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## Norton Road Veterinary Hospital

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September 26, 2016

To Whom it may concern:

Mr. Hatcher presented with five Egyptian Tortoises varying in weight from 35 to 45 grams. These tortoises were described to be recent acquisitions and doing poorly post-shipment. One of the females, which weighed 35 grams, was severely depressed and lethargic. She only opened one eye intermittently, crusts were noted around the mouth, and her plastron was palpably soft. She did not react or interact as anticipated for this species and age of tortoise. Based on examination, I feel as though this tortoise has a grave prognosis. At this time, this tortoise was deemed too dehydrated and unhealthy to withstand standard antibiotic therapy to treat for any potential bacterial respiratory pathogens.

The other 4 tortoises (3 females and 1 male) were mild to moderately depressed with soft plastrons and minor crusting around the beak. These tortoises were mildly interactive but not to the anticipated levels. The prognoses for these tortoises are considered fair to poor.

Sincerely,

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