

Why I'm here:  
**Washed ashore as hatchling**

Patient : Gabriella  
Species : Loggerhead  
Latin Name: *Caretta caretta*  
Age : Hatchling  
Gender : Unknown  
Weight : 1.45 oz/41 g  
Found : Jacksonville Beach, FL  
Arrived : October 13, 2008  
Rescued by : Florida Fish and  
Wildlife Conservation Commission



**Exam Findings:**

Covered in algae  
Emaciated  
Lesions  
Areas of exposed bone



**TREATMENT FOR:**

Gabi

Amikacin: antibiotic  
Cisapride: Gut motility  
Weight therapy

PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM

**Update:**

After spending a couple of months at the GSTC healing and getting stronger, Gabi was sent to the Sandy Creek Nature Center in Athens, Georgia to serve as an ambassador for his/her species. While he/she was there he/she developed a spinal deformity which causes his/her rear end to be more buoyant than the rest of his/her body. Gabi was sent back to the GSTC about a year ago to try to see if we could get him/her back to a releasable state. We have been using weight therapy to try to balance Gabi in the water; however he/she still has problems balancing. Despite our best efforts, Gabi will not do well if released at this time and we are currently searching for a permanent home for him/her.

Current Weight:

000 LBS