

**Our Avian & Exotics service is available to evaluate, diagnose, and treat non-traditional species, including (but not limited to):**

- Amphibians (cecilians, frogs, salamanders, toads)
- Birds (budgerigars/parakeets, cockatiels, cockatoos, chickens, finches, lovebirds, macaws, toucans)
- Fish (fresh, saltwater)
- Small mammals (chinchillas, guinea pigs, ferrets, rabbits, prairie dogs, sugar gliders)
- Reptiles (lizards, snakes (lizards, snakes, turtles, tortoises)
- Invertebrates (hermit crabs, scorpions, tarantulas).

**EMERGENCY CARE & HOSPITALIZATION**

Our hospital is available for exotic emergencies by appointment and has a 24-hour monitored critical care unit. Stable patients requiring additional care are hospitalized in a temperature controlled, quiet, exotics only ward.




**Open 24/7/365\***

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**Avian & Exotics Services**



**Our team is specially trained to care for your exotic pets**

# The Avian & Exotics Department

AVETS provides primary, referral, and emergency services for many exotic pet species. Our team is specially trained in caring for exotic pets and responding to their individual needs.



## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPECIALTY & GENERAL PRACTICE EXOTIC CARE

The Avian Practice category is the ABVP's second largest Recognized Veterinary Specialty. Most Avian Diplomates work in private practice and treat various species of exotic pets. They are skilled in medicine, surgery, preventative care, husbandry, nutrition, and behavior. Certification requires at least 4 years of experience with birds, advanced training in exotic pet species, and a commitment to continuing education.

## GROOMING

We provide grooming for your exotic pets, including nail trims, avian wing trims, and beak trims for birds and turtles/tortoises. Bathing exotic pets at home is not recommended due to stress and the risk of injury and hypothermia. If your pet needs bathing or coat care, please schedule an appointment.

## ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS

The Avian & Exotics Department works closely with other specialists in the hospital to provide the most well-rounded approach to your pet's care.

- Blood work
- Fecal analysis
- Imaging (x-ray, ultrasound, CT and MRI)
- DNA sexing
- Endoscopy
- Serology and disease testing



## MEDICAL THERAPY

- Therapeutic laser treatment

## SURGICAL THERAPY

The Avian & Exotics Department is available to perform both elective and emergency surgeries. A variety of soft tissue and orthopedic procedures are offered.

## DENTISTRY

Rodents and rabbits commonly experience dental disease due to their continuously growing teeth. Our services include advanced oral evaluation, routine tooth trims, dental extractions, and abscess treatment. We also offer dentistry services for ferrets and reptiles.

## OTHER SERVICES

- Behavioral modification
- Medical boarding
- Avian diet conversion
- Health certificates



**Jennilee Morrison**  
DVM, DABVP  
(AVIAN PRACTICE)

Dr. Jennilee Morrison graduated from The Ohio State University in 2014. She completed an internship at the Small Animal Medicine & Surgery, Veterinary Emergency and Referral Group, followed by a residency in Avian and Zoological Medicine at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Morrison has presented at numerous conferences and veterinary student lectures. She has published research on the pharmacokinetics of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines in birds, specifically focusing on the African Penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) titled "Pharmacokinetics of a Single Dose of Oral and Intramuscular Meloxicam in African Penguins".

In addition to her academic work, Dr. Morrison has gained experience working in various AZA zoos and aquaria, caring for a wide variety of exotic species. Her professional interests include aquatic animal medicine, wound/pain management, endoscopy, and surgery.

Please call us with any questions and for appointment availability:  
**(412) 373-4200**