

Why I'm here:  
**Debilitated**

Patient : Oz  
Species : Loggerhead  
Latin Name: *Caretta caretta*  
Age : Sub-adult  
Gender : Unknown  
Weight : 27.45 kgs/60.39 lbs  
Found : Cumberland Is, GA  
Arrived : July 21, 2013  
Rescued by : Doug Hoffman



### Exam Findings:

Lethargic  
Severe Anemia  
Covered in epibiota, particularly  
marine leeches

### Diagnostic Findings:

Low blood protein  
Low calcium and potassium levels  
High sodium levels indicating dehydration

### Radiology (x-rays):

Blockage in gastrointestinal tract, given  
BIPS (barium impregnated polyethylene  
spheres) to locate obstruction



### TREATMENT

**FOR:**  
Apex

(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR CURRENT)  
Freshwater soak to remove leeches  
Fluids for dehydration: alternating  
between ½ hetastarch and ½ saline  
or LRS and 0.1 mL B-vitamins  
Ceftazidime and Metronidazole  
(antibiotics to prevent infection)  
Iron supplements for anemia  
Cisapride (gut motility)

PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM

### Fun Fact:

Oz was named after Ozobranchus, the scientific name for the group of marine leeches often found on sea turtles. Upon arrival to the GSTC, Oz's shell and skin were covered in copious amount of leeches and their egg cases, the most our veterinary staff had ever seen on one animal.

Current Weight:

888  
LBS

