

Why I'm here:
Caught in a Dredge

Patient : **Helio-Noel**
Species : Green Sea Turtle
Latin Name: *Chelonia mydas*
Age : Juvenile
Gender : Unknown
Weight : 7.04 lbs / 3.2 kg
Found : Duval County, FL-
Mayport Naval Base
Arrived : December 16, 2011
Rescued by : Dredge Boat *MV*
Terrapin Island



Exam Findings:

Severe fractures on carapace with
vertebrae involvement

Partial paralysis of hind flippers

Minimal defecation

Diagnostic Results:

Blood work: Normal

X-rays: Fractured carapace and vertebrae;
slow gastrointestinal tract movement

Colonoscopy for enema: feces visualized



**TREATMENT
FOR: Helio-Noel**

Amikacin: Antibiotic

Metronidazole: Antibiotic

Cisapride: Gut motility

Tramadol: Pain management

Endoscope-guided enema

Wound management: debridement,
flushing, cleaning; application of Redi-
heal, bone cement, and gentocin

PRESCRIBED: *DR. NORTON, DVM*

Current Weight:

The first part of Helio-Noel's name was
derived from heliotrope– a green
mineral and December birthstone. This
was a great fit for a green sea turtle
found in December!

