



# Oncology

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# Chief Complaint

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“Goldie ”is a 18 month old male Great Dane with a history of left front leg lameness for the past 3 weeks. The lameness has steadily got worse over the past 10 days and his appetite has decreased

# Goldie

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# History

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- Progressive lameness left foreleg – 3 weeks
- Weight bearing but clinically lame
- Decreased appetite
- DA2PVP, Rabies and Bordetella up to date

# Physical Examination

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- Temperature 38.1 degrees C
- Heart Rate 90 bpm
- Painful on palpation of the shoulder area and proximal humerus

# Problem List

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- Moderate lameness
- Pain palpation of the left proximal humerus and left shoulder.
- Decreased appetite

# Rule Outs

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- List all the Possible Diagnoses
- *This list is your Rule Out list*

# Rule Outs

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- Osteochondritis dissecans - medial condyle humerus
- Panostitis
- Osteosarcoma – proximal humerus
- Osteochondritis Dissecans of the proximal humerus
- Sprain/ Strain – Trauma
- Elbow Dysplasia
  - Un-united anconeal process
  - Fragmented medial coronoid process
  - Osteochondritis dissecans



# The Plan

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- What is your PLAN ?

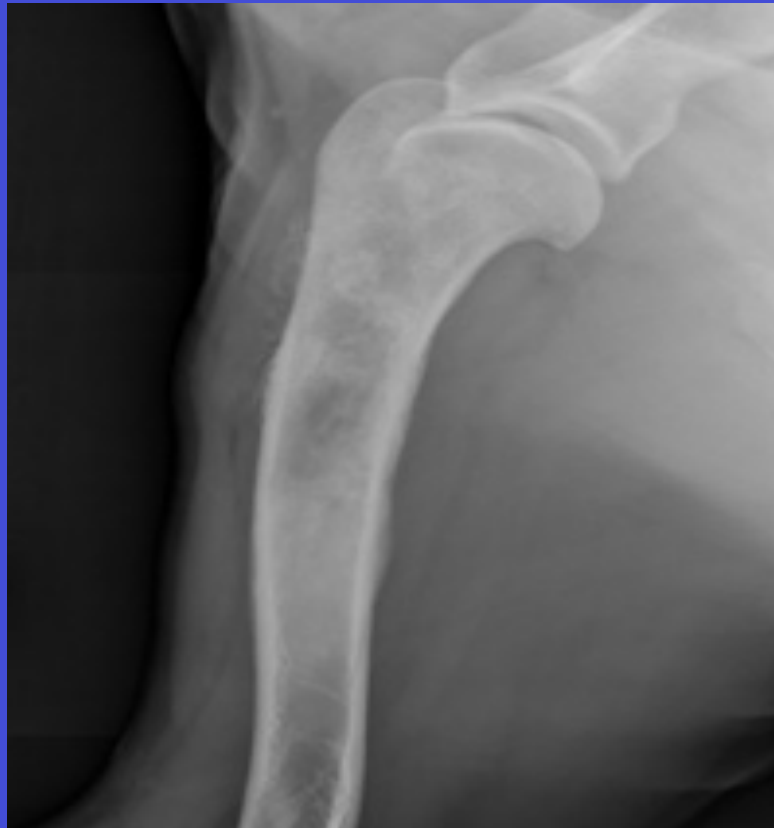
# Plan

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- Radiograph – 2 views – AP and Lateral of the entire leg focusing on the three joints
  - Shoulder Joint
  - Elbow Joint
  - Carpal Joint

# Shoulder Joint

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# Elbow Joint



# Carpal Joint

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What abnormalities do you see in the previous radiographs?

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- Radiographic lesions/abnormalities?

# Radiographic abnormalities

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- Elbow and Carpus are Normal
- Shoulder Joint and Proximal Humerus
  - New bone proliferation
  - Bone lysis

# Normal Shoulder Joint

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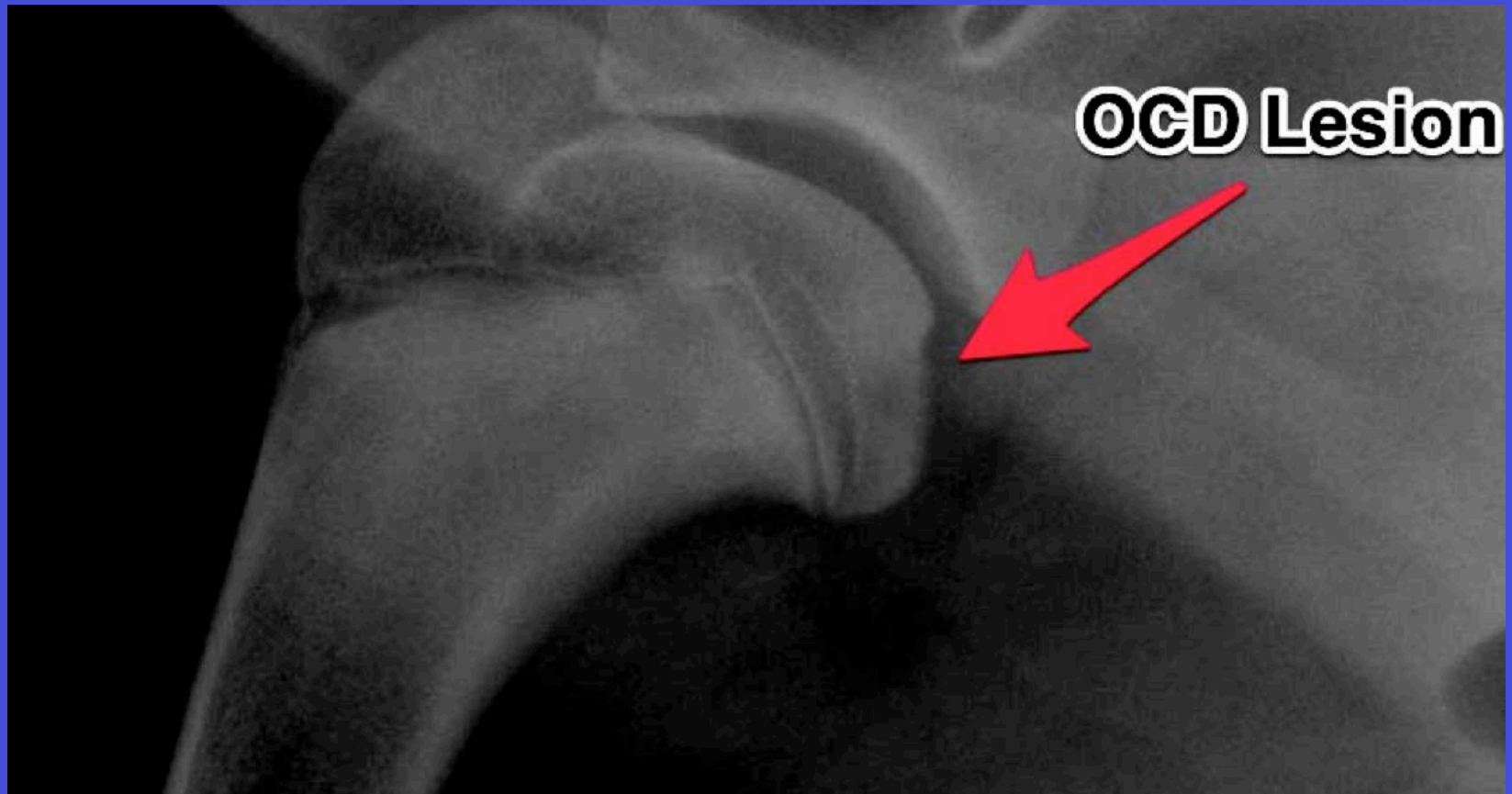


# More Advanced Case of Osteosarcoma of the Humerus

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# OCD Shoulder (not our dog)



# OCD Distal Humerus (not our dog)

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# OCD Elbow (not our dog)

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# Panostitis (not our dog)

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# What is your Diagnosis?

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What is your diagnosis ?

# Diagnosis

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- Osteosarcoma of the proximal humerus
- **Careful:** a fungal osteomyelitis looks very similar.

What test will you order to differentiate osteosarcoma from fungal osteomyelitis?

# Confirm Diagnosis

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- Bone Biopsy is the gold standard for confirming osteosarcoma



# Next important procedure

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- Before you discuss treatment with the owner what further test/procedure do you need to recommend to the owner?

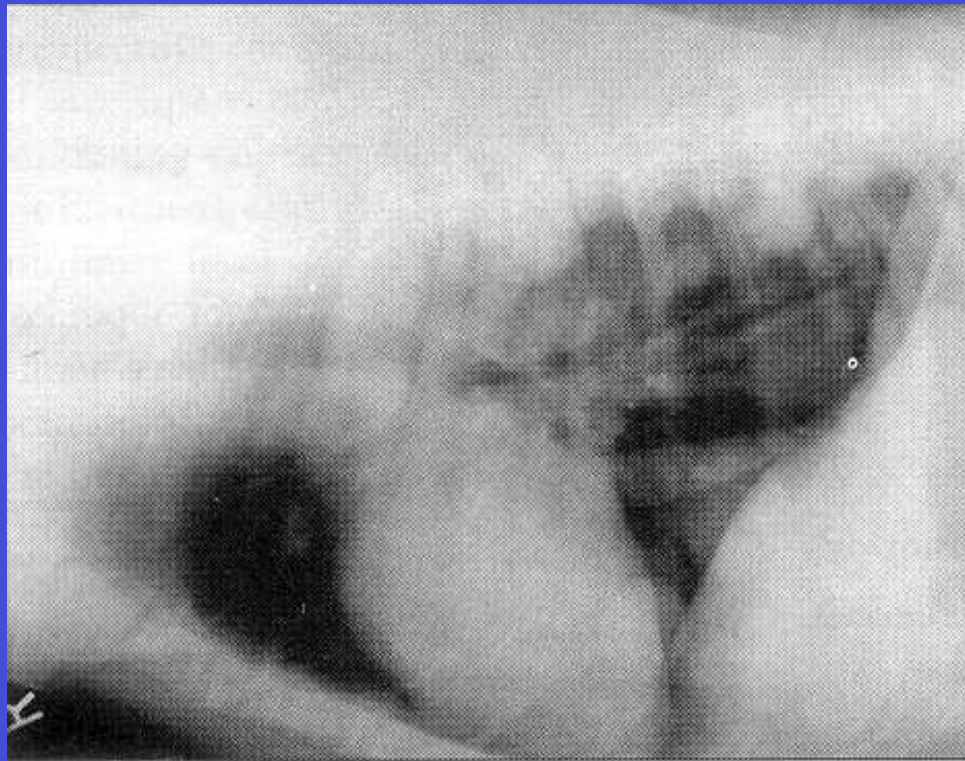
# Further essential procedure

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- Thoracic radiographs: 3 views right and left lateral and a V/D

# Thoracic Radiographs

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# What do you see?

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- What do you see in the previous radiograph and how will this information help you discuss the prognosis with the owner?

# Thoracic Radiograph

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- Metastatic Pulmonary Nodules

# Treatment Plan

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- Surgery : amputation or limb sparing surgery followed by chemotherapy

# Prognosis?

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- What will you tell the owner in regards to the prognosis?

# Prognosis

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- 90 % of osteosarcomas are highly malignant
- Medium survival time without treatment or with amputation is approximately 4 months
- Medium survival time with surgery and chemotherapy is 10 month
- Prognosis is Poor.





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The End



































































