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Subject: Princess the tiger

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The Bengal tiger female, 7y, est. wt. 375 lbs, was examined by me 9-27-06.

General: Temp: 101.4 Bright, alert, responsive prior to exam under sedation. She is lame on the foreleg and walk w/ a hypercarpus. Appetite appears to be good. Grooming habits are normal. There is some concern that she may be laying down more usual.

eyes: were examined by scope. The optic nerve, vessel, retina, tapetum lucidum is normal L and R. The sclera, lens and iris normal. The eyelids are normal.

ears: were scoped. the aural pinna are normal, the ear canals are normal and w/o parasites. The ear drum appears normal L

nose: appears normal

teeth: the teeth are normal and intact except that the lower R canine tooth is missing and the upper L canine(204) tooth has hyperplastic tissue around the neck of this tooth. The excess tissue was removed and cauterized.

circulatory: HR=88/min The EKG is normal. The heart sounds are normal.

respiratory: RR=12/min All lung fields sound normal.

digestive: the oral pharynx is normal, normal palpation of esophagus

genitourinary: this is a female and is assumed to be intact. Urinalysis is

musculoskeletal: lameness as noted. This tiger has been previously declawed on all limbs. The musculature palpates normal crepitous is felt in the hips or knees. Crepitous is felt bilaterally in the R and L carpus. X-ray does confirm degenerative jt d

skin: appears normal. Kennel callus is seen on the L shoulder area of moderate duration.

laboratory: blood and urine specimens were collected (analysis pending)

radiographic:

hip/pelvis: There is adequate coverage of the femoral heads by the acetabula. The femoral heads are fairly well rounded. and left femoral necks are short and thickened. There is a sclerotic rim noted on the Right femoral neck. The coxofemoral co is good but with a slight widening of the lateral aspect of the left coxofemoral joint space. Lesions are not seen i the caudal p lumbar spine.

spine: The lumbar and lower thoracic spine appears normal. The dorsal caudal lung lobe appears normal. The kidney: to be normal in size but the outline appears irregular but may not be abnormal

elbows: Left: there is osteoproliferation of the distal humeral condyle and the anconeal process as well as the cranial ra Right: The right elbow joint appears near normal with only a slight reactive process on the anconeal process.

carpus: Left: Periosteal proliferative lesions are seen on the left ulnar carpal bone. The joint space is remarkably clear. F Severe proliferative lesions are seen in the right ulnar carpal bone. There are proliferative lesions associated with the distal li radius. These lesions interfere with the joint spaces associated with those bones.

This cat was vaccinated for FCVRP and microchipped w/ AVID microchip #097-834-559

Conclusions: This tiger appears to be in good health having osteoarthritis causing foreleg lameness. No surgery is warrantec Management by weight control, more natural habitat and occasional use of arthritic pain medications are recommended.

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5-16-06

I examined Bubba at the WAO while awake and in the kennel area. He greeted me with a purr.
Neurologic: normal mentation as evidence by interaction w/ neighbors and normal grooming behavior. The eyes are clear and he follows the other cats and people evidence-normal sight. Hear appears to be present and normal. There are normal mouth/tongue movement

Nose: nares are clear

Mouth: normal movement and tone of jaw. All teeth appear to be present w/ no fractures.
circulatory/respiratory: appear to be normal. rr=16/min

Body condition score: 2 1/2 on 5 pt scale

musculo/skeletal:

head and neck: appear normal

RF appears normal and will bear full weight, foot pads are normal

LF there is a valgus presentation of the leg at the carpus but bears full weight, foot pads are normal. appears to prefer laying on this side most as evidence of a larger elbow callus

RR there is muscle atrophy of the thigh, bears wt but will short stride occasionally, foot pads are normal

LR bears full wt, normal hock and stifle flexion, foot pads are normal

tail: normal movement

This cat gets around w/ a bit of a limp but seems mostly unaware. can sit, stand or lay in fairly normal fashion though it is slow to get in standing position from laying down. It easily walks through caging doors with raised bars. and can turn around in near normal fashion.

skin: there is extreme shedding and some moist dermatitis w/ hyperemia likely due to preference for laying on the R side. I discussed w/ care taker about leaving the flooring more dry after cleaning.

The quality of life for this animal appears to be good.

5-31-06

Bubo was presented to HA fully sedated.

ANTED are normal

ACSC of heart & lungs is normal

Abdominal palpation is normal

Skin & nails are improved (kennel person must have taken heart to my talk)

Blood and urine were obtained. Results are normal.

Spine and hips and knees were x-rayed. The spine appears normal. There is degenerative joint disease in the hips that is not surgically fixable but nevertheless, does not cause undue hardship. There is some slight evidence of stifle fat pad degeneration consistent w/ aging. No "pins" from or scars from a previous surgery were found.

It is my opinion that this cat can live a near normal lifespan at WAO in its present condition. Should more severe pain in the hips become evident, it could likely be treated with an NSAID to keep him comfortable.