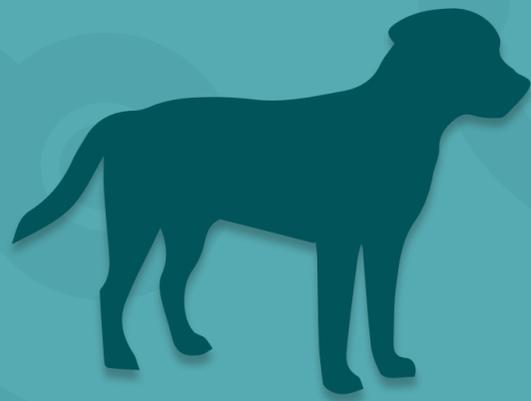


Traumatic tracheal tear



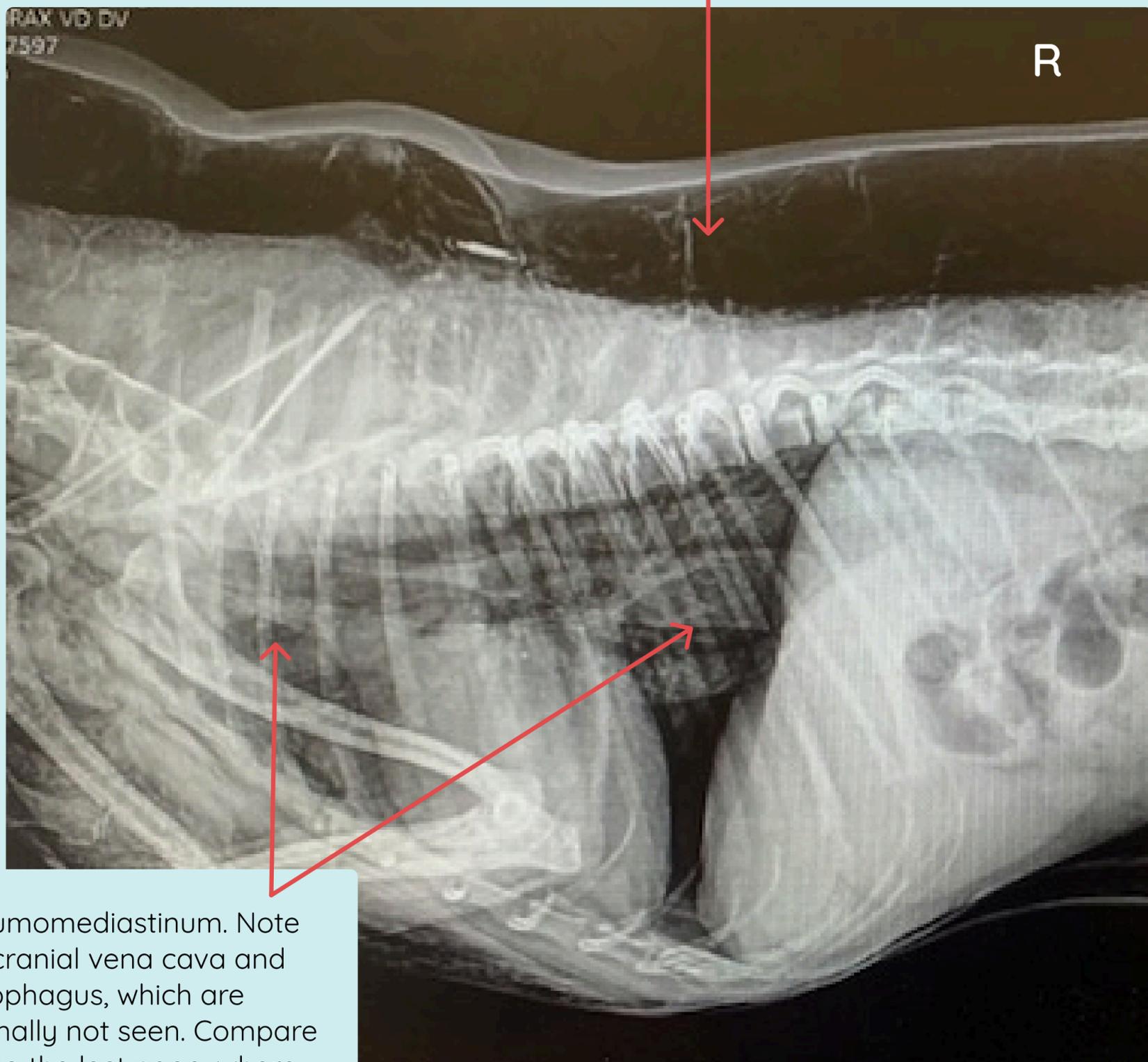
Traumatic tracheal tear in a dog

3yo, MN, Chihuahau

This patient developed subcutaneous emphysema and pneumomediastinum following a dog bite to the neck area. The patient was managed conservatively, and the tear healed via secondary intention with subsequent absorption of the air from the subcutaneous space.

Air within the subcutaneous space

Day 0



Pneumomediastinum. Note the cranial vena cava and oesophagus, which are normally not seen. Compare this to the last page, where the pneumomediastinum has resolved

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Two days post admission to hospital and conservative management of a tracheal tear caused by a dog bite to the neck area.

Day 2



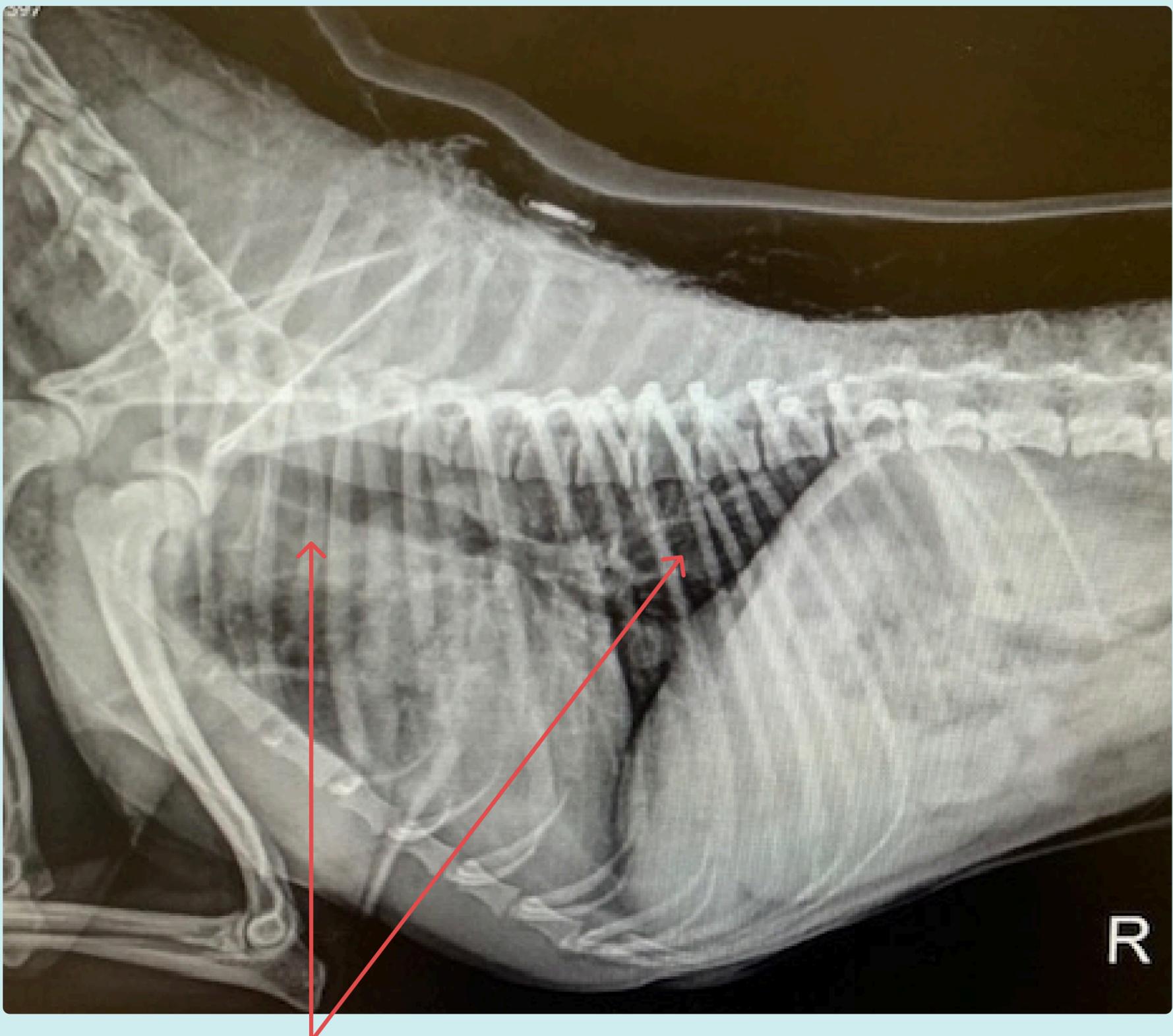
Much less air
within the
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The cranial vena cava and the oesophagus can no longer be seen as the pneumomediastinum has resolved.

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Bite
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