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To whom it may concern:

I examined Thomas Dorn's yellow ball python named 'Yellow' in the medical record. Yellow exhibited extremely abnormal head carriage with a persistent (45 degree) head tilt to the left. The patient's righting response was partial at best and non-existent at times. Tactile sensation is present. Mobility is greatly hindered by the neurologic symptoms with generalized ataxia. With no signs of head trauma apparent, congenital or infectious/parasitic would be the most likely causes of the acute onset of neurologic symptoms. There is no sign that any trauma occurred as a result of the owner's attempt to supplement yellow with water last Saturday. Due to the low diagnostic value, no tests were recommended for inclusion body disease although, this should be ruled on necropsy should this patient die. I recommended this patient be quarantined strictly from the rest of Mr. Dorn's collection with minimal handling and food and water dishes that are exclusive to Yellow and discarded after use. Because these symptoms arose suddenly within 7-10 days of purchase, it is my professional opinion that Mr. Dorn should return 'Yellow' to the breeder within the 30 day health guarantee period.

I am more than willing to speak to the parties concerned, but I can only release medical information regarding 'Yellow' if Mr. Dorn allows the release of this confidential information.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Lusk".

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