

# Case 18

# IVRA

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# Signalment and History

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1-year-old MC GSD

Unwilling to jump into car and painful on  
lumbosacral palpation



# Description

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- There is a focal bone opacity fragment superimposed with the vertebral canal at L7-S1

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- The craniodorsal margin of the sacrum has a corresponding concave defect with adjacent subchondral sclerosis

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- The cranioventral margin of the sacrum has a triangular shape and extends ventrally compared to L7

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- There is incongruity and periarticular osteophytosis of the right coxofemoral joint

# Conclusion

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- The changes associated with the sacrum are consistent with sacral osteochondrosis (OCD), with concurrent mild ventral subluxation at L7-S1 and early spondylosis deformans.
- Right sided hip dysplasia and degenerative joint disease



# Comments

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- Osteochondrosis is a developmental disorder characterized by failure in endochondral ossification.
- The sacrum has been described as a potential site.
- German Shepherd Dogs are predisposed for this condition.

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