

Why I'm here: Debilitated

Patient : Shirley
Species : Loggerhead
Latin Name: *Caretta caretta*
Age : Sub-Adult
Gender : Unknown
Weight : 38.45 kg/ 84.59 lbs
Found : Jacksonville Beach,
FL offshore
Arrived : June 26, 2013
Rescued by : Cat Eastman, trans-
ferred from the Georgia Bulldog



Exam Findings:

Emaciated
Lethargic
Heavy Load of Epibiota
Severely Anemic
Areas of exposed bone on head
Some Carapace Wounds
Dehydrated

Diagnostic workup findings:

Severe non-regenerative anemia, low blood protein, low blood glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides (fat in the blood), calcium, high kidney values, high sodium

Radiographs (x-ray): Gas in gastrointestinal tract from an ileus (normal motility of the GI tract not present)



TREATMENT FOR: Shirley

IV Fluids: LRS + B vitamins, for dehydration
Iron Dextran: for anemia
Ferrous Sulfate: Iron supplement
Amikacin: antibiotic for bacterial
Infections
Pryantel: de-wormer
Metoclopramide: treats gastric esophageal re-
flux
Metronidazole: antibiotic for bacterial infec-
tions
Cisapride: gut motility drug
Procrit: stimulates bone marrow to increase
red blood cell production
PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM
(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR CURRENT)

Did you know?:

Procrit is also used in cancer patients to help to treat anemia. Here at the GSTC, Shirley is on Procrit for her severe anemia. The 1 mL vile costs \$230 for two doses! Whoa! In house donations & gift shop purchases help us off-set operational costs, including medications. Good news, Shirley is starting to regenerate red blood cells with the help of Procrit!

Current Weight:

