

Why I'm here:
Debilitated

Patient : Pri
Species : Green
Latin Name: *Chelonia mydas*
Age : Juvenile
Gender : Unknown
Weight : 11.35 kg/ 24.97 lbs
Found : Cumberland Island, GA
Arrived : May 4, 2013
Rescued by : Doug Hoffman



Exam Findings:

Severe wounds and ulcers on skin
Lethargic with epibiota on carapace including gooseneck barnacles, marine worms and algae.

Diagnostic workup findings:

Low glucose, low calcium, high muscle enzymes (indicating muscle trauma), and high uric acid (indicating problems with kidney function). Dehydration.

Radiographs (x-ray): Gas build-up on one side. Given barium impregnated pellets (to determine gut mobility).

Did you know?:

Green sea turtles actually get their name from the plants they eat which turns their fat and muscle tissues green!



TREATMENT FOR:
Pri

(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR CURRENT)

IV fluids for dehydration

Tube fed for nutrition.

Subsequently developed a swollen left elbow joint (meaning a probable abscess extending from skin lesion). Treated with physical therapy and topical application of antibiotics and steroids via DMSO.

PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM

Current Weight:

