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Patient A35157 was seen by me on Tuesday, the 2nd of July 2024. The patient is an African Grey parrot of unknown sex with poor feather quality, and plucking over the chest, wings, and legs. The left-hand side leg is amputated below the stifle (knee joint), and the right-hand side foot has lesions consistent with poor cage furniture and weight-bearing. On initial examination, the bird showed signs of physical pain, anxiety, and increased respiratory effort in the form of increased wheezing.

It was advised that we perform radiographs and blood analysis to determine if the patient has any underlying conditions.

The radiographs show thickening of the caudolateral border of the left-hand side cranial thoracic air sac, which, coupled with the respiratory effort, is indicative of a respiratory infection. The right-hand side stifle has lesions consistent with osteoarthritis.

Blood tests were performed to assess if there are any physiological abnormalities. Creatine kinase was elevated; the blood sample had mild hemolysis, however, it would not result in such an elevation. The bound calcium is below normal levels.

These findings, in association with the overall condition of the patient, are consistent with musculoskeletal pain.

The overall living conditions, in my professional opinion, are not appropriate for a patient with these abnormalities. This patient would benefit from ongoing pain medication, treatment of the respiratory infection, calcium supplementation, a proper diet, adequate sunlight, and a cage suited for a bird with special needs. In my professional opinion it is inhumane to keep this patient in these circumstances, left untreated the patient will be suffering.

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Owner: Cape of Good Hope, SPCA
Animal: African Grey A35157
Date: 3-Jul-2024 11:15:48
R Head Lateral
IMV Imaging South Africa



Owner: Cape of Good Hope, SPCA
Animal: African Grey A35157
Date: 3-Jul-2024 11:14:08
R Abdomen VD
IMV Imaging South Africa



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A35157

Patient ID: African Grey

Species: African gray

Birthdate: Unknown

Owner: Cape of Good Hope, SPCA

Gender: Unknown

Breed: Unknown

Doctor: Unknown

Avian/Reptilian Profile Plus

🕒 Date: Jul 3, 2024 4:03 AM 🖨️ Analyzer SN: 0000V46605 📦 Lot: 4015885

	RESULT	LOW	NORMAL	HIGH
AST Aspartate Aminotransferase	163 U/L			
BA Bile Acid	< 35 * umol/L			
CK Creatine Kinase	1744 * U/L			
UA Uric Acid	196 umol/L			
GLU Glucose	13.4 * mmol/L			
CA Calcium	199 * mmol/L			
PHOS Phosphorus	0.98 mmol/L			
TP Total Protein	36 g/L			
ALB Albumin	27 * g/L			
GLOB Globulin	9 * g/L			
K+ Potassium	3.9 mmol/L			
NA+ Sodium	151 * mmol/L			



Hemolysis
1+



Lipemia
0



Icterus
0