

Why I'm here:
Severe front and hind flipper
injuries of an unknown cause

Patient : Jack
Species : Green
Latin Name: *Chelonia mydas*
Age : Juvenile
Gender : Unknown
Weight : 1.3 kg/2.86 lbs
Found : Vilano Beach, FL
Arrived : November 5, 2013
Rescued by : Vilano Beach
Turtle Patrol



TREATMENT

FOR:

Jack
(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR
CURRENT)

- Initial IV and Sub-Q electrolyte fluids for dehydration.
- B-vitamins.
- Stomach tube used to instill nutrient rich liquid called Emeraid Herbivore.
- Metoclopramide (improves stomach emptying and lessens the chance of regurgitation).
- Tramadol and Meloxicam (pain management).
- Metronidazole and Ceftazidime (broad spectrum antibiotics).
- Medihoney applied to exposed joint, held in place by petroleum gauze and an action bandage with zip ties.
- Plastron and skin abrasions treated with Silversulvidine (SSD) cream.

PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM

Initial Exam Findings:

- Severe right front flipper injury with exposed elbow joint, muscle and tendon exposure, and trauma.
 - Missing left rear flipper.
- Some abrasions on other flippers, plastron, skin, and head.
 - Extremely lethargic and weak.
 - Few barnacles on carapace.

Diagnostic workup findings:

- Blood work: dehydrated
- Radiographs (x-ray): bones of right front flipper appear abnormal; "moth eaten" and fuzzy looking in some areas. This is likely due to boney lysis secondary to infection. Missing left hind lower flipper bones (phalanges, metatarsal, tarsal, and tibia and fibula) .

Update:

Once Jack is stable, the flipper is likely going to need to be amputated. Before considering that surgery, he/she needs to get stronger and begin eating on his/her own.

Current Weight:

