

Veterinary Medicine has advanced greatly over time, and so has the care of our exotic pets. Bringing your reptile to a qualified and experienced exotic animal veterinarian is essential to their health care program as well as prevention of disease. This prevention is the key to providing the best possible care and more importantly the best life for our pets.

Traditionally, dogs and cats have been brought to veterinarians for regular check-ups, vaccines, fecal testing, heartworm testing, any other necessary blood work and preventative care. So should your reptile. Regular exams are recommended so a trained veterinarian can examine your pet for any physical abnormalities; monitor its weight and growth. Yearly or better twice yearly, fecal testing for intestinal parasites should be part of your reptile's routine veterinary care. Too often these pets have intestinal parasites that can lead to illness. Screening for these parasites ensures the good health of your reptile. Reptiles can also be carriers of many types of bacteria including Salmonella. The concern with Salmonella and other bacteria is that it can not only make your reptile sick but it can also infect people and make them sick as well. Culturing your pet can prove useful as a routine screen for these bacteria and is highly recommended in cases where your pet may be sick.

There are many illnesses that your reptile can develop. These can start from poor husbandry, improper diet or environment, all the way up to bacteria, viruses, parasites and even the extremes of heart disease or cancer. This can all be prevented or detected early by bringing your reptile to a qualified veterinarian for routine veterinary care. This is essential to their general health care, prevention of disease and key to your reptile living a long healthy life. When your reptile becomes sick, a qualified exotics veterinarian can provide the care they need to determine why they are sick and how to make them better.

****If any abnormal signs are seen in your exotic pet they should be brought to a qualified veterinarian immediately!**

About Us.....

Paws, Wings & Scales Animal Hospital is a privately owned animal hospital dedicated to providing full veterinary care for primarily Exotic Animals as well as Dogs and Cats. We are fully equipped to provide both wellness care as well as full needs for our sick patients from bloodwork, radiographs, ultrasound, surgery and many other diagnostics and treatments. Dr Stancel has been an exotic animal veterinarian for over 20 years and provides compassionate care for all his patients. We are always here to help our patients in any way we can.

Common Ailments Seen in Reptiles and Amphibians

- **Metabolic Bone Disease**
- **Parasites (Internal/ External)**
- **Bacterial Infections**
- **Viral Infections**
- **Septicemia**
- **Foreign Bodies/ Impactions**
- **Poor Nutrition**
- **Ulcerative Stomatitis or Dermatitis**
- **Poor Husbandry**
- **Egg Bound**

Recommended Preventative Health Care for Reptiles and Amphibians

- **Complete Physical Examinations every 6-12 months**
- **Yearly Fecal Examinations to check for Parasites**
- **Nail and Beak Trimming**
- **Husbandry Analysis**
- **Diagnostic Testing**
 - **General Blood Profiles**
 - **Cultures**
 - **Others as Recommended for Individual Patients**



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Why Should I Bring My Reptile to a Veterinarian?

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