

Veterinary Medicine has advanced greatly over time, and so has the care of our exotic pets. Bringing your bird 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 bird. Regular exams are recommended so a trained veterinarian can examine your pet for any physical abnormalities; monitor its weight and growth. Birds can be carriers of many types of bacteria. Some of these bacteria are good for the bird for healthy digestion but many can be harmful and make your bird sick. Gram Stains of your birds fresh feces are recommended annually or when your bird is sick to check for normal bacteria counts as well as yeast. If something abnormal is found or your bird is sick, culturing your pet can prove useful as a routine screen for these harmful bacteria or as a diagnosis of illness. In some cases, feces can also be checked for parasites based on individual cases.

There are many illnesses that your bird 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 bird to a qualified veterinarian for routine veterinary care. This is essential to their general health care, prevention of disease and key to your bird living a long healthy life. When your bird becomes sick, a qualified exotics veterinarian can provide the care they need to determine why they are sick and how to make them better.

****Birds are very good at hiding their illness and any slight abnormality should always be checked by a qualified avian veterinarian.**

****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 veterinary 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 Birds

- Bacterial Infections
- Viral Infections
- Parasites (Internal/ External)
- Poor Nutrition
- Poor Husbandry
- Egg Bound
- Psittacosis
- Aspergillosis
- Overgrown/Malformed Beaks
- Many More

Recommended Preventative Health Care for Birds

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



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Why Should I Bring My Bird to a Veterinarian?

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