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When you present the case include the important features, a clinical and environmental history that the patient presented with. What is the relevant history of the individual and/or group? Why is this relevant to a veterinary practice or the nursing of the case? Explain the findings and how they influenced the diagnostic/treatment decisions. Was there a disease risk to people or other animals? Remember not to use abbreviations for diseases or investigations

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