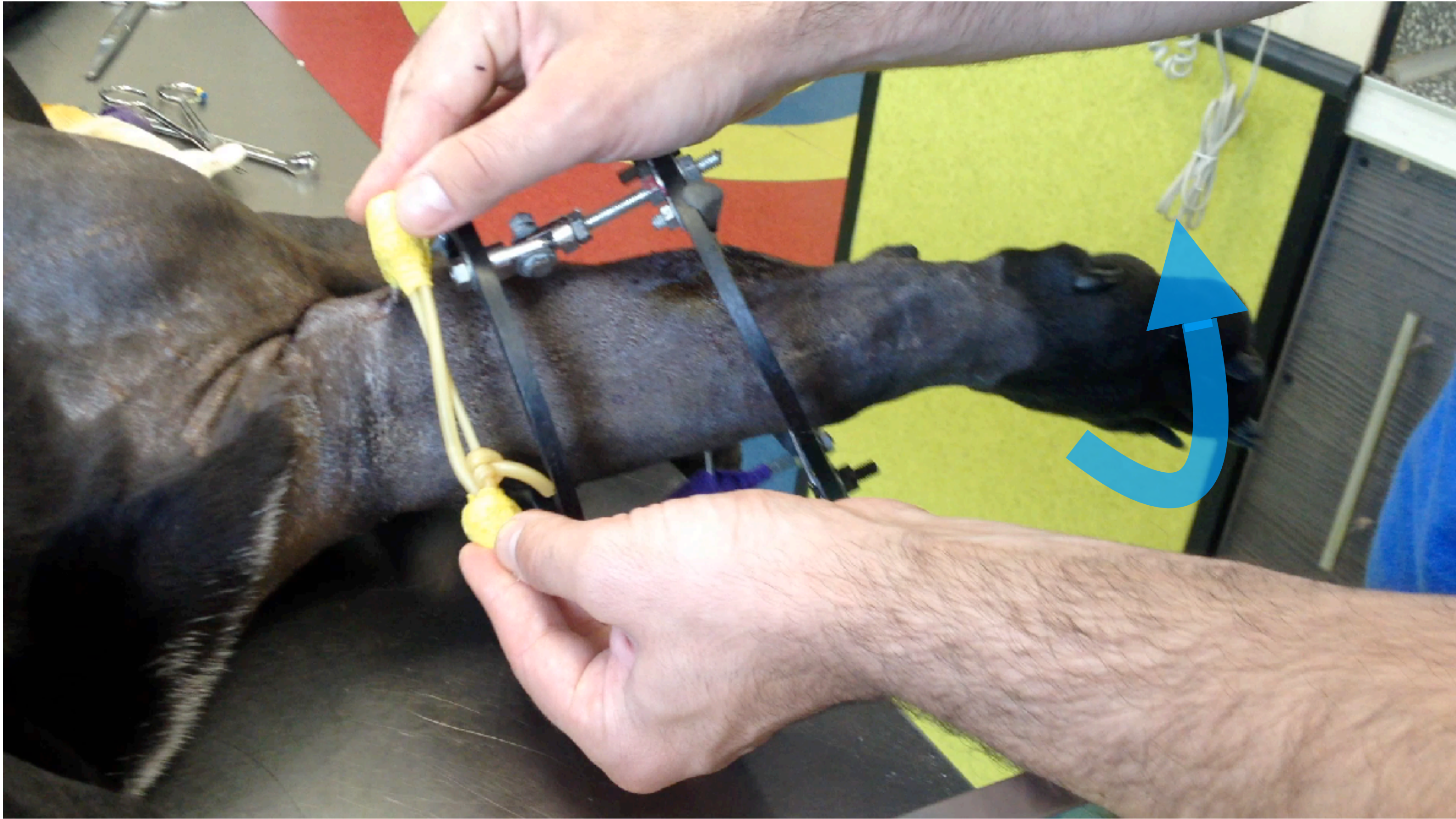


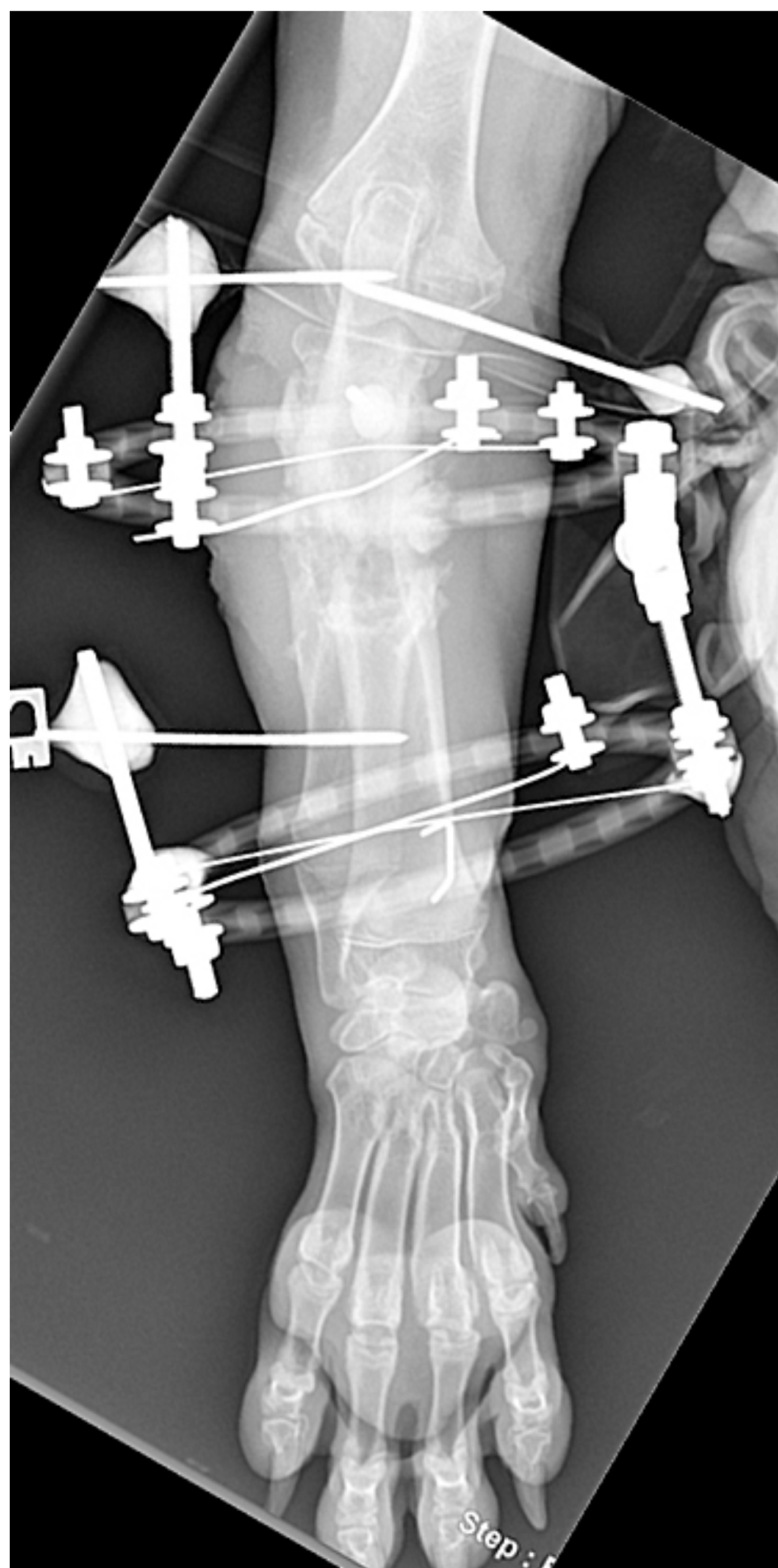
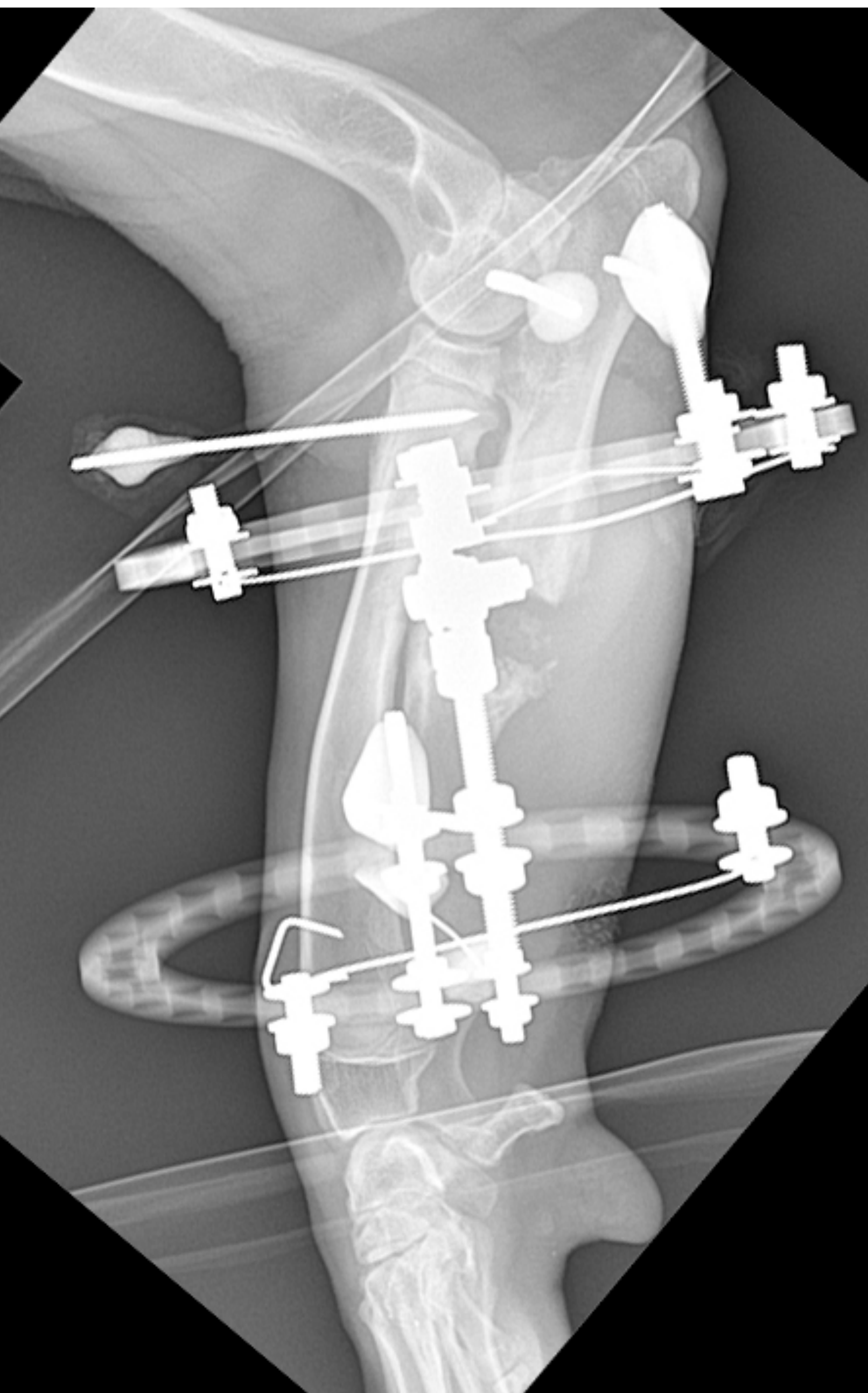


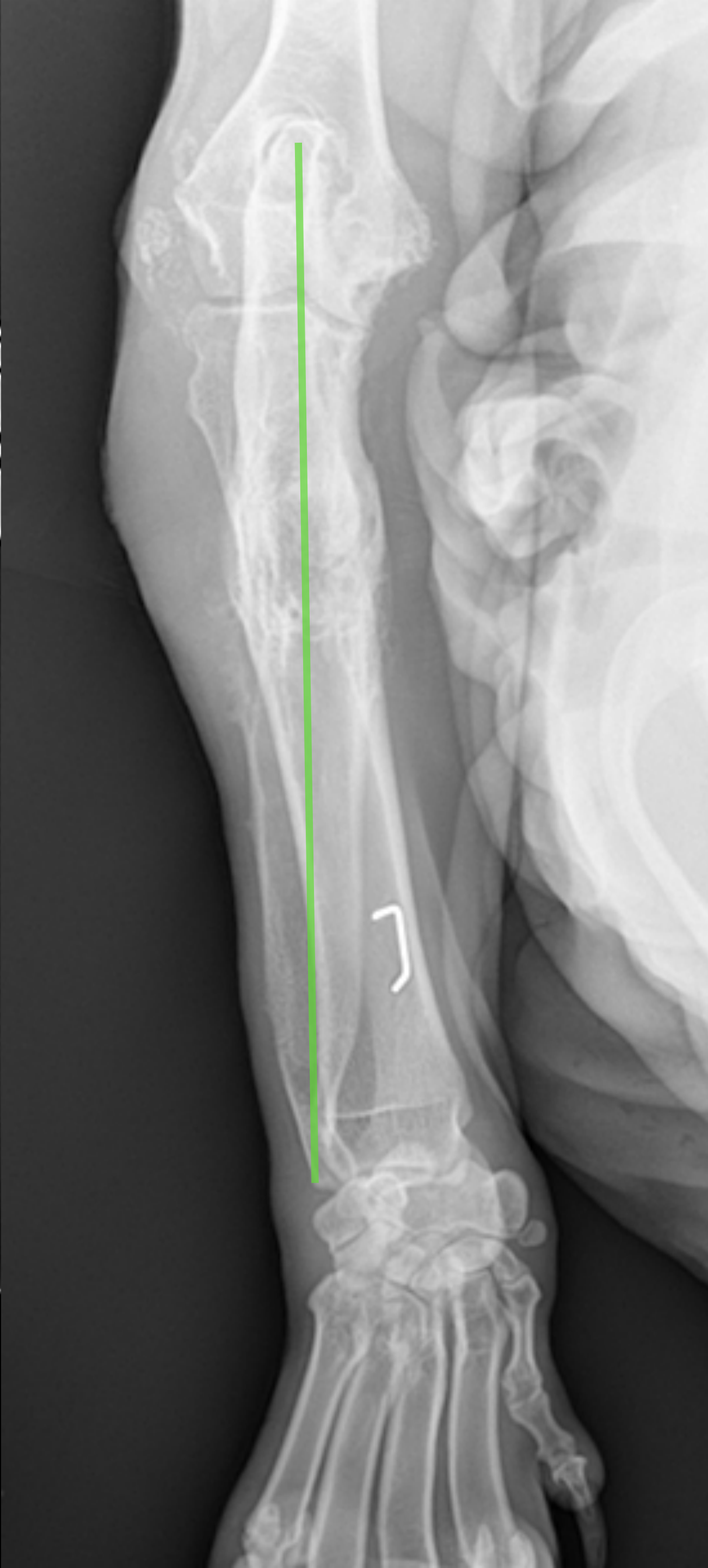


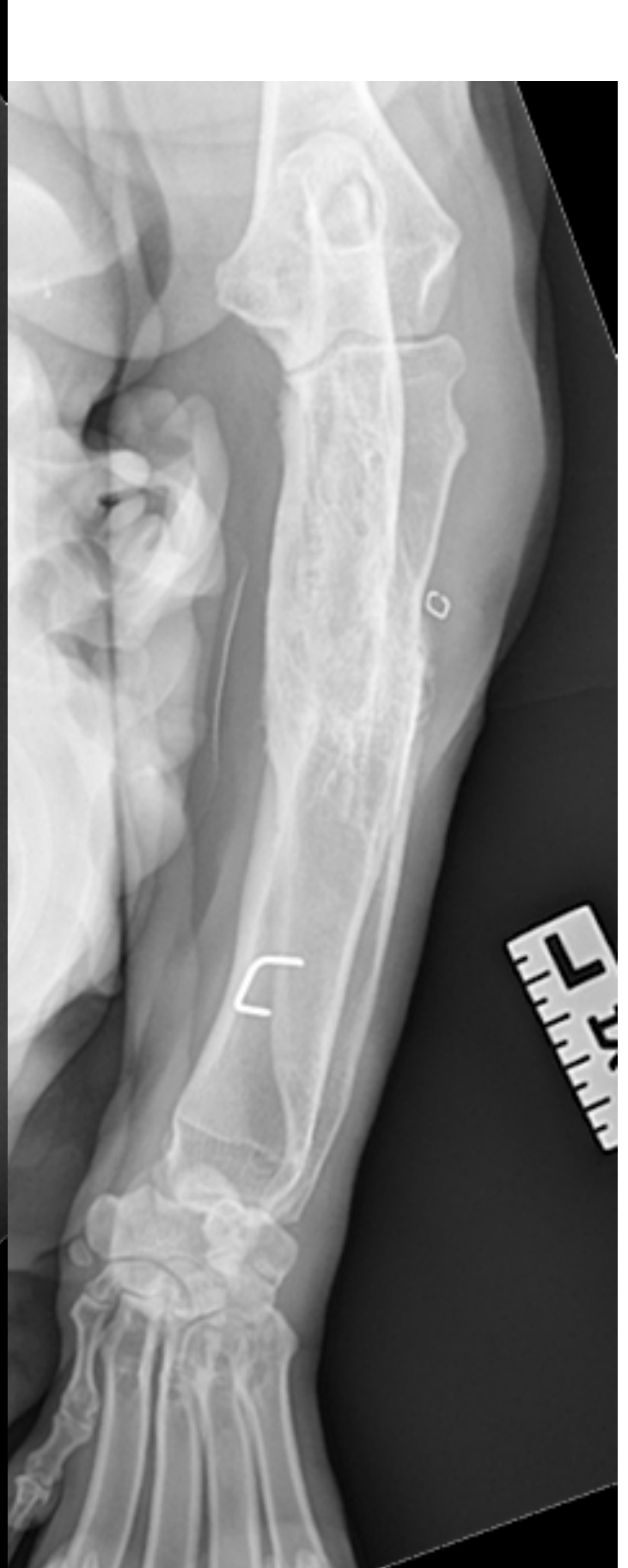














**1 year of age,
55 kg**



Osteochondrodysplasia in scottish fold

- Generalized defective cartilage formation
- Affects mostly development of the ears, tail and distal limbs
- Autosomal-dominant inherited trait
- Progressive osteoarthritis



Osteochondrodysplasia in scottish fold

- Irregularity- tarsal, carpal, metatarsal and metacarpal bones, phalanges, and caudal vertebrae
- Progressive new bone formation
- Plantar exostosis caudal to the calcaneus in advanced cases
- More spectacular in the hind limbs



Treatment

- Conservative- NSAIDs..
- Surgical approaches- ostectomy and pantarsal arthrodeses
- Palliative irradiation

Mucopolysaccharidosis

- Rare an autosomal recessive disease
- ("lysosomal storage disease" = delayed or missing degradation of glucose-aminoglycans)=> multisystemic accumulation
- Several forms- MPS I to VII
- Some breeds over-presented



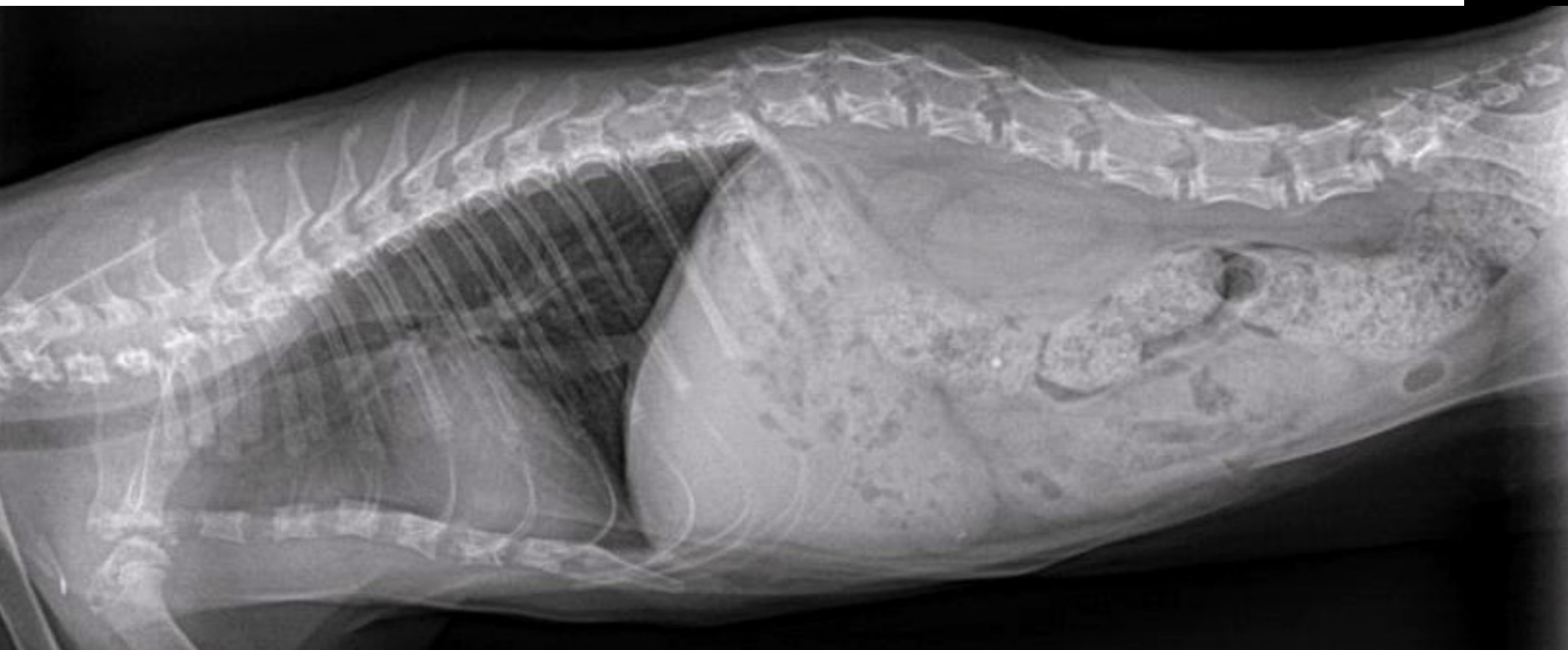
Common clinical signs

- Facial deformity – flattened face with widely spaced eyes and small ears
- Stunted growth and skeletal abnormalities
- Enlarged liver
- Cloudy discolouration of the corneas
- Mental retardation
- Joints laxity
- Dwarfism

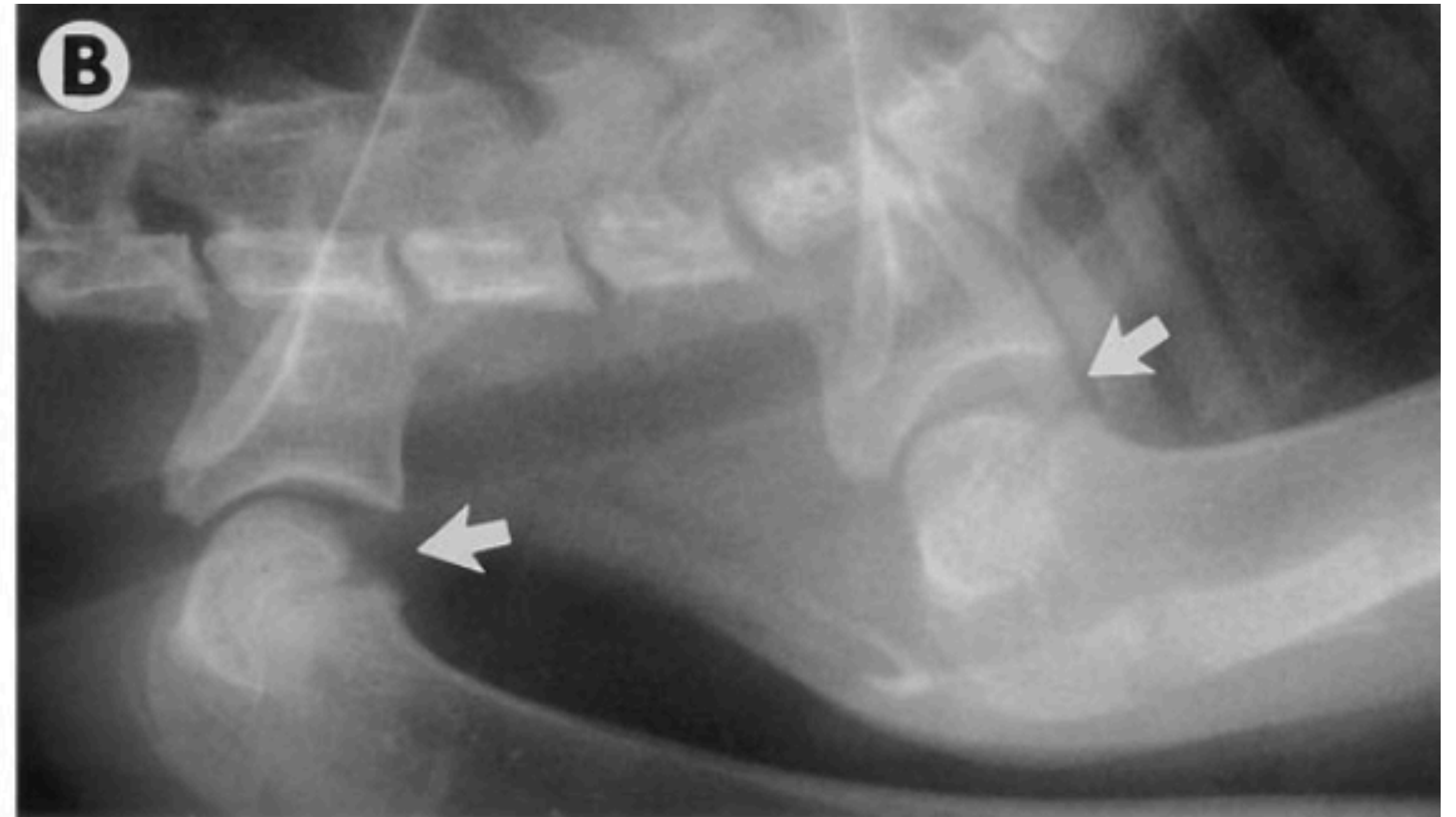
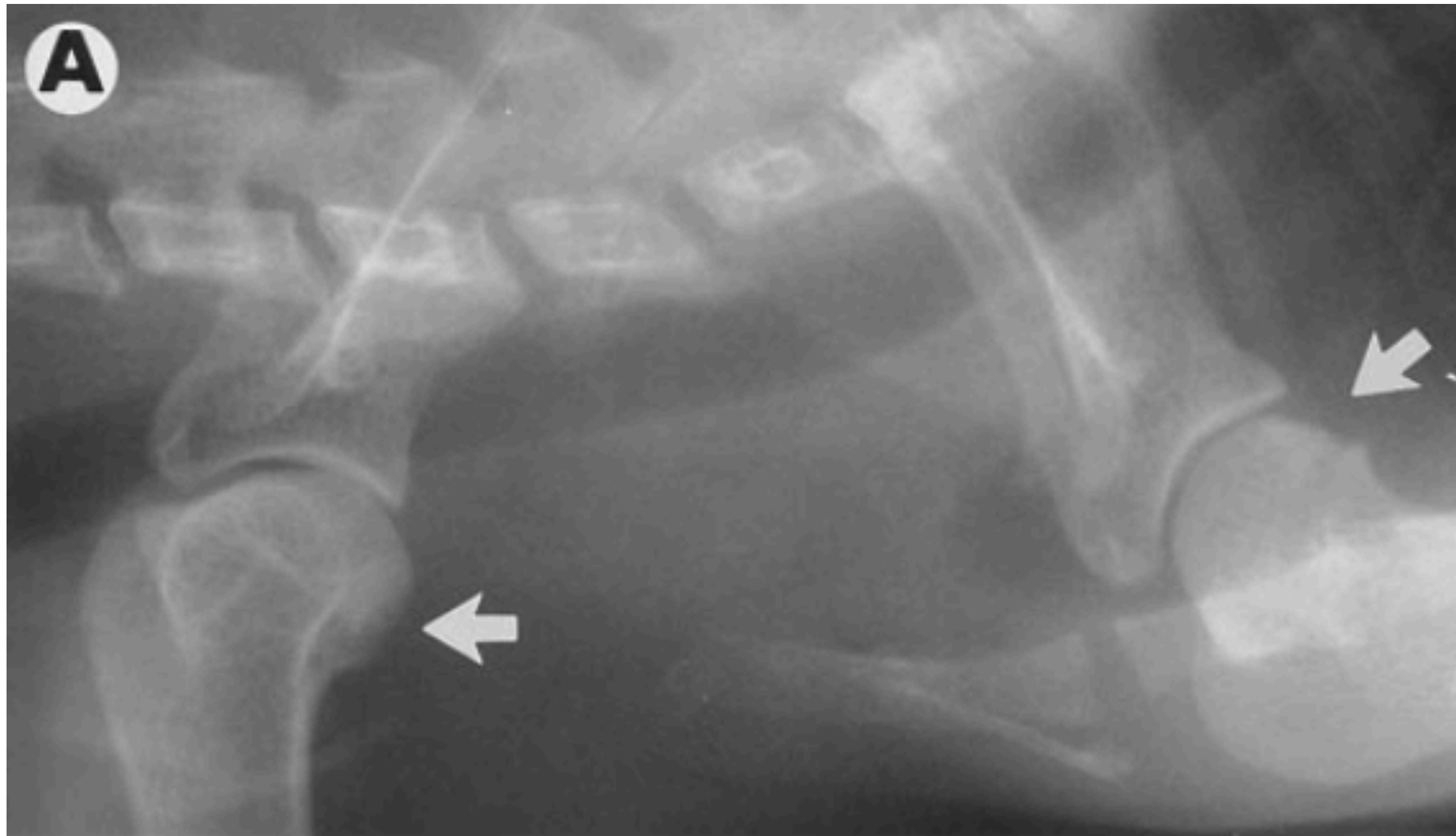


Radiographic signs

- Generalised epiphyseal dysplasia
- Lumbar vertebral deformation
- Joint deformation with bone proliferation.
- Lax hip joints, shallow acetabulums

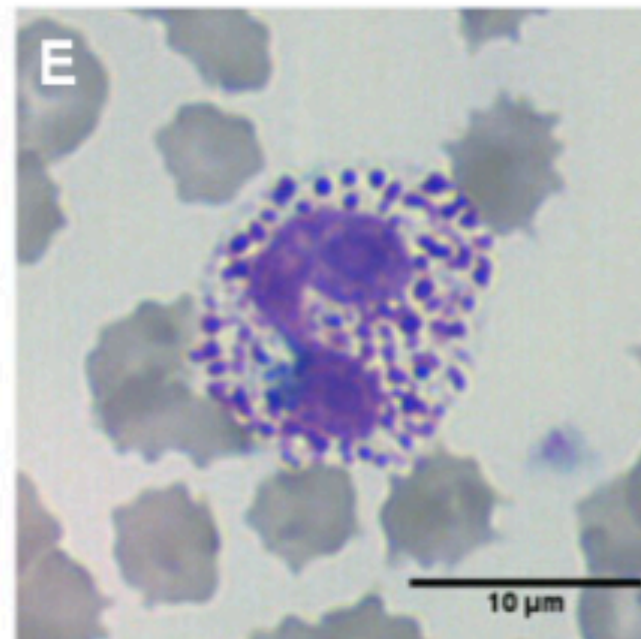
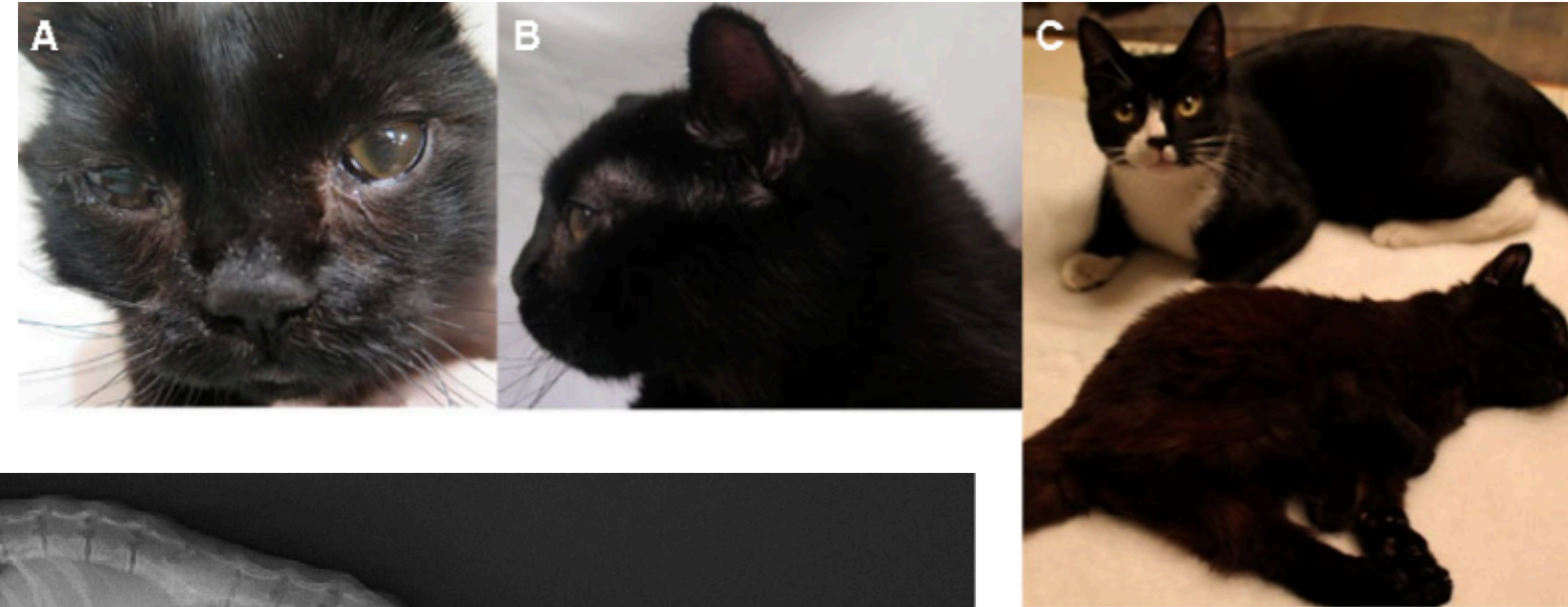


Mucopolysaccharidosis



Diagnosis

- Radiographic changes
- Granules and vacuoles in peripheral white blood cells
- Positive toluidine blue 'spot' test in urine.
- Genetic tests



Treatment

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Enzyme replacement therapy in feline mucopolysaccharidosis I.

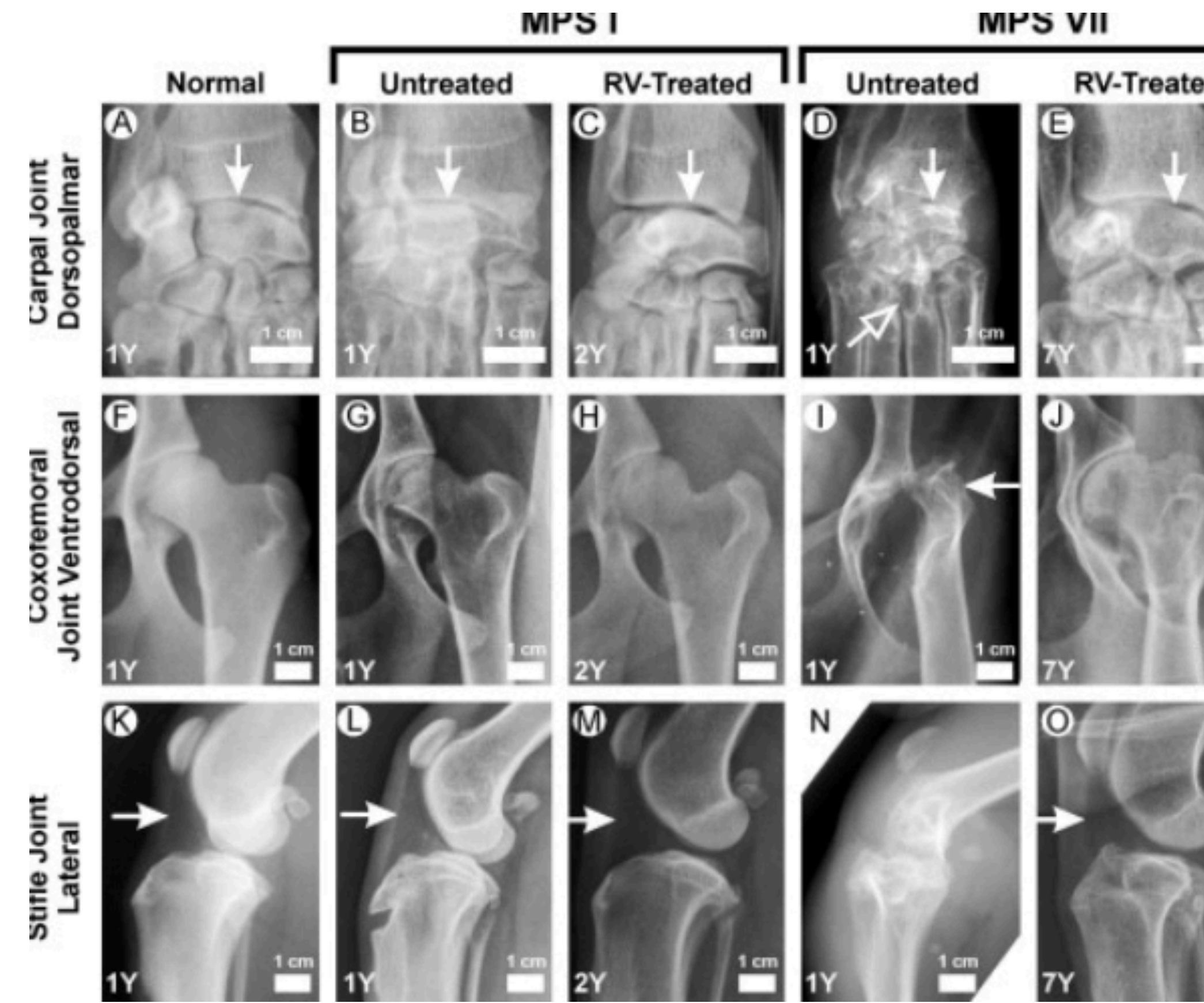
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Enzyme replacement therapy was effective in reversing storage in some tissues at the biochemical and histologic level in MPS I cats...

Radiographic evaluation of bones and joints in mucopolysaccharidosis I and VII dogs after neonatal gene therapy

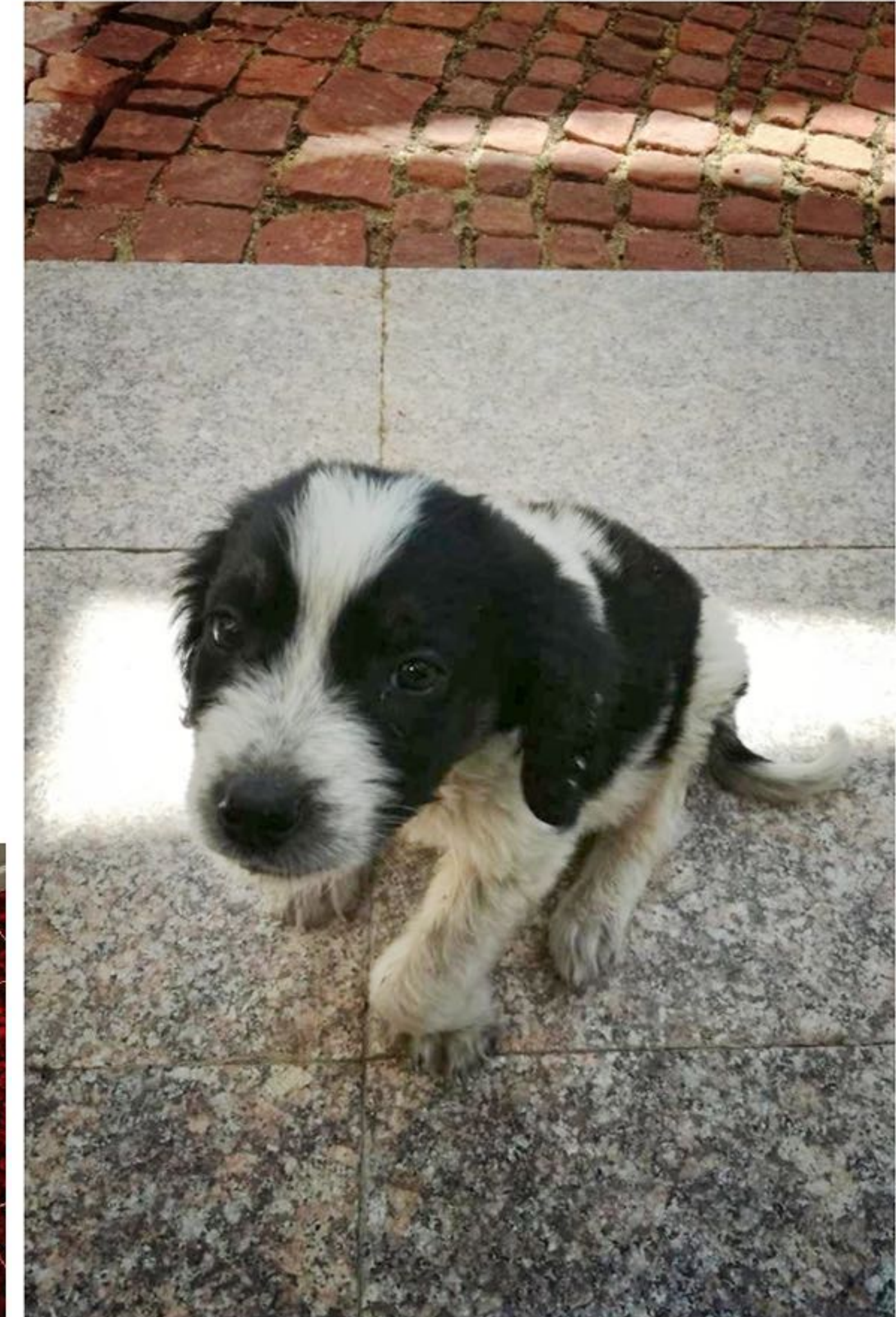
Ramin Sedaghat Herati ^a, Van W. Knox ^b, Patricia O'Donnell ^c, Marina D'Angelo ^d, Mark E. Haskins ^c, Katherine P. Ponder ^{a, e}  

“intravenous injection of a **retroviral vector** (RV) with the appropriate gene resulted in expression in liver and blood cells, and high serum **enzyme activity**.”



Zahari

- 3 m old puppy, mix, found on the street
- Early signs of limbs deformation
- Corrective surgery attempts

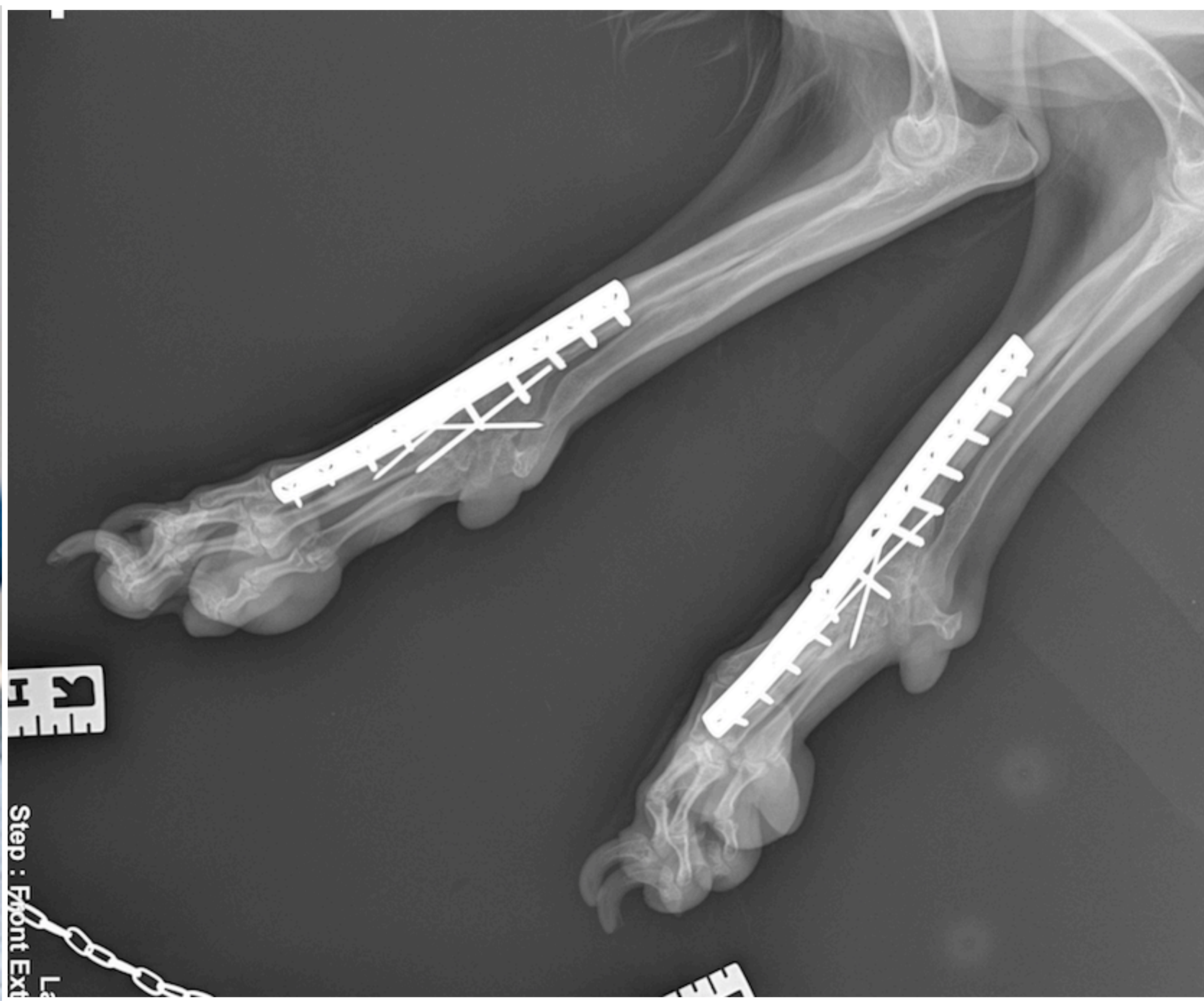


- Four limbs deformation
 - tibial valgus
 - carpal laxity
 - hip laxity
- Short, disproportional face

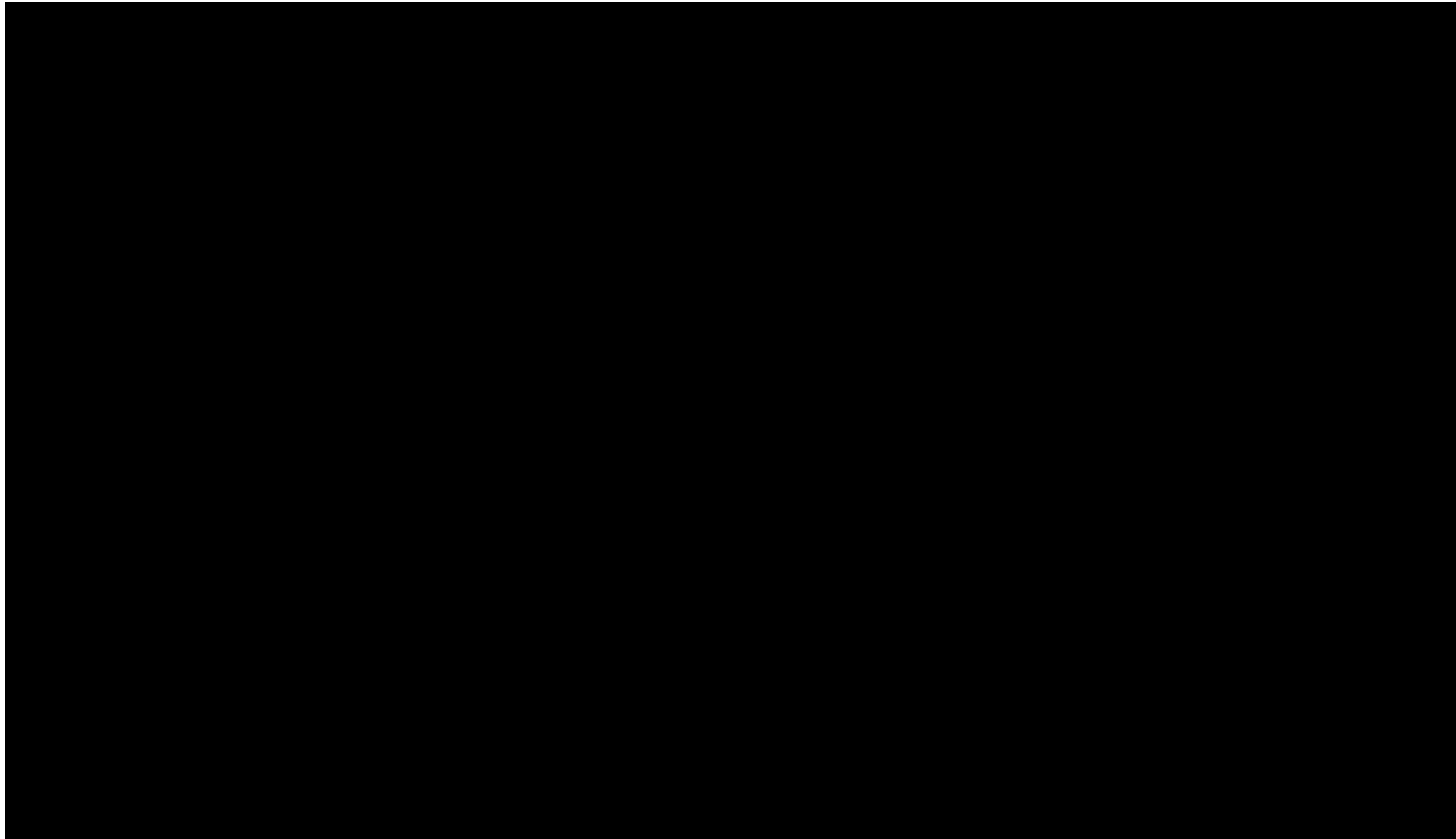




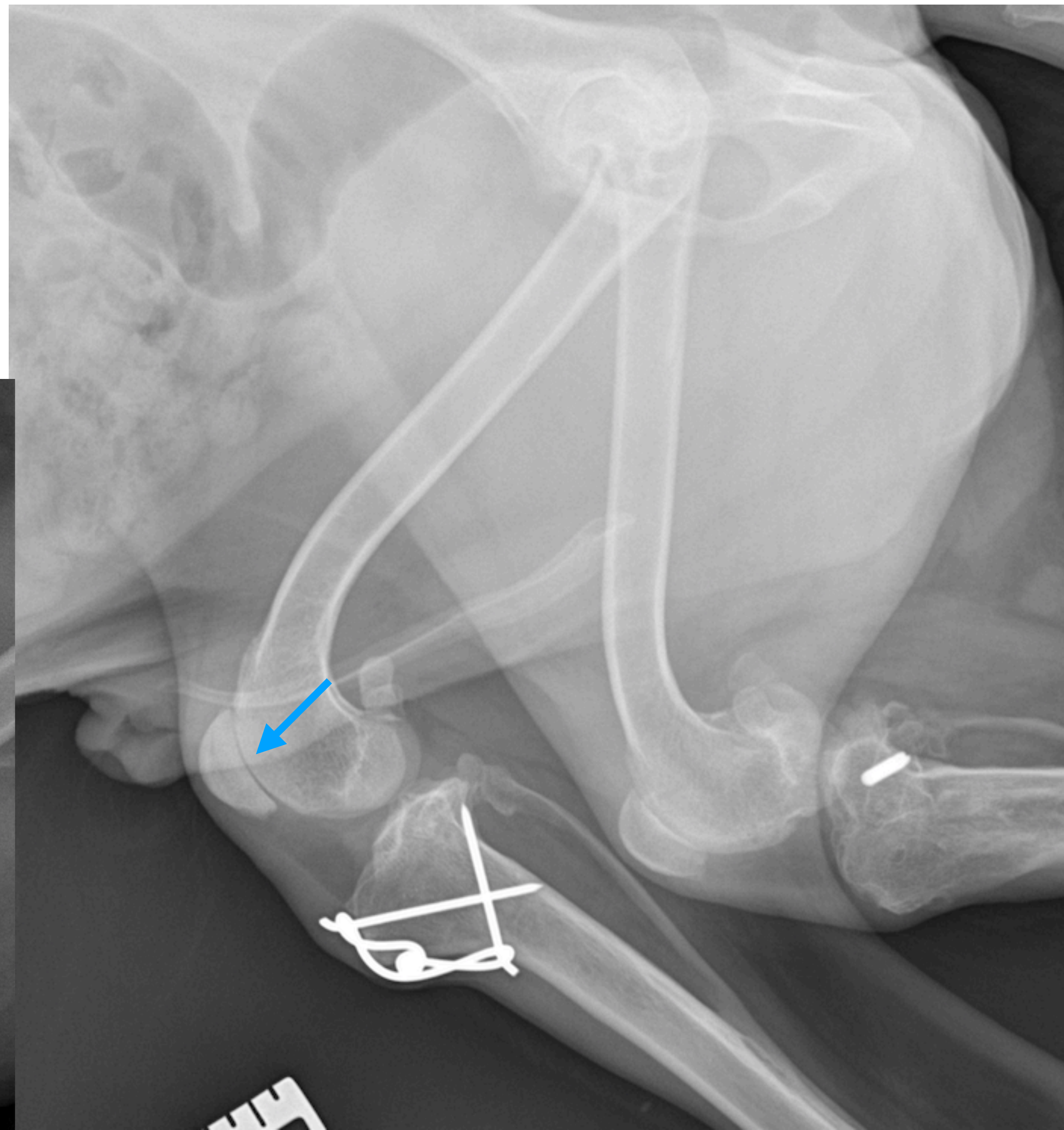
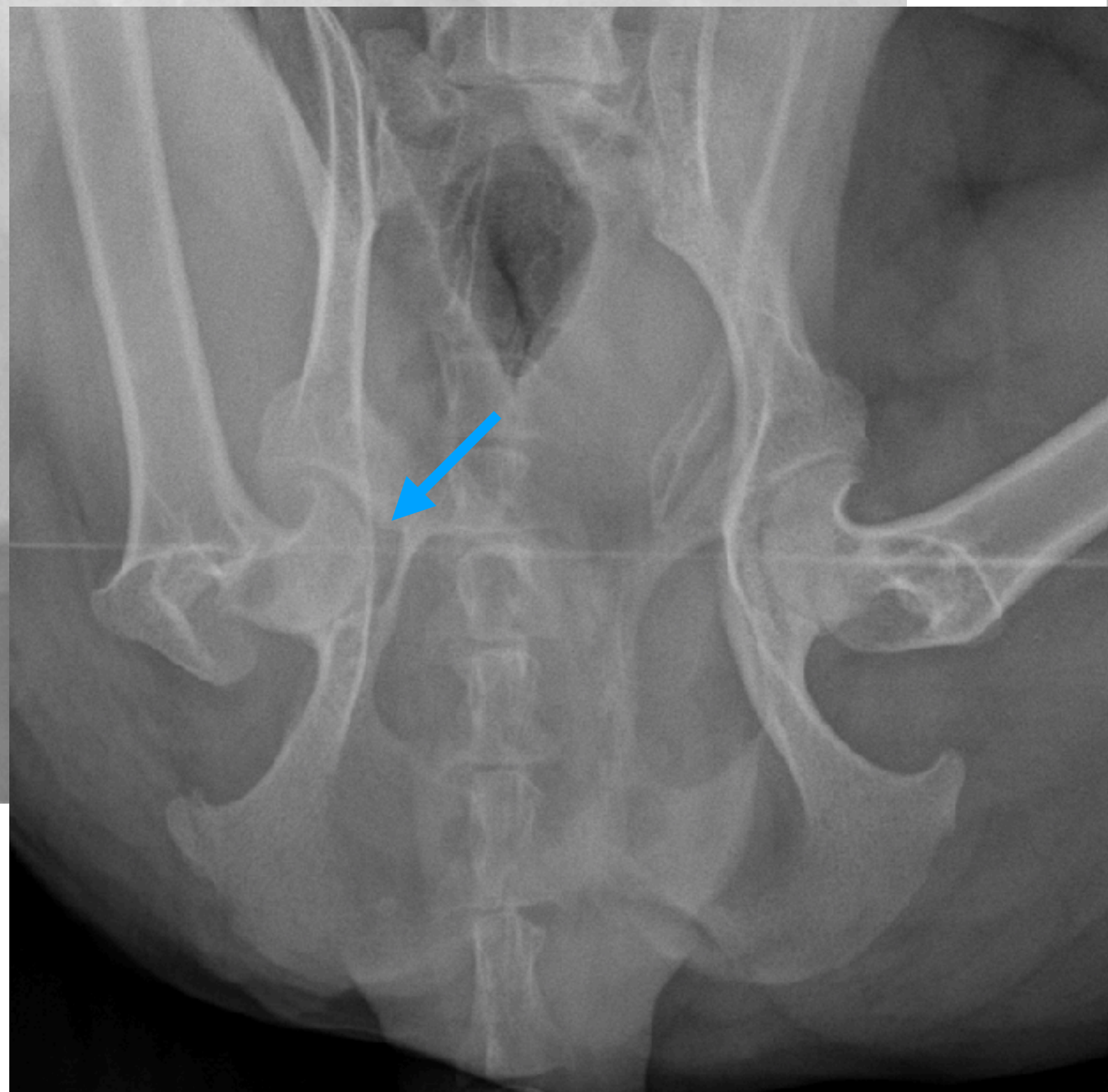
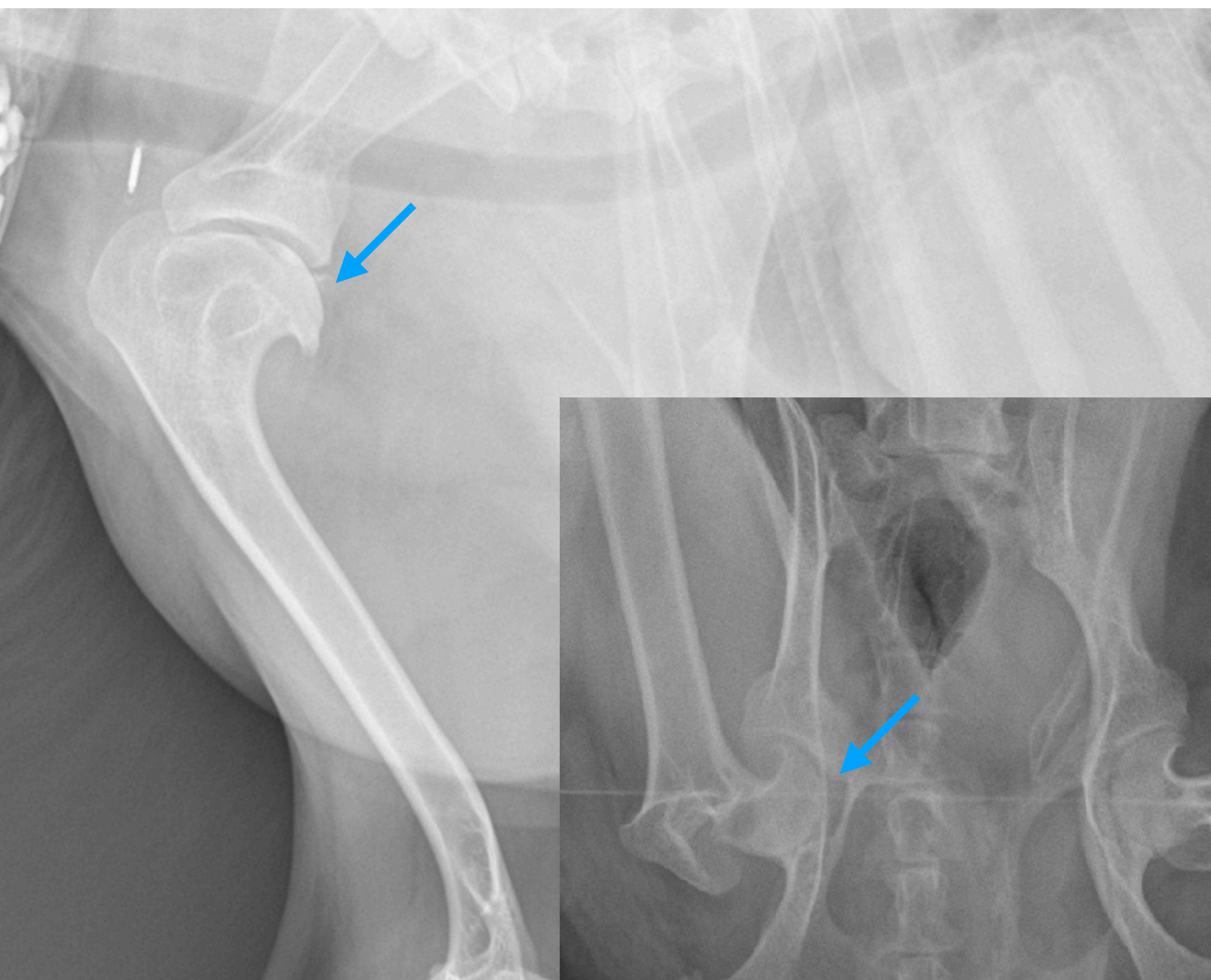




6m f up, stiff gait



6m f up- multiple joint affected by DJD- cartilage thinning



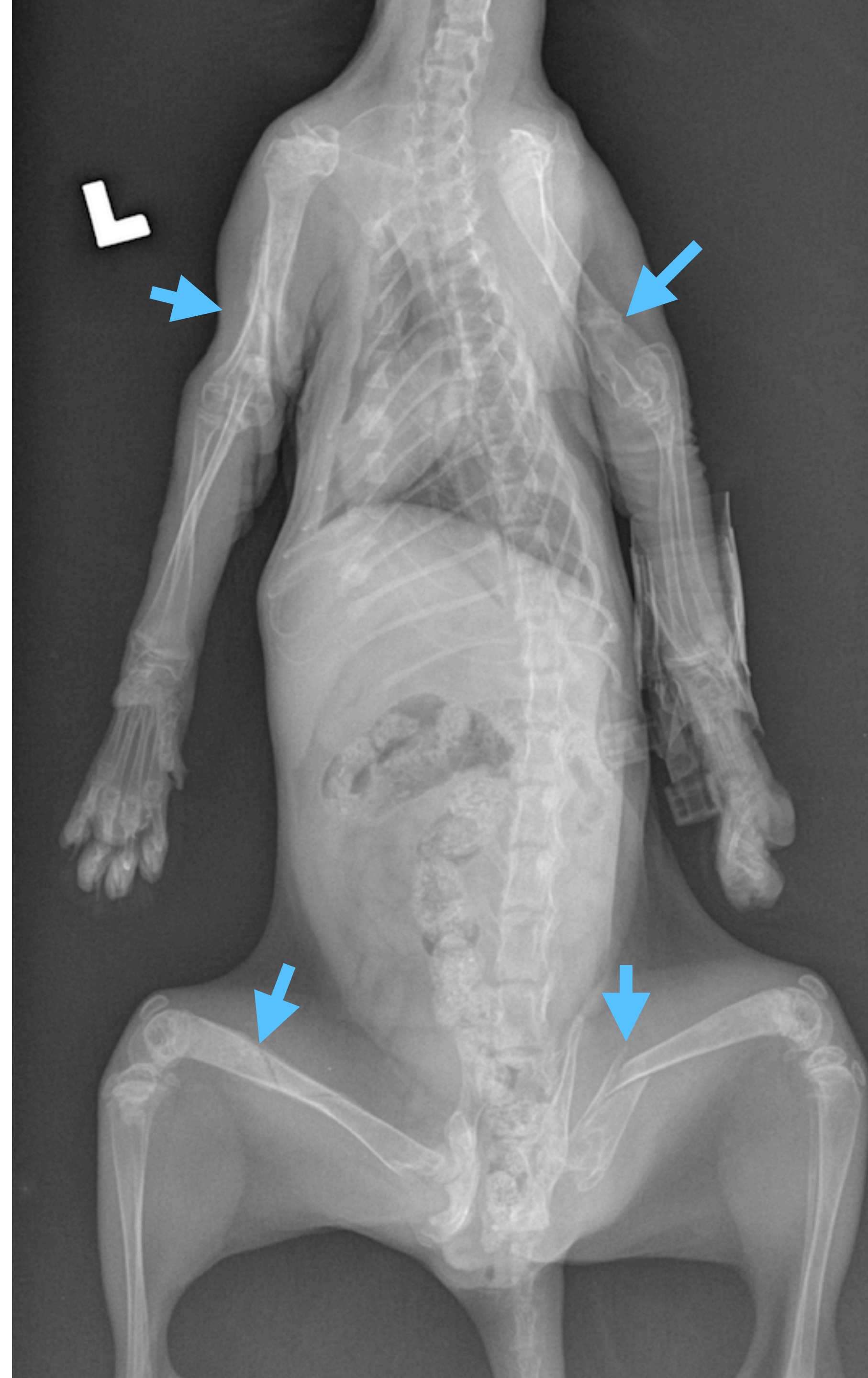
Osteogenesis imperfecta

- Mutation of a gene coding for **type I collagen**.
- Fragile bones=> **pathologic fractures** with minimal trauma.
- Dogs- Golden retriever, Collie, Puddle, Beagle.
- Infrequently in cats.
- Usually-10 and 18 weeks of age.



Diagnosis

- History of multiple fractures with minimal trauma
- “Folding fractures”
- Old healed fractures.
- Thin long bone cortices
- Biopsy
- Teeth fractures, discoloration



Prognosis and treatment

- Trauma prevention
- Vitamin C
- Bisphosphonate therapy-**alendronate** at 3 mg/kg/12 h p.o.
- The prognosis- guarded to poor
- Owners compliance with recurrent fractures



Steven

6 m old , ESH, male

Multiple fracture history



60 d

R



75 d



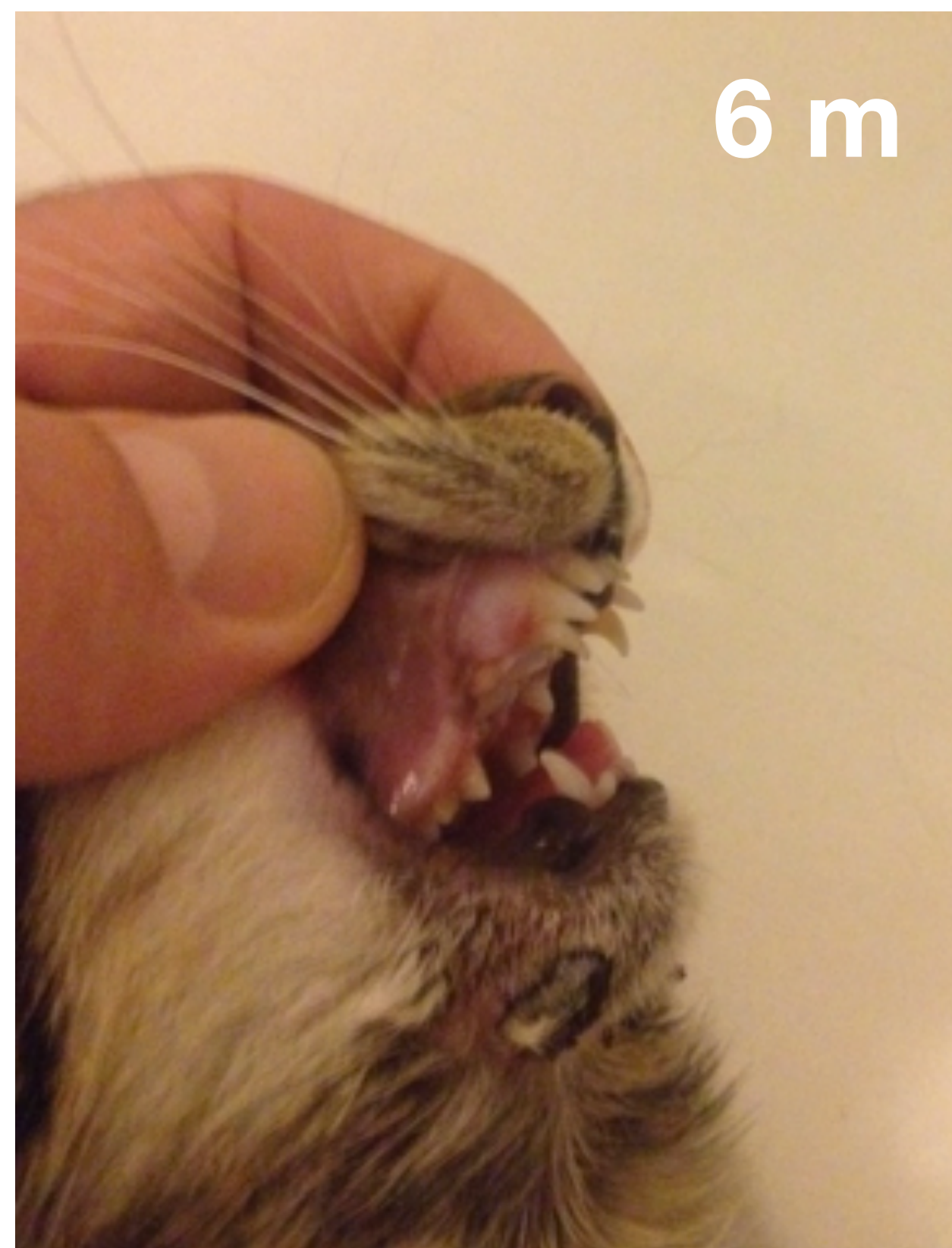
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Radius refracture



Spontaneous femoral fracture



Telscoping rodding techniques in children with OI

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Early telescopic rod osteosynthesis for Osteogenesis Imperfecta patients

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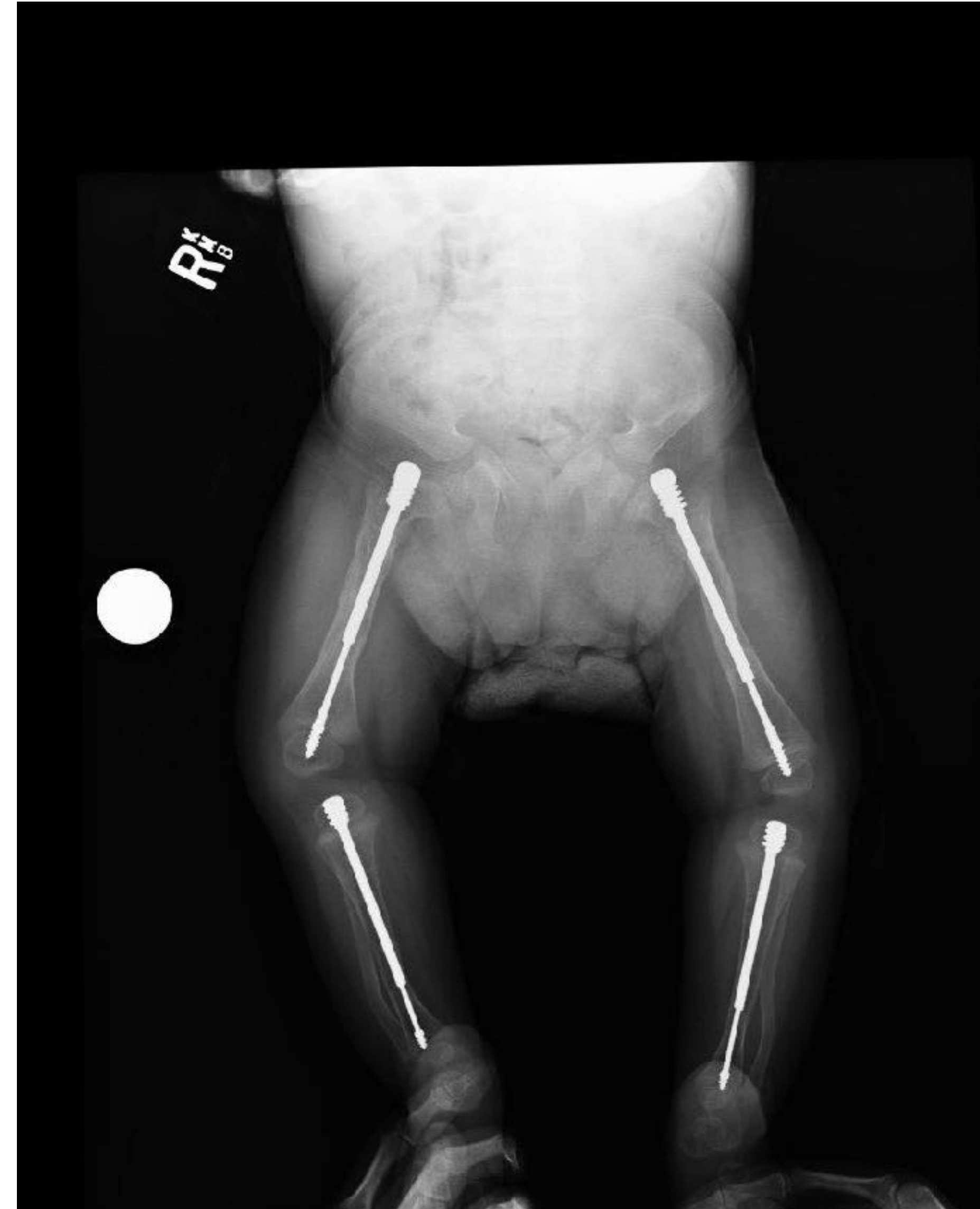
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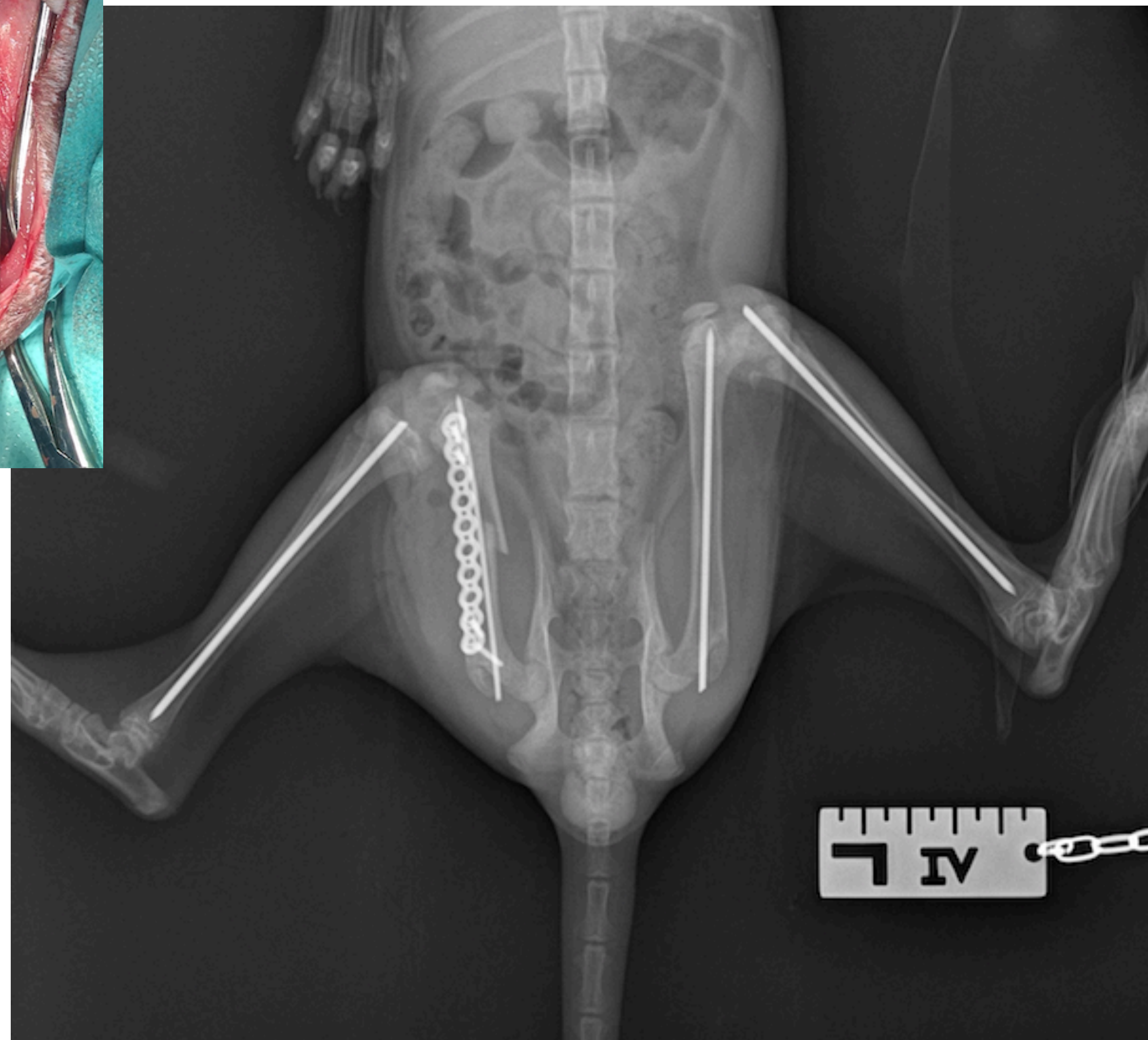
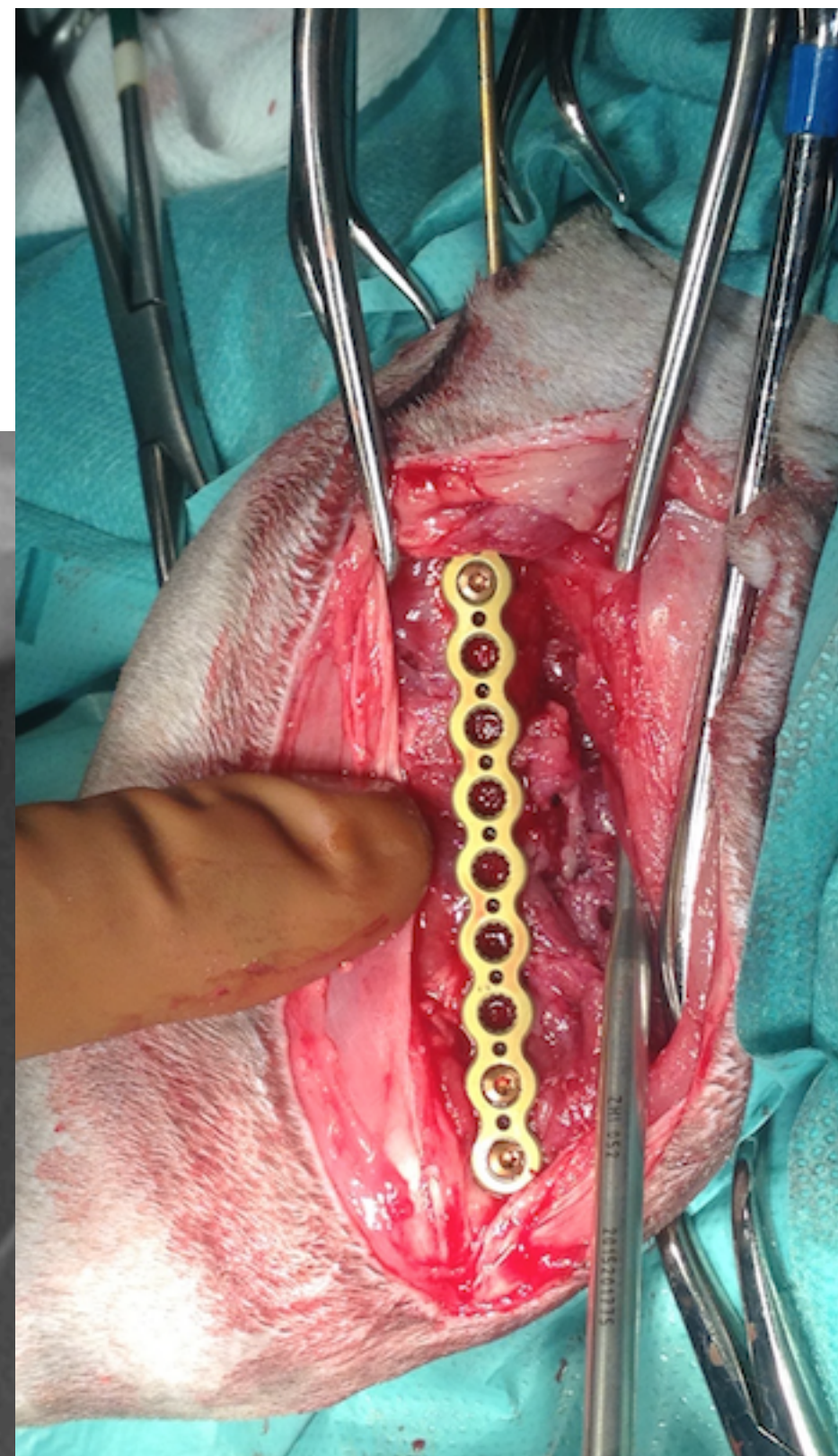
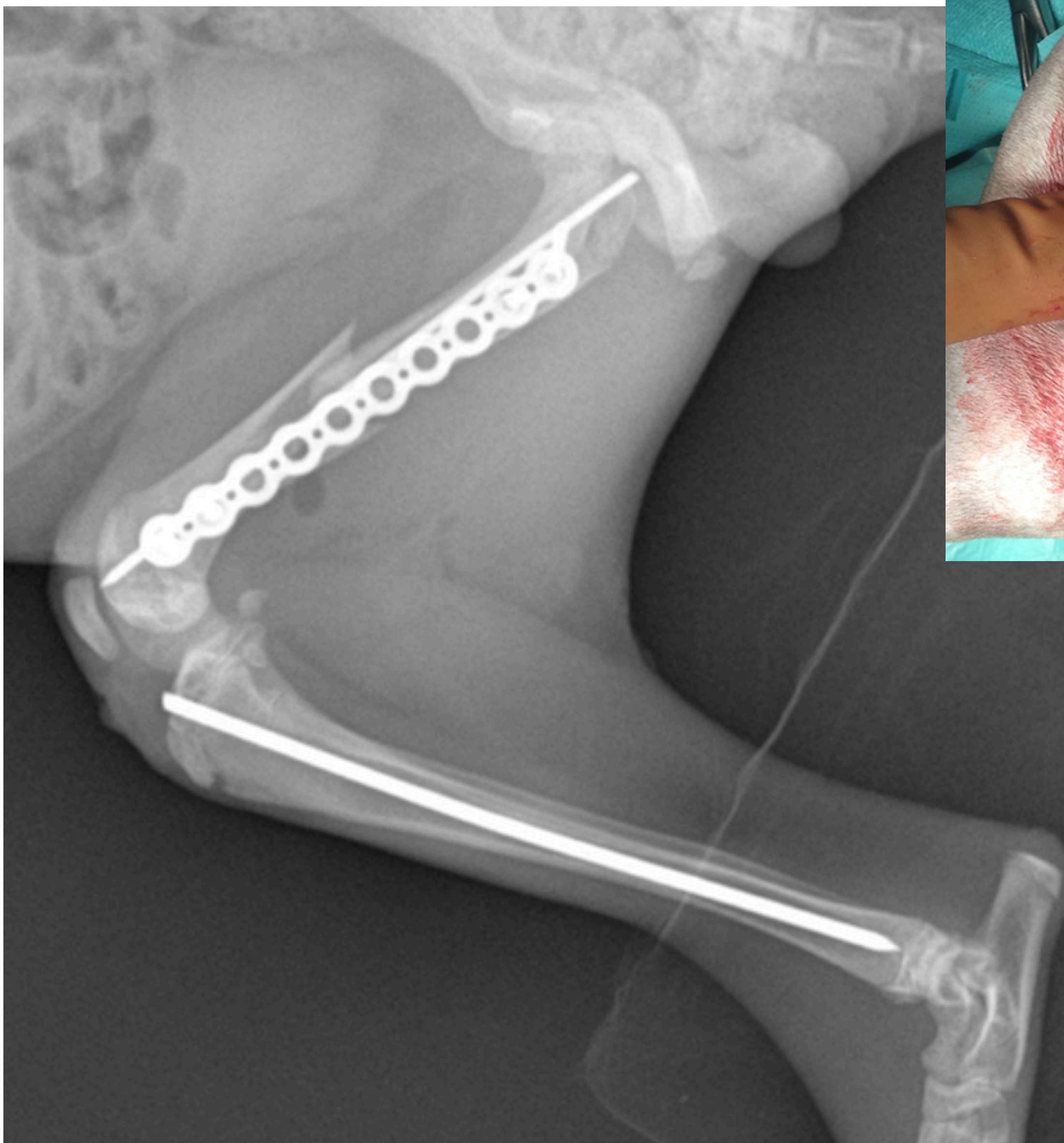
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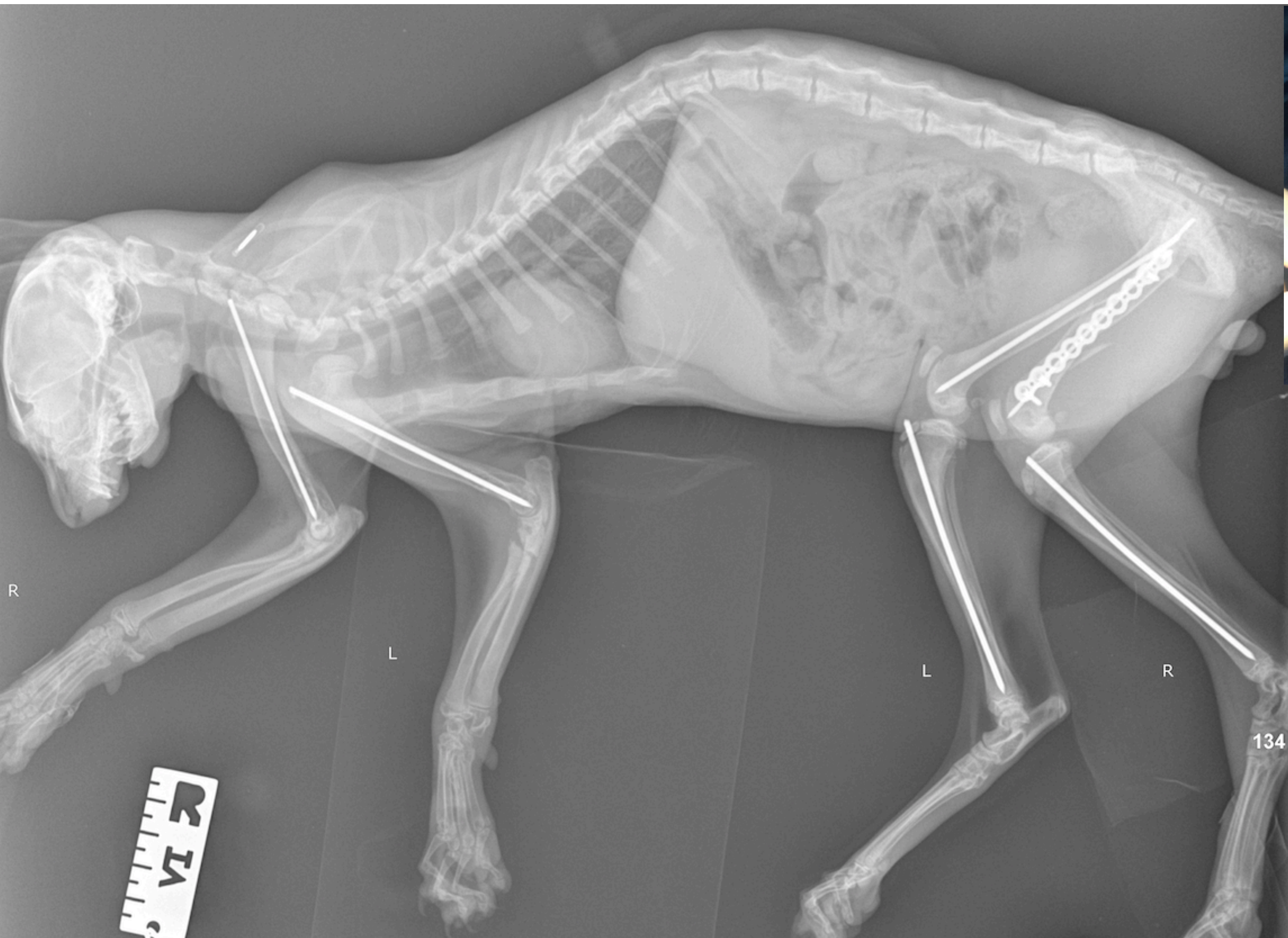
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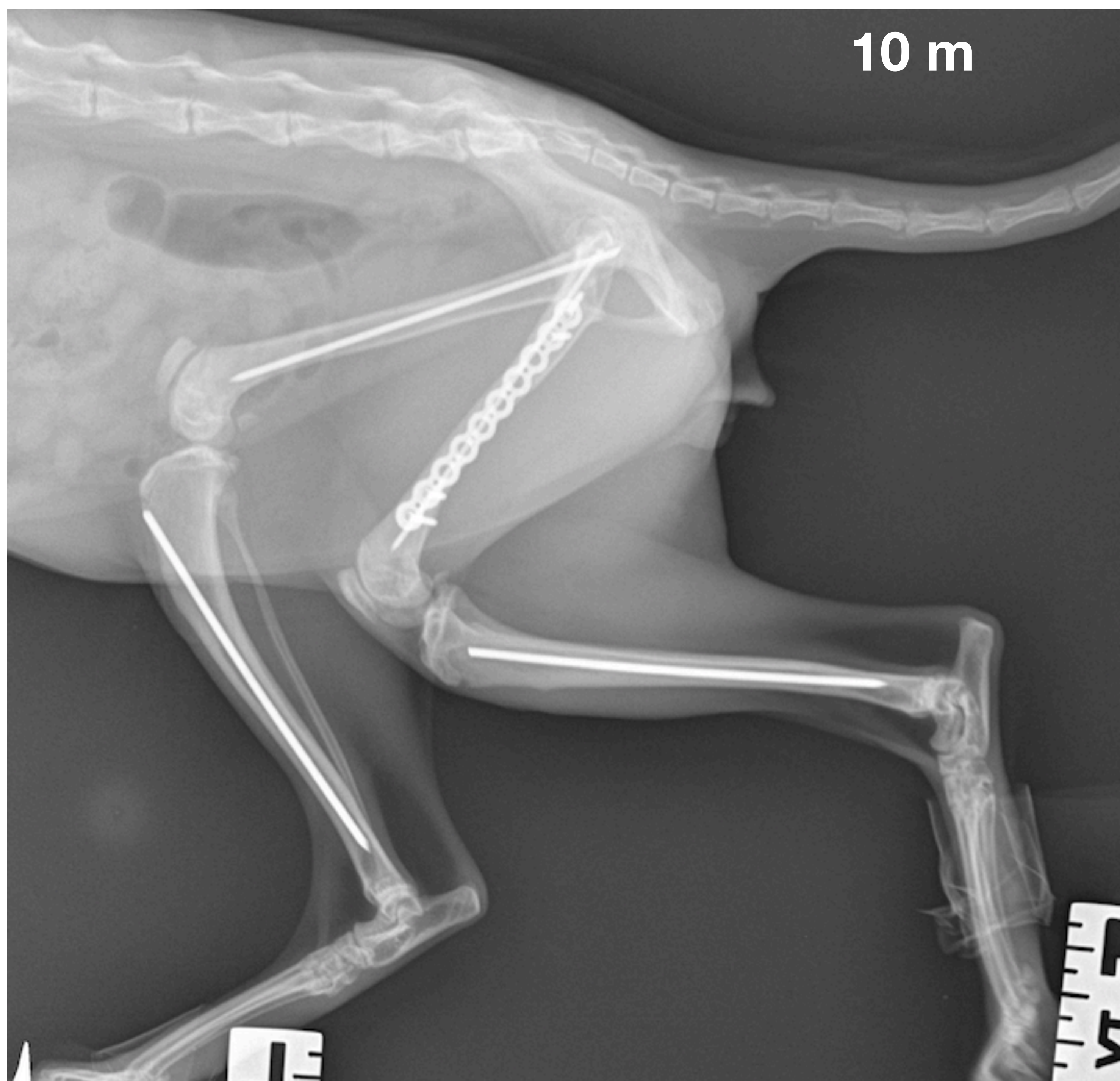
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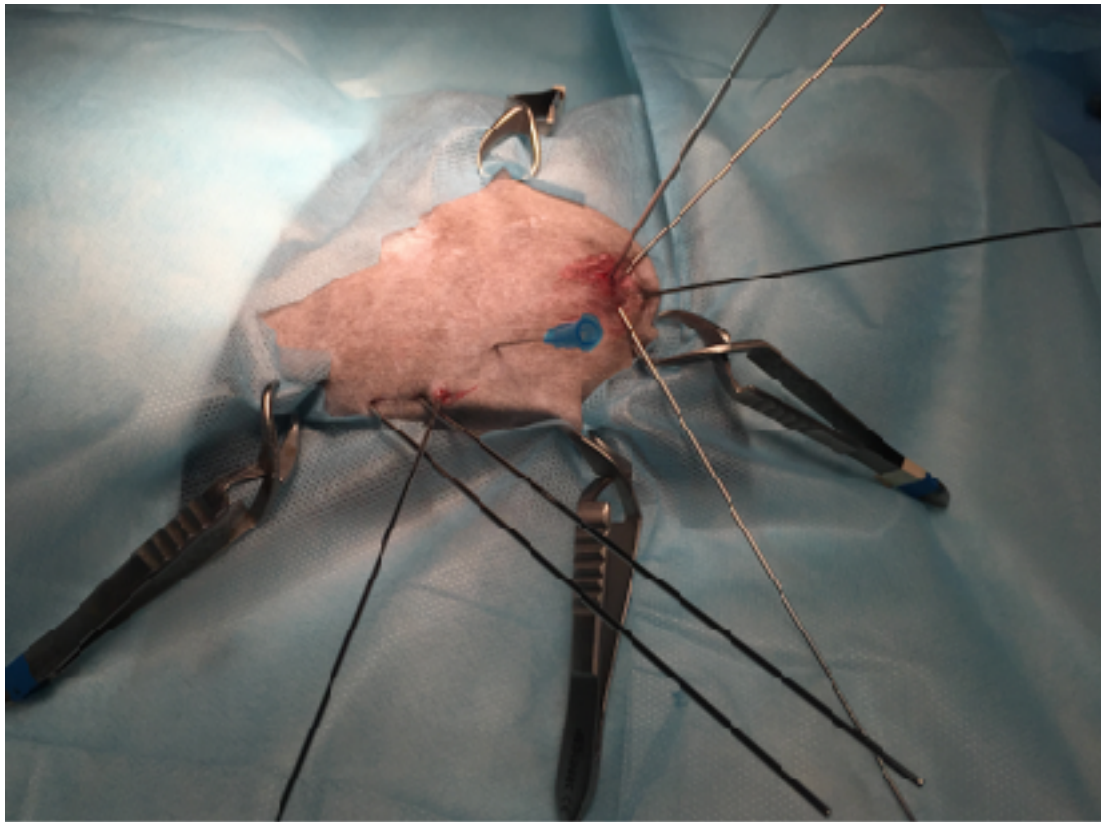
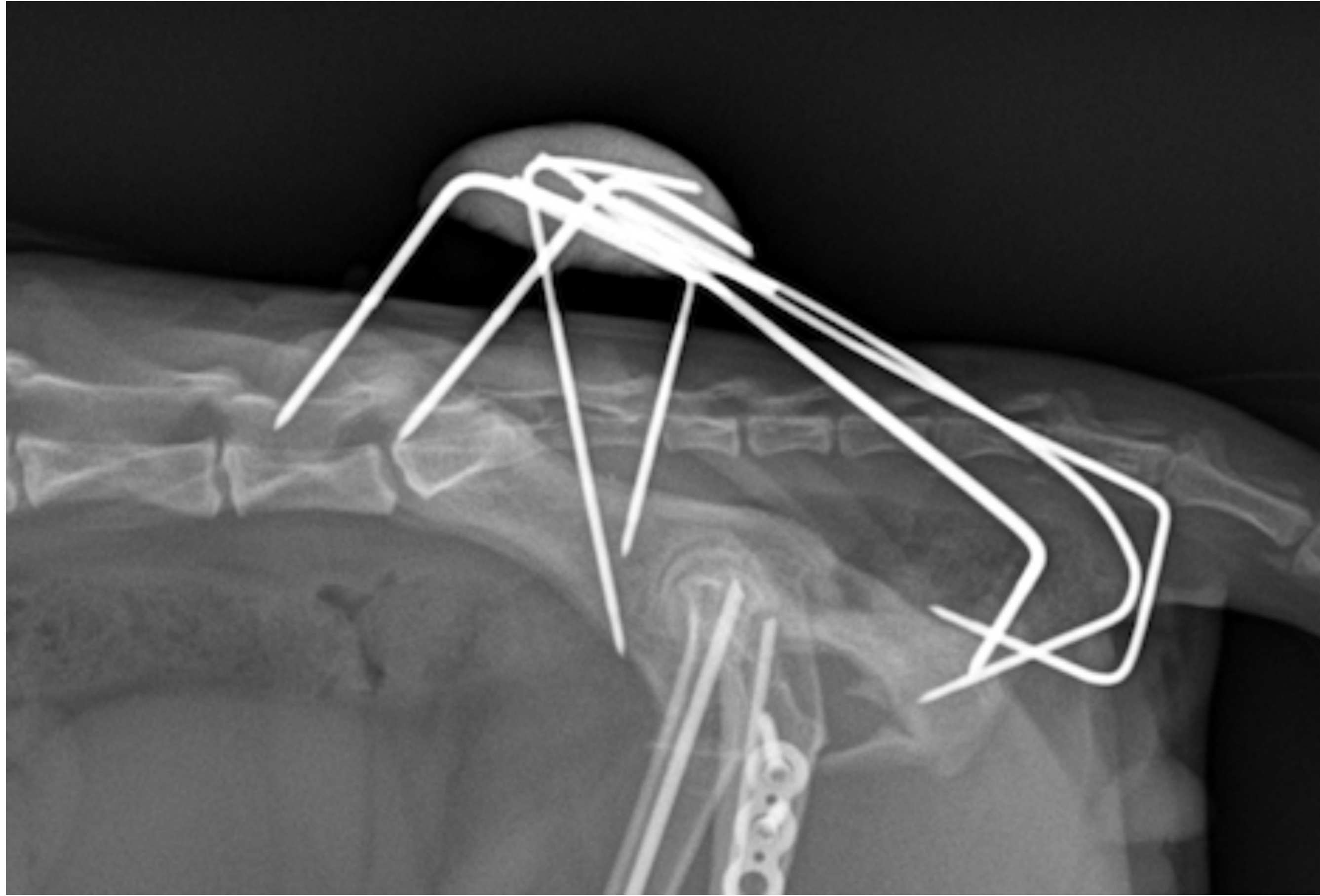
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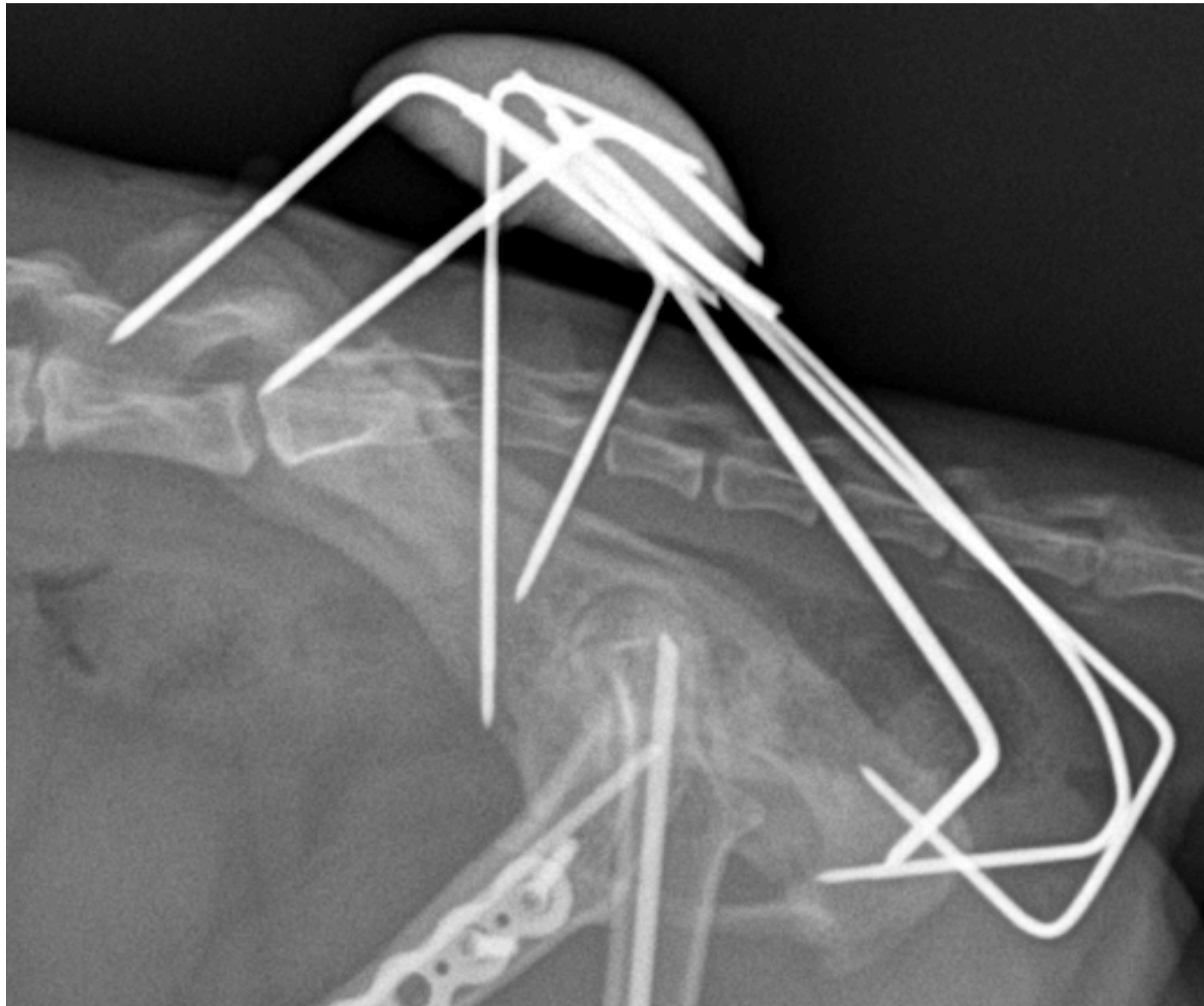


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30 day post op



Osteopetrosis

- Extremely rare
- Malfunctioning **osteoclasts**, inability to resorb bone
- The exact molecular defect unknown.
- Bone marrow cavities, replaced by primary spongiosa.
- Increased bone fragility.
- Myeloplastic anemia

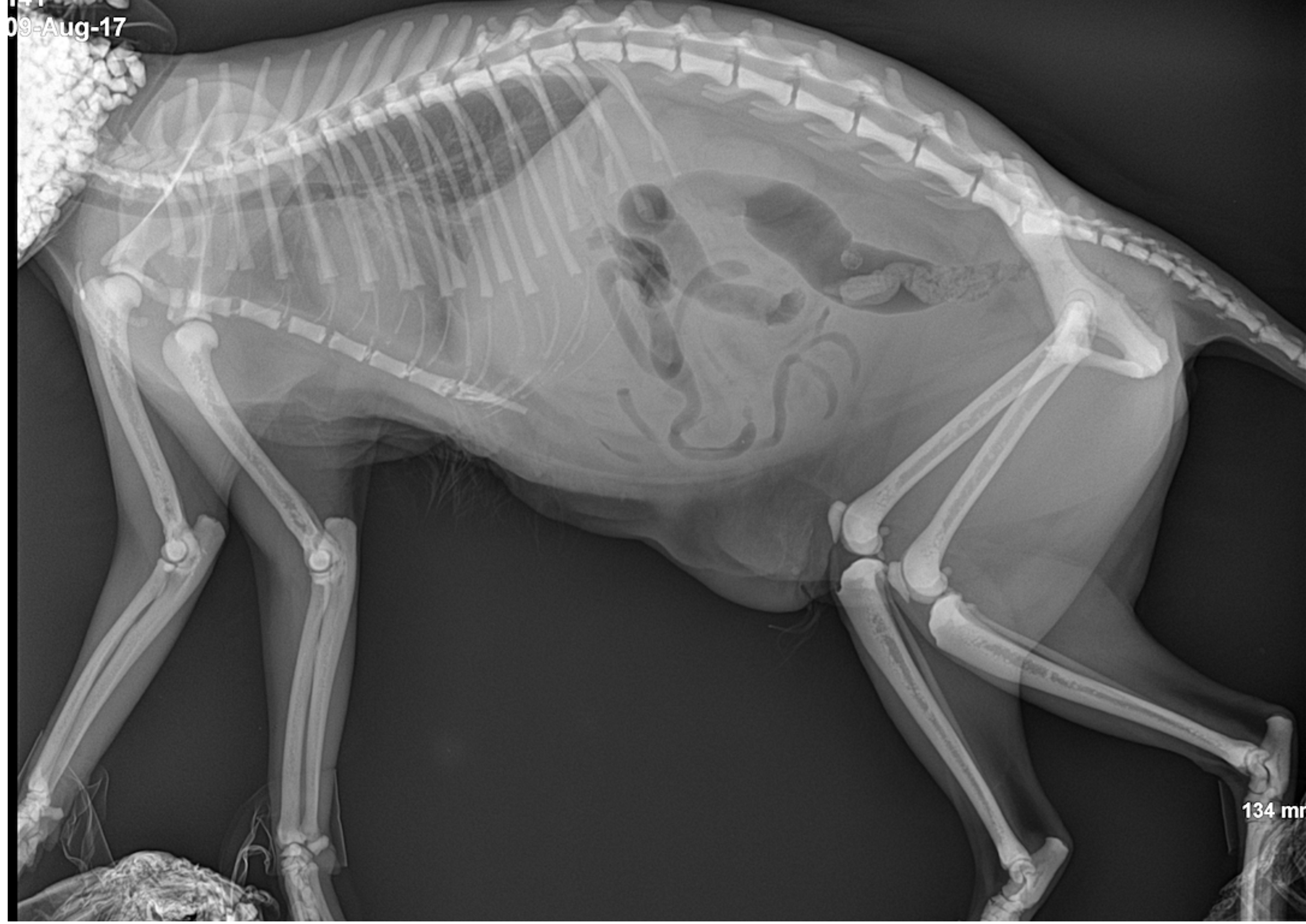


Diagnosis

- Radiographic- “marble view”.
- Australian Shepherds, Pekingese and Dachshunds.
- Only few cases reported in cats



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14 y old ESH,
cardiac
pathology

134 mm

Congenital tarsal hyperextension/ Tarsal arthrogryphosis

- Recent, unknown ethiology
- Very rare
- Usually bilateral
- Only cats?



Treatment

J Am Vet Med Assoc. 2006 Apr 15;228(8):1200-3.

Congenital tarsal hyperextension in three cats.

Buote NJ¹, Reese CJ.

“Conservative management involving external coaptation and physical therapy led to favorable results in all 3 cats.”

Treatment



Partial tarsal arthrodesis and botulinum toxin A injection for correction of tarsal arthrogryposis in a cat

S. R. Bright, S. L. Girling, T. O'Neill, J. F. Innes

Botulinum toxin A intramuscular injections directly into the gastrocnemius muscle and passive physiotherapy marginally improved the range of motion in the talocrural joint.

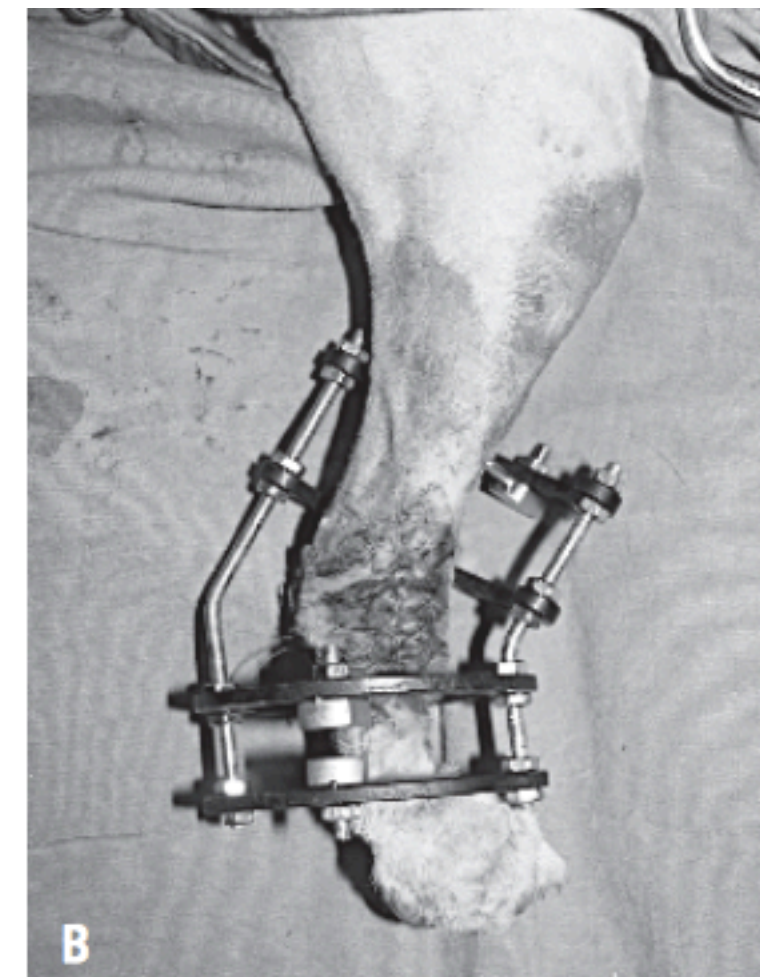
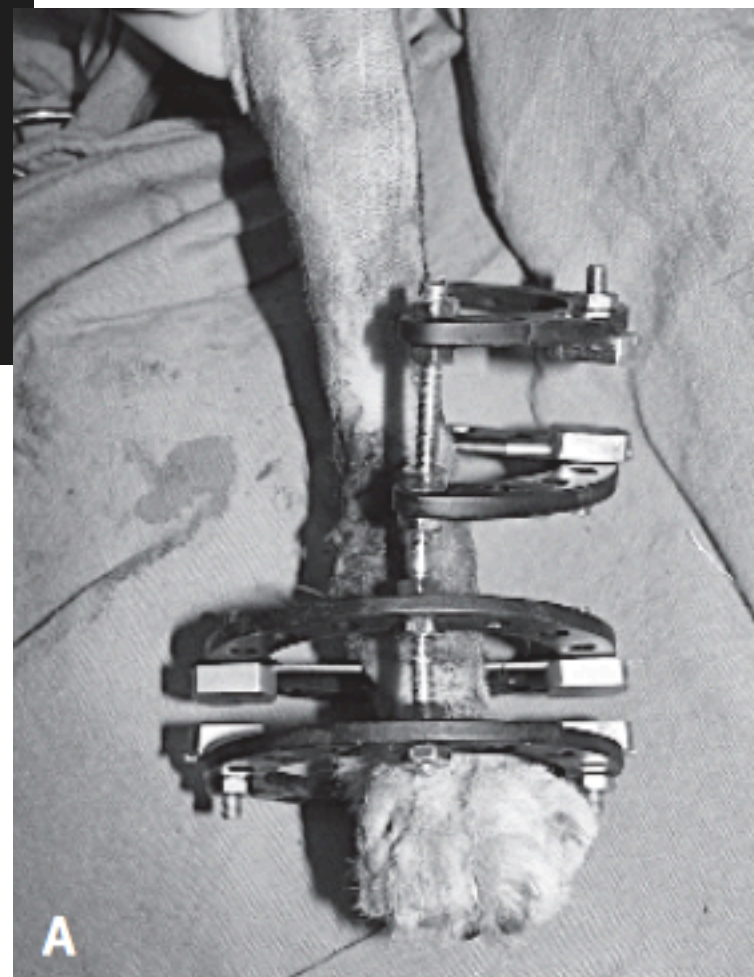
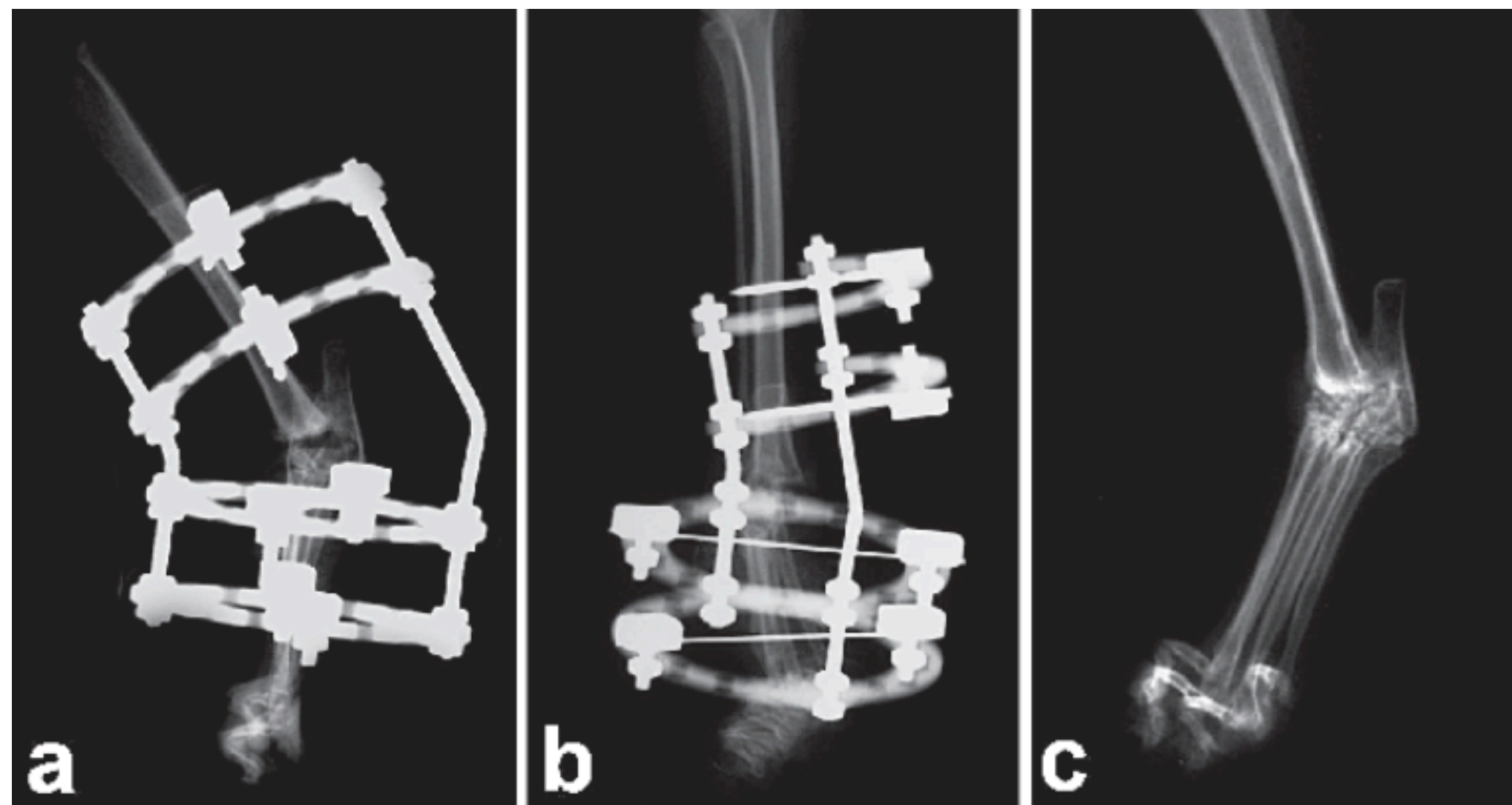
Definitive surgical treatment with partial tarsal arthrodesis produced an excellent clinical outcome.

Treatment

Surgical correction of a bilateral congenital tarsal hyperextension deformity in a cat

C. Yardımcı; A. Özak; H. Özlem Nisbet

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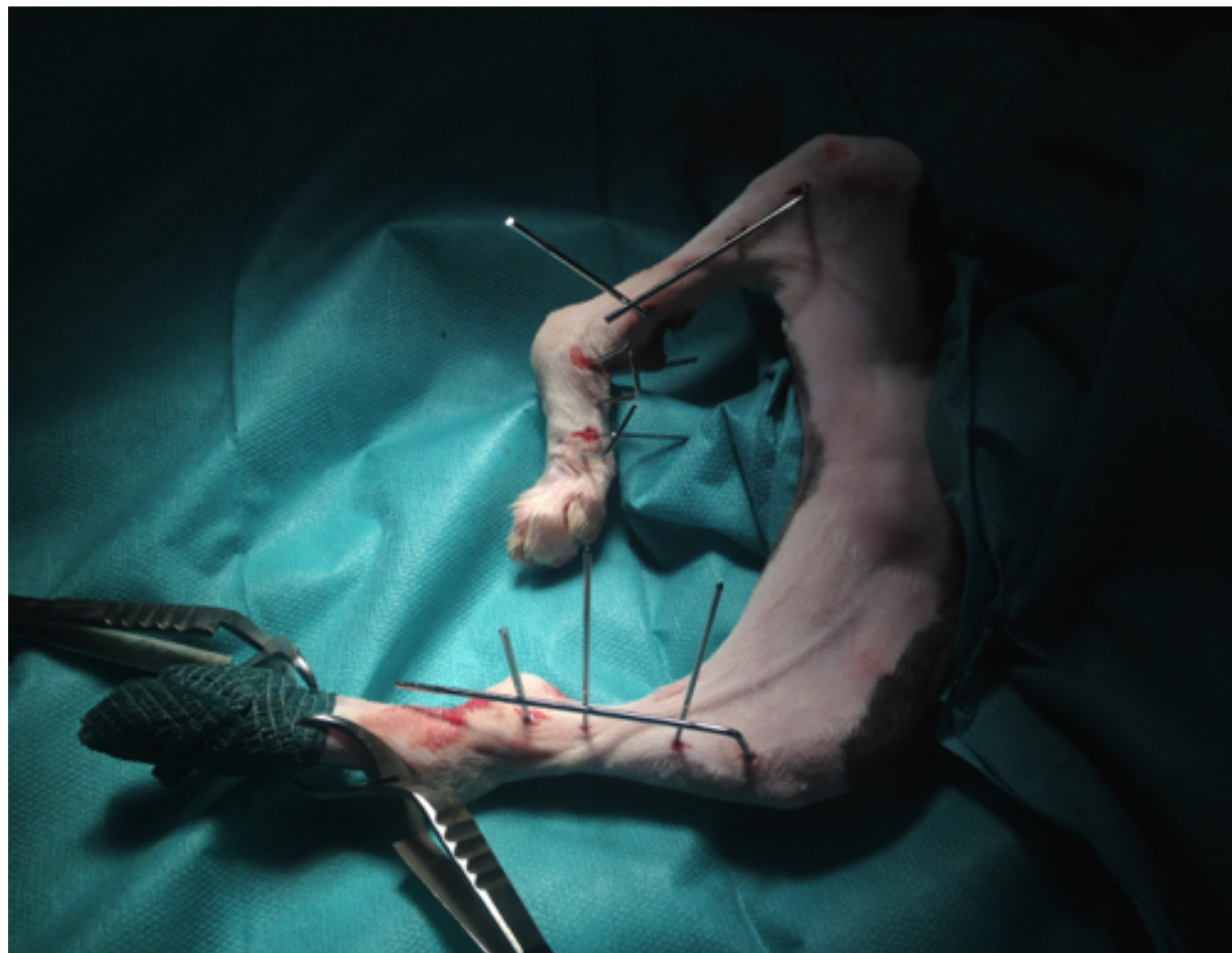


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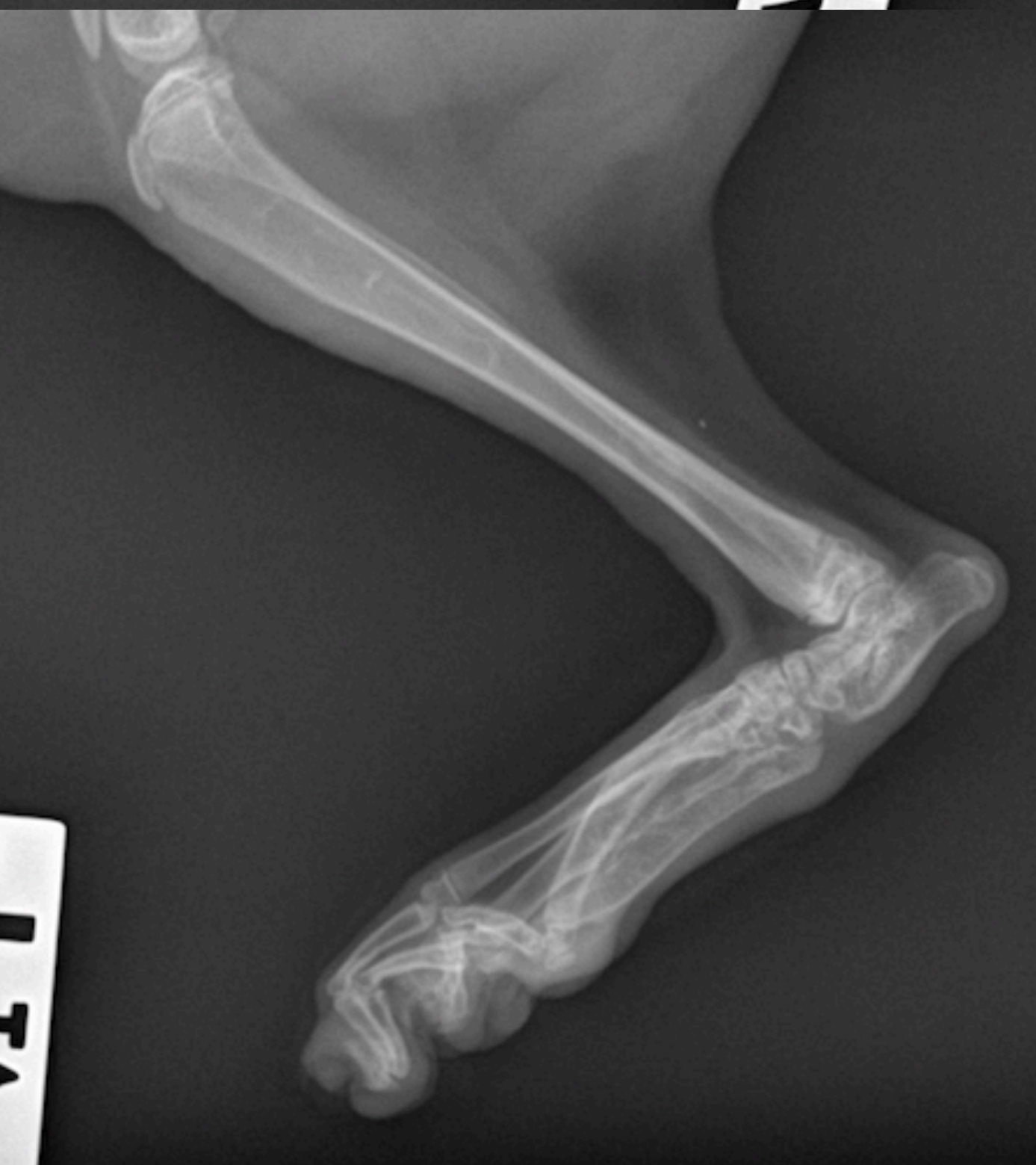
2 m old, male, ESH, 900g

Bilateral tarsal hyperextension





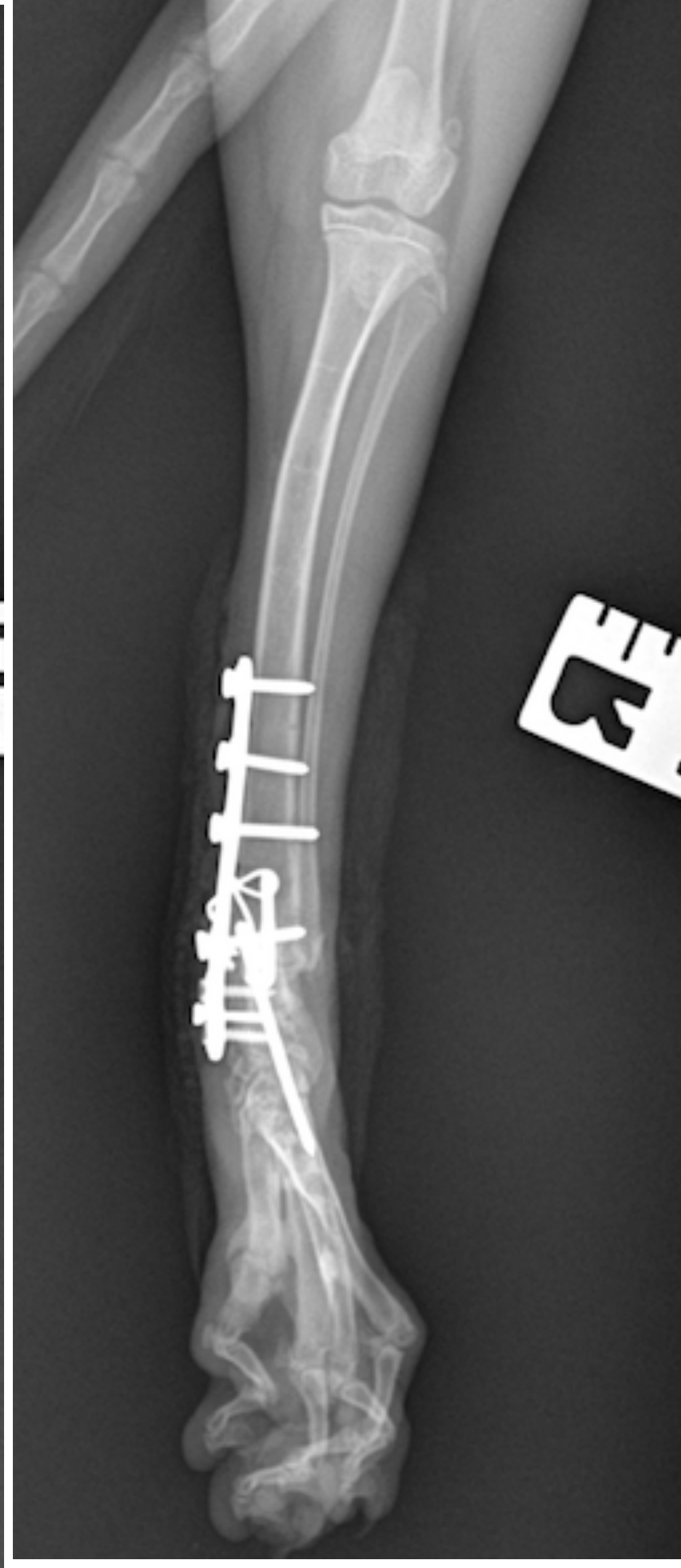
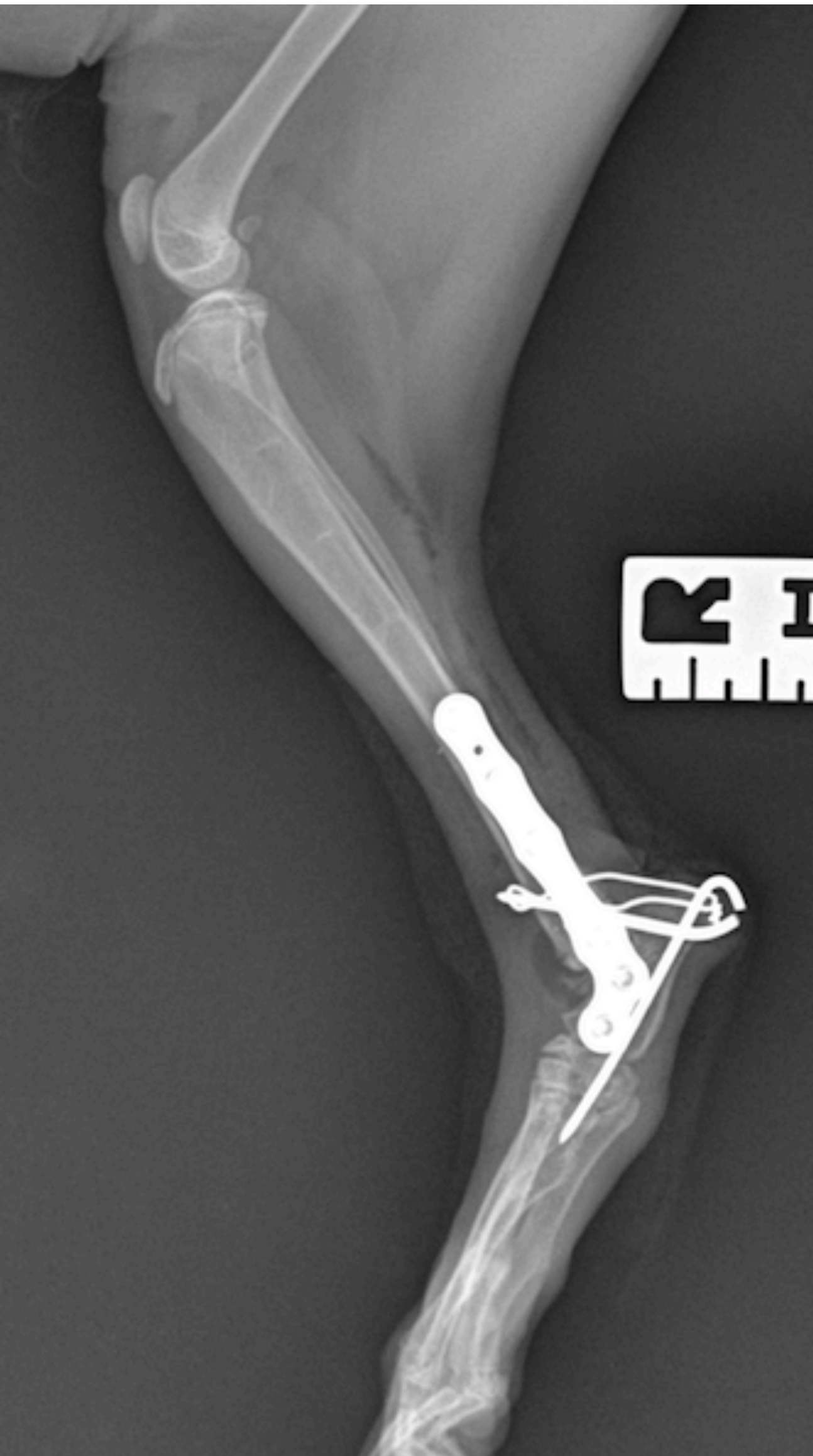




6 m of age, ESF removal
Tarsal hyperflexion



Bilateral partial tarsal arthrodesis



10 m age



Franki

7 m old, female, ESH, 1,9 kg

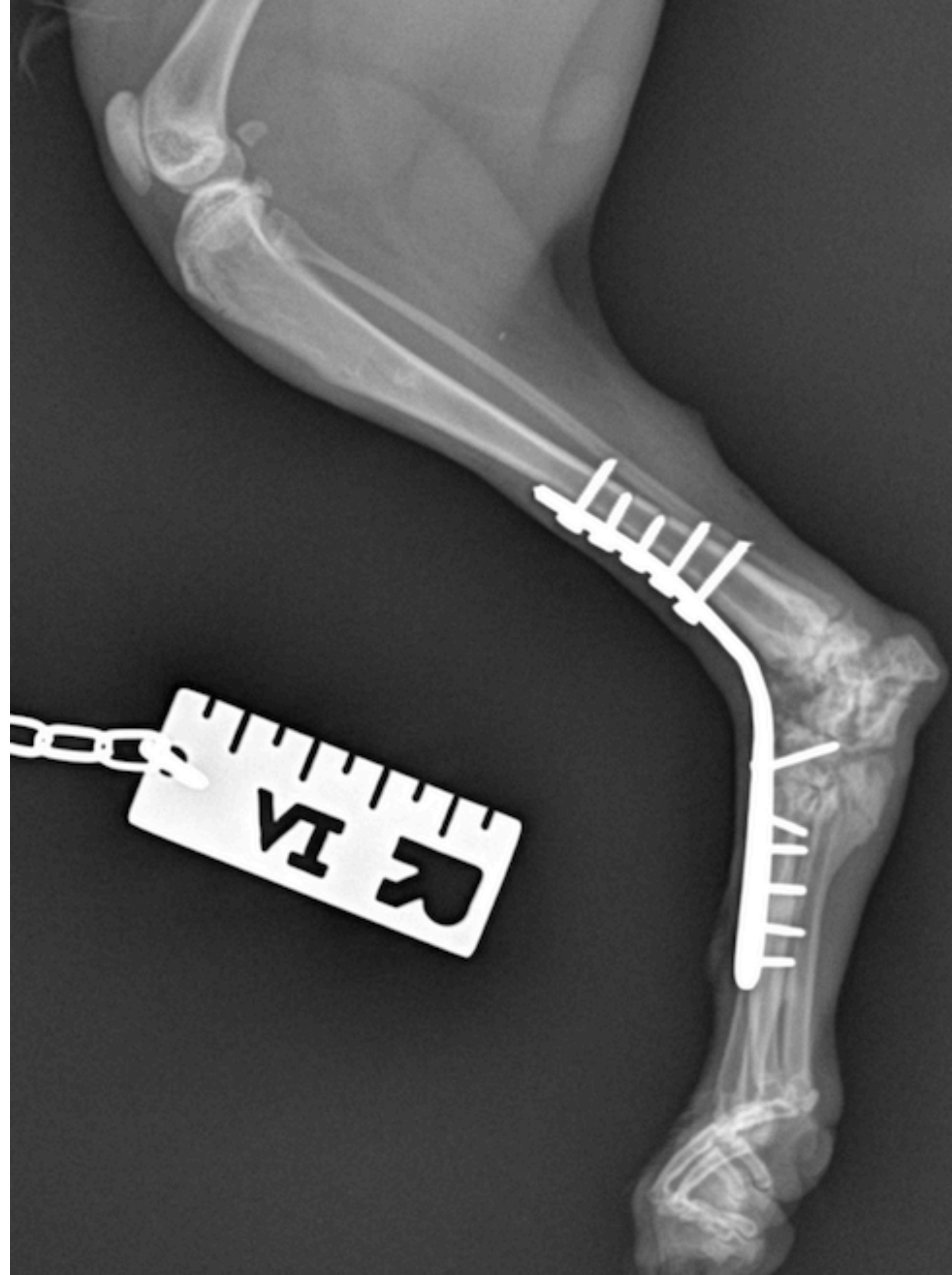
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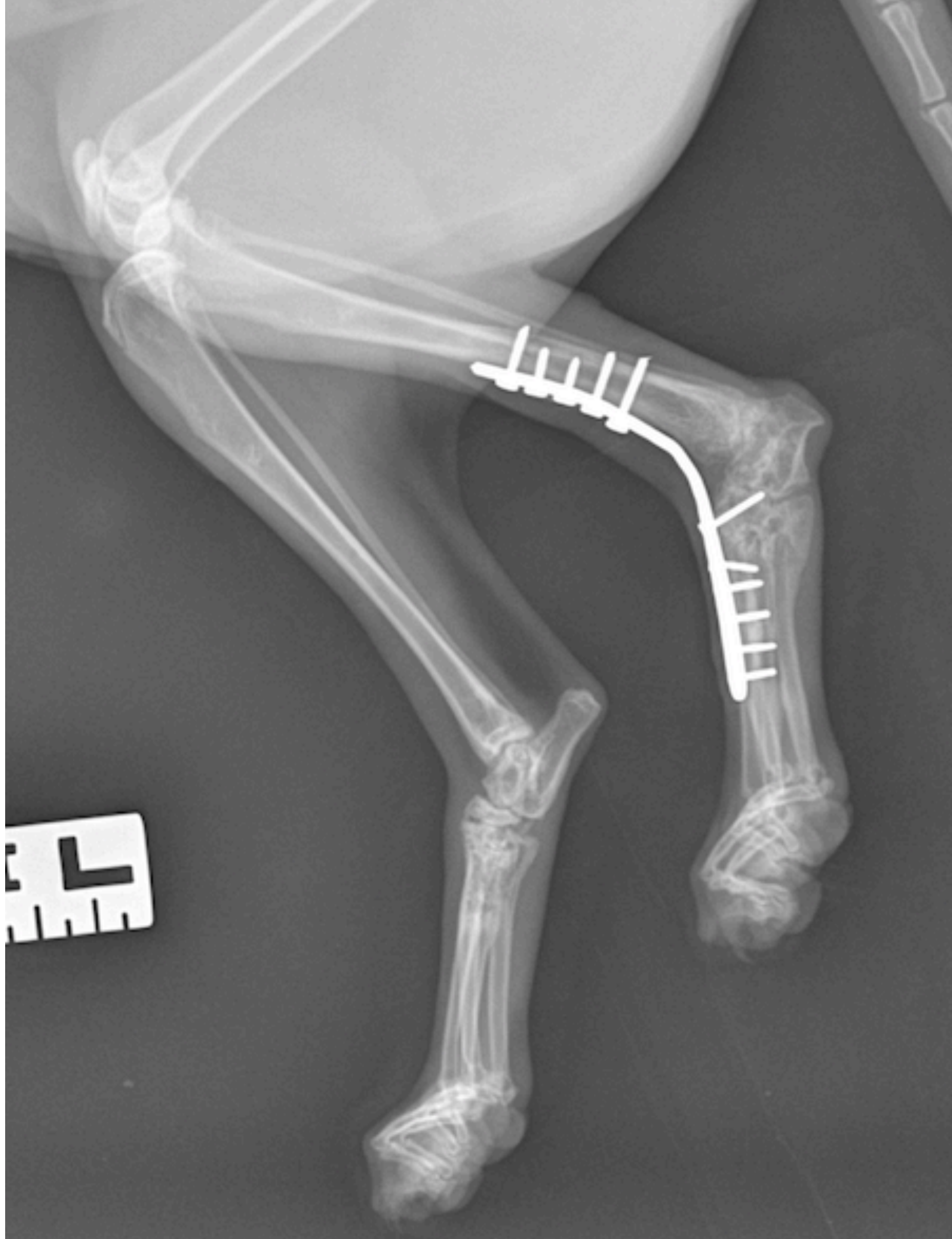
Bilateral tarsal hyperextension











Congenital stifle hyperextension/ Genu recurvatum

- Uncommon, Not clear etiology
- Embryonic myelitis affecting the lumbar motor center?
- **Neospora sp. associated**
- Unilateral or bilateral
- Dogs and cats

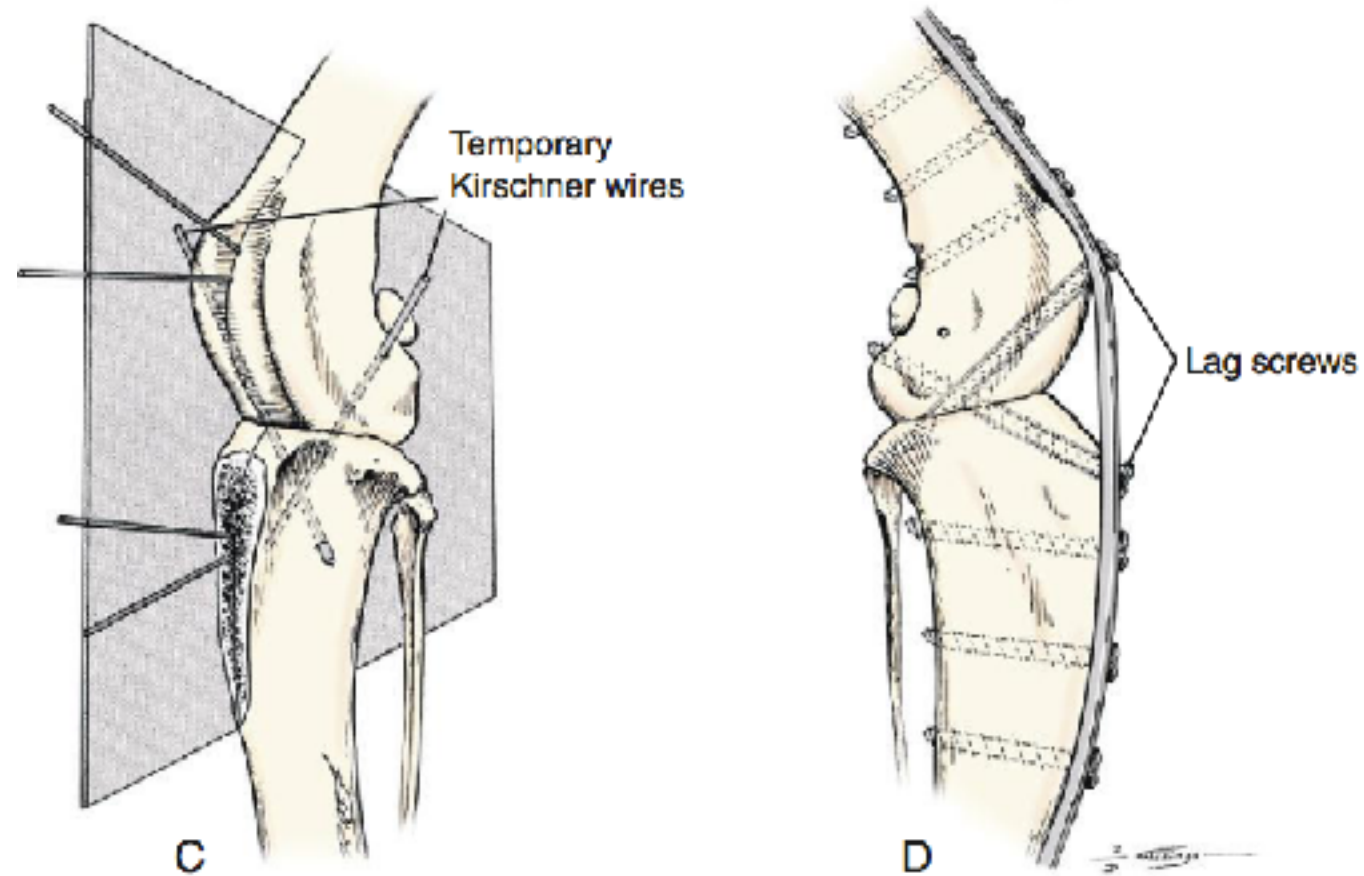


“Muscles dys-synergisim”



Treatment

- 3 m old kitten
- Unilaterally affected
- Stifle arthrodesis at the age of 6,5m



Functional result



Swimming puppy/kitten syndrome

- Rare, usually puppies
- Unknown etiology-congenital adductor weakness
- Inability for quadrupedal position primarily-pelvic limbs.
- Rarely- thoracic limbs, pact excavatum
- Usually 2-3 weeks after birth

Treatment

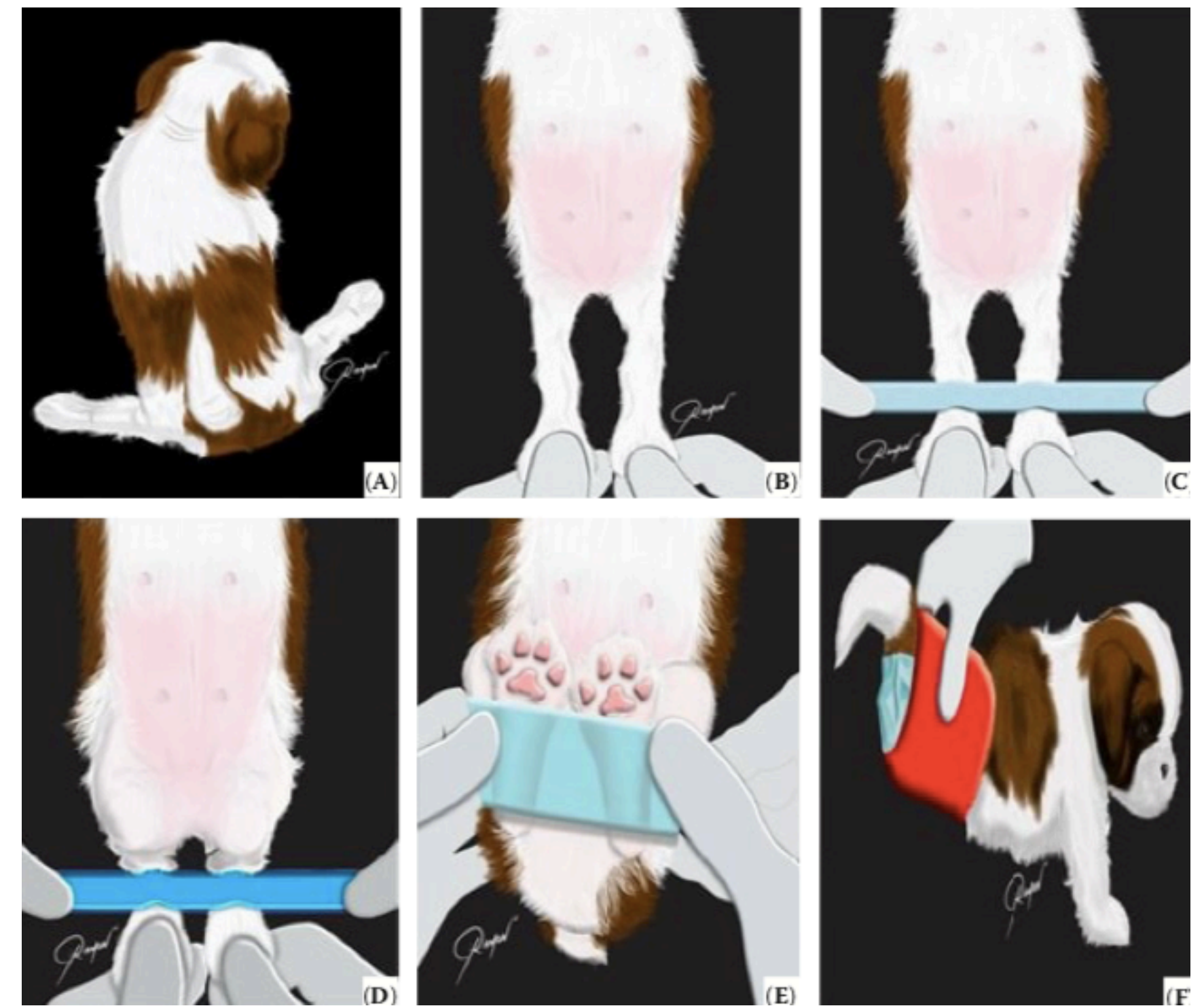
- Generally good prognosis
- Nutritional- restricted calories, Vitamin E, Selenium
- Physical therapy
- Hobble bandages

A modified technique for treating swimmer puppy syndrome

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Take home messages

- Congenital skeletal deformities have huge effect over the animal's quality of life.
- Curative treatment is not always possible.
- Theoretical knowledge is needed for recognition.
- Breeding prevention is the best possible solution.

Thank you!

