

CASE SUMMARY

Reptile, thermal burn



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Signalment: Reptile, adult Ball Python

History: Burns noted when snake began shedding.

Diagnostics and Exam Findings: Thermal burns from contact with under-tank heating supply.

Laser Treatment Details: Applied 560 total joules over affected area at 3.5W.

Frequency of Treatment: Two treatments one week apart.

Other Treatments: Topical wound therapy and injectable antibiotics (Fortaz).

Comments: Therapy of these lesions usually lasts at least six to eight weeks, with future shedding problems afterwards. Laser therapy speeds the healing and minimizes long term effects of the trauma.



Presentation



During treatment



After 2 treatments