

Why I'm here:

Debilitated, shark bite wound on shell

Patient : Phoenix
Species : Loggerhead
Latin Name: *Caretta caretta*
Age : Adult
Gender : Female
Weight : 85.2 kg/187.4 lbs
Found : Ossabaw Island, GA
Arrived : August 2, 2014
Rescued by : GA DNR



Exam Findings:

- Underweight
- Shark bite to right side of carapace
- Moderate to heavy load of small barnacles on skin and shell

Diagnostic Workup :

- Moderate anemia
- Low blood protein (especially albumin)
 - Dehydration
- Low iron plasma levels

Radiographs (x-rays) :

Wound did not compromise coelomic (body) cavity. Gastrointestinal impaction or blockage present due to crab and shell parts.



TREATMENT

FOR:

Phoenix

(MAY BE PREVIOUS OR CURRENT)

- Initial IV electrolyte and dextrose fluids for (LRS + 5% dextrose).
- Hetastarch IV (colloidal fluids)
- Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) administered IV
 - Iron supplements
- Wound is flushed, debrided, and cleaned regularly using anti-septic solutions. Silver collasate and bio-adhesive topicals applied.
- Therapeutic laser used on wound
- Ceftazidime (antibiotic for aerobic bacterial infection)
- Metronidazole (antibiotic for anaerobic bacteria)
- Cisapride (gut motility enhancer)
- Tramadol for pain management
PRESCRIBED: DR. NORTON, DVM

How you can help sea turtles:

A group tour on Ossabaw Island happened to walk by as Phoenix was being rescued by GA DNR. The group assisted DNR technicians hoist this large turtle onto an ATV for quick transport. If you come across a sick or injured sea turtle on one of Georgia's beaches, please call DNR at 1-800-2-SAVEME.

Current Weight:

888 LBS

