

Why I'm here:  
**Boat Strike**

Patient : Gracias  
Species : Kemp's Ridley  
Latin Name: *Lepidochelys kempii*  
Age : Juvenile  
Gender : Unknown  
Weight : 17.8 lbs / 8.1 kg  
Found : St. Simons Sound, GA  
Arrived : November 3, 2011  
Rescued by : Coast Guard &  
Georgia DNR



### Exam Findings:

Boat strike wounds to carapace (top shell) and plastron (bottom shell)

Unable to dive

### Diagnostic Results:

Blood work: Normal

X-rays: Air in body cavity



### TREATMENT

**FOR:** *Gracias*

Ceftazidime: Antibiotic

Wound cleaning and debridement

Bone cement with antibiotic on exposed bone of shell

Supportive care consisting of fluid therapy and additional support

Aspiration of air from body cavity with needle and syringe every few days

Weight therapy on shell to assist with flotation abnormality

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

### Update:

Lung tear has healed recently and Gracias is no longer floating. Started to eat shortly after lung tear resolved. Wounds are healing nicely. Gracias was named as a Thank You to our wonderful

Current Weight:

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