RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS OF RHEUMATOID POLYARTHRITIS IN A CHIPPIPARAI DOG

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Canine rheumatoid poly arthritis is a fairly rare yet painful condition suffered by some pets. A 5 months old Chippiparai breed male dog was presented to the Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex, Tirunelveli with the history of difficulty in walking since three months. On clinical examination, it was observed that the animal was limping and there was painful swelling in almost all the joints of all the limbs. CR images revealed joint effusion, intracapsular swelling, periarticular soft tissue swelling, sclerosis of subchondral bone, loss of articular cartilage, narrowing of the joint space, ankylosis, collapsed joint spaces, osteolytic changes and periarticular osteophytosis. The axial skeleton or skull did not show any radiographic abnormalities.