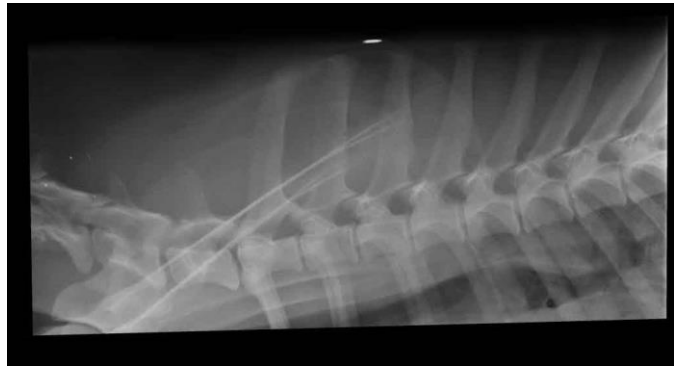


Thoracic Spine - Lateral



Positioning

- In lateral recumbency
- Ensure spine parallel to cassette/table top
- Use sponges under sternum to prevent rotation
- Pull thoracic limbs cranially
- Centre over T6-T7
- Collimate to include entire thoracic spine, including spinous processes
- Ensure L/R marker in primary beam.

What to look for

- Ensure the entire spinous processes are seen, and the spine is not rotated.

Top Tips

- Foam pads under the sternum reduce rotation; also padding under the lumbar spine can often help straighten out the thoracic spine better.