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Record No: 74885, 3/22/2024
Provider: Dr. Van Sant
Problem: Discharge Instructions

Medical Record Client Communication

Patient: Gizmo (B&G macaw) - Lemarie
Patient No: 13833
Species/Breed: Avian, Macaw: Blue & Gold
Gender: VM, Color: Blue & Gold
Age: 27 yrs, 2 months, **Weight:** 1240 gm
Patient ID:
Cautions:



Client: #7401 2024 Mickaboo
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HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Check out our new client talk online: tinyurl.com/ftbnewclient

BEHAVIOR/ATTITUDE:

Monitor your pet for lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting or diarrhea. Please call us right away if you see these symptoms.

TREATMENT:

Red LED Light Laser Therapy: We are sending Gizmo with information about an inexpensive at home version of a red LED laser therapy light treatment to be used on his beak. This has been helping aid the healing process of his beak lesion. **It has been responding positively to the treatment and we suggest it is continued twice a week.** Since you are dealing with a laser please take proper precautions with eyewear and ensuring Gizmos eyes are covered.

DIET:

AVOID TABLE FOOD.

Lafeber's Nutri-an Foraging and Weight Maintenance 12 oz cakes

Harrison's Pepper Lifetime Coarse

Fresh raw colorful fruits and vegetables, organic recommended if possible such as: apple, orange, banana, bell pepper (with seeds!), all types of berries, melon, mango, papaya, sugar snap peas, uncooked corn.

HOUSING/EXERCISE:

Adequate sized housing should be provided. We have found that he chews sisal rope and it elicits and sends his hormonal behavior into overdrive. Strong and sturdy Manzanita perches have been used and he has survived very well on them. He can also not have any shredding toys as this elicits the same hormonal response. Every once in a while we will try and give him a bell but we have found that he will try and posture or masturbate so we have found it difficult to find a toy that does not encourage or elicit such a response. Gizmo does well with putting large fruits and veggies on a skewer as a foraging toy. Gizmo can not fly so proper precautions should be taken to avoid crash/hard landings causing injury. He will step up but is often tempermental and will try to bite you if he does not want to.

DISCHARGE CASE SUMMARY:

Gizmo was surrendered in 6/2022. Records from Valley Vet describe orthopedic injury to both wings that limit extension, obesity, beak lesion since at least 2017. Initial workup showed Gizmo to be a male, viral negative and an enteric yeast infection. The yeast infection was cleared with fluconazole. The overgrown beak was trimmed. **A trial of lupron was started followed by an implant in 10/2022. He had malodorous droppings in 12/2022 and MIDOG identified a clostridial infection which was successfully treated with clindamycin.** Anatomic radiographs were obtained in 1/2023 as well as a repeat chemistry panel. A low grade anemia was identified. Starting in 6/2023 the lesion at the top of the irregular overgrown beak was debrided. Topical rediheal was instilled where a plug of necrotic tissue was removed. The beak was trimmed regularly and as exudate and necrotic tissue was removed topicals were applied. The beak lesion was cultured in 12/2023 and 2 gram negatives were identified. Treatment with enrofloxacin was given for a month.



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On 1/10/2024, radiographs were obtained with a brief isoflurane anesthesia. The lesion was found to not extend into the air space below the rhinotheca. Topical treatment will be continued. Pictures from 2020 and 2024 show dramatic improvement. 2 deslorelin implants were placed under the skin by his right scapula. His current weight is 1240gms. He is no longer posturing and regurgitating. The beak will continue to require medical management and monthly rechecks for his weight and debridement of the beak lesion.

On 3/4/24 we debrided the lesion again and did a gram stain, which yielded no areas of concern, of a sample of the sediment removed for the lesion and started a series of treatments using our class 4 laser woumnd care as a trial for the wound. This has aided in the healing process for the tissues in the beak and has responded positively to ongoing treatment.
