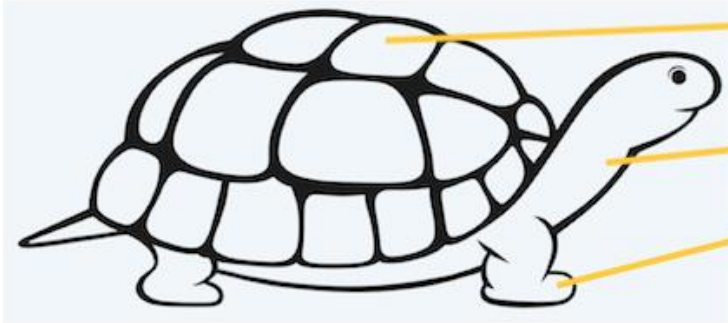


Monitoring Anesthetic Depth in Reptile Patients

Light

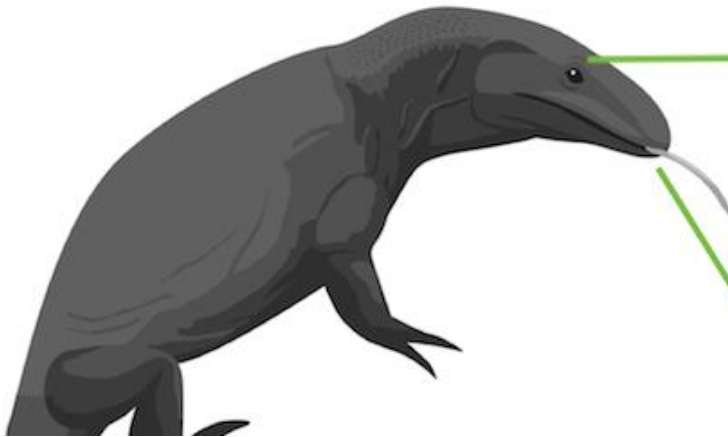


Hypoventilation and apnea are common in chelonians even at lighter stages

Persistence of head withdrawal reflex

Voluntary response to painful stimuli (like toe or tail pinch)

Surgical



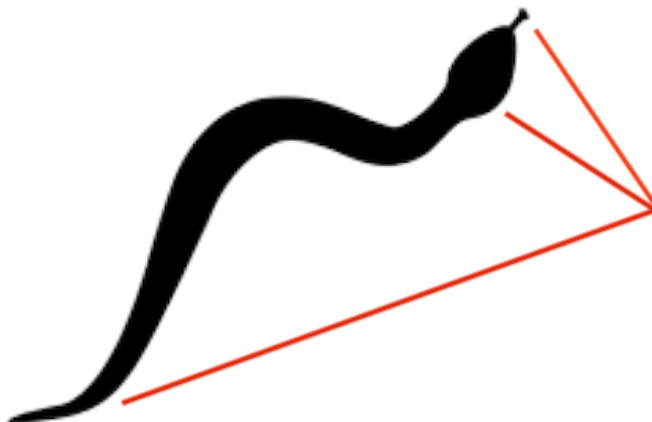
The palpebral reflex is usually absent

The corneal reflex persist

The ocular globe does not rotate in reptiles the third eyelid usually prolapses at a surgical plane of anesthesia

Tongue retraction often persists in monitor lizards and snakes

Deep



Loss of all reflexes, including vent and corneal reflexes as well as tongue retraction in snakes and varanids