

GROSS NECROPSY REPORT

SPECIES *Tt* FIELD NUMBER ECWR040311-10 DATE July 21, 2011  
LOCATION Pensacola, FL LAT/LONG 30.40002/-87.39961  
SEX F TL 92.5 cm COND 4 WEIGHT 19.5 lbs



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A 92.5 cm total length, perinatal female *Tursiops truncatus* is presented dead July 21, 2011 in very poor post mortem (code 4) and moderate body condition. The animal is moderately fleshed. There are no stomach contents. A moderate amount of meconium is in the colon. Rostral hairs, follicles and fetal folds are evident. There are no erupted teeth and the dorsal fin is folded. The ductus arteriosus is patent and representative portions of lung sink in formation. Along the right ventrolateral aspect of the abdominal cavity, approximately 2 cm cranial to the anus, the skin is focally raised, hemispherical and circular.

CONCLUSIONS

Gross evaluation of this animal was hampered by marked post mortem decomposition. There were no apparent lesions within the carcass which may account for the loss of this animal. The nature of the skin lesions on the abdominal wall and along the keel could not be resolved; there was no indication of subcutaneous involvement in the abdomen and the keel wound is suggestive of a possible abrasion associated with excoriation, hydropic change, scavenging or attack.

GROSS FINDINGS

1). Carcass: Open-post mortem decomposition

TISSUE DISPOSITION

Skin and mandible, life history

Brain, liver, adrenal gland, spleen and lung, virology

Lung, histology

Liver and meconium, biotoxins

Carcass remains, archived

Gross photos

Head, radiographs