

"Foot AND Mouth Disease" ^{see} CA 1, 8, 19, 33, 34
Green Turtle Mouty Disease - GTMD ^{let} MCGA 23, EXTRA 520097
voice MAIL 983-5733
3/2 Friday 448PM "Trying to get a hold of Shaun"
"Braun gave him this number."

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In a message dated 02/15/2001 6:53:35 PM Hawaiian Standard Time, gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu writes:

INVITATION EMAIL RE March meeting SLP

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During the past several months all of you receiving this email have been aware of certain health concerns in captive hatched, captive reared Hawaiian green turtles at Sea Life Park and the Mauna Lani Bay Resort. In the past, young turtles judged to be healthy at these two facilities have been regularly released into the wild on the Kona Coast. This practice has been on hold since last June, and existing animals have been in quarantine.

In an effort to scientifically address the health issues that have arisen, we invite you or your representative to attend a special meeting to be convened here at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Honolulu Laboratory on Thursday, March 8, 2001 starting at 800 am. The purpose of this small gathering of experts is to exchange and discuss clinical information and data relevant to the past and current health status of the turtles in question. It is the goal of this meeting to make recommendations, based on the best available data and expertise assembled, for the diagnosis, treatment, and future disposition of affected and other turtles. This goal has been established with the ultimate objective of promoting the safety and health-welfare of wild populations of all species of sea turtles in Hawaii and the Pacific. I am pleased to say that Dr. Bob Braun has agreed to guide the meeting discussions of veterinary medical issues, in co-leadership with Dr. Sam Pooley of our laboratory, a skilled facilitator of interactive planning sessions of this nature.

With the goal of sharing information and creating a comprehensive data base on this important issue, we ask that copies of all written

information relevant to the current and past status these turtles be sent to us by February 26th. This would include laboratory results/reports (including normal laboratory values for performed testing), medical records, including images as well as written observations/animal locations. The materials will be duplicated and complete sets distributed to each participant, hopefully by March 1st.

Please contact me as soon as possible to let me know if you or your representative(s) will be participating. We look forward to working with you.

Aloha and Best Regards,

George Balazs

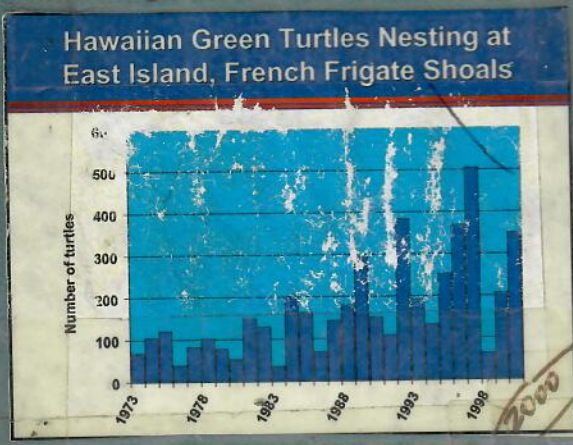
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