

Why I'm here:
Floating, Debilitated, Boat Strike

Patient : **Atlas**
Species : Green
Latin Name: *Chelonia mydas*
Age : Juvenile
Gender : Unknown
Weight : 4.18 lbs/1.9 kg
Found : St. Augustine, FL
Arrived : October 7, 2012
Rescued by : Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission



Exam Findings:

Debilitated, moderate epibiota
Fracture along anterior (front)
midline of carapace
Thin
Lethargic
Deep pain response in rear flippers,
but not normal movement

Diagnostic Results:

Bloodwork: slightly anemic
X-rays: Gas distension in GI tract,
air in coelomic cavity



TREATMENT

FOR:

Atlas

Ceftazidine-antibiotic
Cisapride-gut motility
Meloxicam-pain management and
antiinflammatory
Metoclopramide-gut motility
Iron supplements
Tramadol-pain management
Wound care: debridement, medi-honey, and
honey comb, and waterproof bandage

PRESCRIBED: *DR. NORTON, DVM*
(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR CURRENT)

Update:

Atlas arrived on Columbus Day, hence his/her name. This is truly an amazing case! This turtle is moving around great in the water, eating well, and starting to gain weight. The wound has healed very fast. The hind flippers are moving better but not normally. Atlas is defecating normally and no longer has gas in his/her GI tract.

Current Weight:

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