Headlines News: Towsend hanging out

Towsend is in a holding pattern. We are waiting for a formal report on the CT findings and word from NOAA on the best course of action. A whitish thick LEFT aural discharge is still seen on occasion, but otherwise Towsend “looks” fine, here he is looking at me. No discharge was seen today.

Clinical Update: Pickel

Meds: vit D3, cmpd 1000iu/ml
Dose 400iu/kg IM q 7 day 3-4 treatments.
wt = 64 g, Dose 0.02cc 2iu (u-100) IM q7day
Calcium (360 mg/ml) Give 0.01cc (1iu) orally daily
We can stop the force feeding as Pickels is now eating on his own, and more mobile in the tank, I might be convinced to be cautiously optimistic, but it is very early in this case still.

UNDER the Microscope: Tissue Worm

Trifid or Trifib: Dipetalonema odendhali tissue filariad of Calf Sea Lions

It’s the trifid caudal tip that tipped me off to the identification of this tissue filarid of Calf Sea Lions. While not thought to be pathogenic, they do produce microfilaria, which might lead the rash to diagnose heartworm. Not only does it not cause heartworm it does not cause elephantitis not elephant-seal-itis, although it does infect fur seals. The vector of D. odendhali is not known.
Sea Turtles: **Topsy 20**  
**resolving cold-stun**

CC: resolving oral lesions  
Last Blood: 2/13/13 check LDH  
Last Rads: 2-6-13  
wt=2.9kg, HR=52 SCL=25.0, SCW=23.6  
No change in the inactive oral spots, there is a superficial scab on the left neck, and Topsy was crazy today PE other WNL

Sea Turtles: **Gerald 21**  
**flipper tip lesions**

CC: flipper tip lesions  
Last Blood: 1-10-13, increased ALKP, monitor UA, LDH  
Last Rads: 1-16-13 repeat flipper tips  
wt= 5.2 kg, HR=48, SCL=31.5, SCW=29.0  
front flipper tips are minimally active L=R, almost healed, great improvement is noted, other PE WNL

Sea Turtles: **Betsy 22**  
**rash and skin lesion**

CC: rash and circular neck lesion, flipper tip lesions  
MEDS:  
Last Blood: 1-10-13, improving  
Last Rads: 1-23-13, repeat flipper tips,  
wt= 4.5 HR=52, SCL=29.1, SCW=26.7  
circular neck marking unchanged, rash is resolving other PE WNL.

Sea Turtles: **‘wild’ Walter 23**  
**post cold stun infection?**

CC: inflammatory response  
Meds:on hold  
Last Blood: 2-6-13, decreasing WBC (14), LDH, GLOB,  
Last Rads: 1-31-13 WNL (needs horz. lat)  
wt= 5.1 HR=48, SCL=32.0, SCW=31.0  
PE: minor right sided marginal scute scuffs could be bites or mouthing, not significant, PE other WNL
Sea Turtles: Carolyn 24

**flipper tip lesions**

CC: flipper tip lesions resolved MEDS: none
Last Blood: 2/13/13, CBC-WNL, CP mild tissue enzymes improving but mild elevation, monitor UA at 1.1, watch Ca
Last Rads:
wt= HR= 40, R front flipper tip lesion, L has healed, BAR, no lesions

Sea Turtles: Phoenix 25

**resolving cold-stun**

CC: resolved left peri-ocular minor trauma
Last Blood: 2/13/13:
Last Rads: Due
HR=40, BAR
no lesions

Sea Turtles: Ernest 26

**rash**

CC: active flipper tip lesions
Last Blood: 1-10-13, improving
Last Rads: 1-9-13, phlage autolysis 2-5-13
wt=2.9kg, HR=40, SCL=24.7, SCW=23.3 depth 10.5
Mild but active flipper tip lesions slowing resolving, and slight rash R axilla

Sea Turtles: Papi 27

CC: head wound. MEDS: d/c Ceftaz 3/5/13
Last Blood: 2/13/13: WBC improved and WNL, ALKP and CK elevated other tissue enzymes decreasing
Last Rads: today
wt=3.9 kg HR=56, SCL=28.1, SCW=25.9
bite wound to head healing (SSD applied), minor R FF tip lesion, also mild red area to R lower rhampotheca, also resolving, making good progress

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