



Patient Details

Species: Snake
Breed: Ball Python
Age: 7 Months (09-11-2022)
Weight: 0.18 kg
Sex: Male - Not neutered

Client Details

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Initial Complaint

Reason for the visit

Presented with severe muscle wasting open mouth breathing , dehydration and anorexia.
SPCA officer noticed the snake and brought to Michael from Reptile departments attention who immediately brought the snake in for treatment. snake showing similar symptoms as other 3 snakes - prior consent given by Oonagh (Store manager) to send samples to Pathcare Vetlab for fungal and bacterial culture and antibiogram

Notes

emergency admission - immediately manually removed thick yellow mucosal plugs from tracheal inlet placed on 99% Medical oxygen + nebulisation with Neocort / Glenbuterol / F10 and saline solution with intraperitoneal fluids + Baytril

10/6/23 - responding well to environmental temp reg and nebulisation with O2 supp.
managed to keep tube feed down - cont antibiotic and await Laboratory culture

11/06/23- open mouth respiration overnight placed on O2 and neocort plus f10 saline neb x 3

12/ 06/23 - stable but prognosis guarded ,

13/06/23 - O2 neb + baytril . has picked up 150g soak in warm water / powerade mix and given calcium supplementation / continue oxygen neb + baytril untill results

14/06/23 - open mouth breathing becoming more severe / manually removed tracheal mucosal plugs again and placed on oxygen. became agonal at 11am Cardiac arrest - given adrenalin intracardiac and attempted CPR - no success

Placed in Pathcare bag in case owners would like independent Post Mortem performed.

General consultation

Vitals

Ball Python 5 #889

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Emergency & Critical Care



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Temperature

Low °C

Respiratory Frequency

68 open mouth gasping

Body Condition

emaciated

Muscle Condition Score

Severe

Hydration

10% dehydrated

Color

Cyanotic

Weight

0.18 kg

Heart Rate

72 (normal for BP is 45 !) bpm

Body Condition Score

2

Pain Score (CSU)

3

Behavior

distressed

Hydration

Tacky

Notes:

inflamed left side dorsal palatinal BV typical for RI
in BP's

Assessment

Presumptive Diagnosis

chronic respiratory infection with tachycardia + tracheal inlet obstruction suspected aetiology RI -
awaiting laboratory confirmation

Diagnosis

Respiratory tract infection

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