

Case Intros, Exits and Comments

Case 3: "King" with TAKASHI & RICHARD

Case Intro:

RICHARD

King here doesn't feel so royal these days. Poor nipper's got the trots.

TAKASHI

That's diarrhea to the rest of us. I checked and double checked and we haven't fed King anything out of the ordinary.

RICHARD

And at the risk of making Takashi's life easier, I noticed his vaccinations are up to date. It's up to you, Doc.

Comments

RICHARD

King loves the visitors, always comes right up to the gate. Between you and me, I think he likes to spook 'em.

RICHARD

Once a month I get all dolled up and put on a clown show for the kids. It actually feels normal. I'm quite used to people pointing and laughing at me.

TAKASHI

I can't wait to see King get back to his regular self. It'll be good for everyone.

Case Exit:

Diagnosis Explanation:

JULIA

Intestinal parasites are the villain behind King's loose stool.

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JULIA(cont'd)

Without treatment, they would multiple and King would become dehydrated or weak. Worse case, he could even become anemic. Proper treatment now will kill off those parasites and a follow-up in two weeks will make sure he stays well.

Good Conclusion:

RICHARD

Good on-ya! Those nasty little buggers are tossing it in.

TAKASHI

Very good news. But, Richard, make sure to use the paste again in two weeks to get rid of all them.

Case 10: "Lisette" with DAWN & RICHARD

Case Intro:

RICHARD

Cooee. This morning, I went to check on the giraffes. They usually look so beautiful together, but...

DAWN

What Richard is gettin' 'round to saying is that this giraffe has an unsightly problem we figure needs your attention.

RICHARD

And here's the good oil. I saw feces on her rear legs, let alone loose stool where we keep her overnight. You think you can give it a go?

Comments

RICHARD

Lisette is not the only giraffe who's been known to give an apple or carrot a nudge.

Case Exit:

Diagnosis Explanation:

JULIA

As you've seen, fungal infections can get pretty nasty. It's best to attack the problem with full force; treating the patient and any fellow animals she lives with, to prevent the same infection from showing up again in a couple weeks.

Good Conclusion:

RICHARD

Great job Doctor. Now Lisette can dice out me and spend time with her real friends. You haven't left the rest of the herd in a lurch either.

DAWN

All y'all better not be thinking it's done and over. I'm fixin' to reapply that gel in two weeks and keep on checking all of them. Don't want a repeat performance, now do we?

Case 18: "Olivia" NIKKI & ALICIA

Case Intro:

NIKKI

Doc, the strangest thing is happening. Okay, maybe not the strangest... there could be stranger...

ALICIA

I've noticed that Olivia has been spitting out her food. Despite repeated efforts to take a bite, she just won't eat. I hope we can find an explanation.

NIKKI

Oh, I'm sure we will. Or, the Doc will. Right, Doc?

Comments:

NIKKI

Unless something escaped my attention, which, you know, could happen, I'm not perfect, I don't believe she's been treated for anything in the last year or so.

ALICIA

Olivia normally eats urinary formula premium cat food and fish four times a day. It's very good for her, though not, as you might imagine, very appetizing to the rest of us.

Case Exit:

Diagnosis Explanation:

JULIA

An abscessed premolar can be very painful for an animal, so the sooner it's removed, the better. If it's not caught, the patient will lose weight and become weak. Following up with antibiotics will ensure a healthy recovery.

Good Conclusion:

NIKKI

I'm sure Olivia will be thrilled to have that bad tooth out -- I know I would be. I mean I am, but I would be too if I had the same problem.

ALICIA

And I'll put the antibiotics in her food each day. She won't know why, but she'll be feeling better very soon.

Case 24: "Jenny" with DAWN & MIGUEL

Case Intro:

MIGUEL

Jenny hasn't eaten so much today, and usually she's a pig. Maybe it's nothing, but I've also noticed she has an enlarged abdomen. Could be something serious.

DAWN

Could be... or could be nature taking its course. Doc will tell us one way or another.

Comments:

MIGUEL

I was planning on naming the baby penguin once I knew its gender.

DAWN

You think you're right qualified for that?

DAWN

Jenny is perfectly stable. I reckon we don't have anything to worry about.

Case Exit:

Diagnosis Explanation:

JULIA

A pregnant penguin, well that's great! Jenny must be very proud. Now we'll know to keep an extra special eye on Jenny. She'll be passing the egg in a day or so.

Good Conclusion:

MIGUEL

Break out the cigars. Jenny's pregnant.

DAWN

And I'm going to name him.

MIGUEL

What can I say? She twisted my arm.