

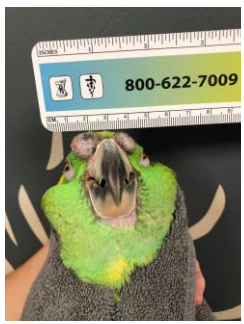


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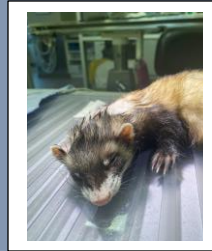
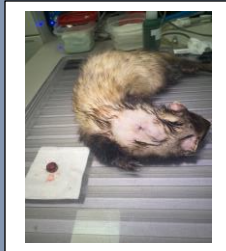
Lumps and Bumps and Growths, Oh My!



This Amazon had severe nasal abscesses requiring sedated cleaning, flushing and antibiotics. A culture will confirm the correct antibiotic.

Exotic patients have their share of lumps. Some types of growths are seen so often that they are easy to presumptively diagnose: a lump on a water turtle's ear is often an abscess, which requires a sedated procedure to open and flush as well as antibiotics to eliminate the infection. A culture is beneficial to identify the specific bacteria causing the infection, but often the broad-spectrum antibiotic chosen is effective, and changes to the environment and home care may be advised to help prevent future recurrence. A lump on a female rat's underbelly is often a mammary tumor, which needs to be removed surgically and a spay procedure performed to reduce the hormones which are typically the cause of these tumors and prevent future growths from developing.

Below: This ferret came to us all the way from Florida for the surgical removal of a mast cell tumor. Her owner was very concerned about anesthetic risk and was thrilled that we could perform this removal under sedation rather than requiring full anesthesia. She did great through surgery and recovery and is back to her sprightly self!



Left and Right: This 2 year-old hamster had 2 sizable masses surgically removed and recovered very well. What a trooper!

Some bumps are more mysterious, and diagnostics will be performed before deciding if this is a skin condition or a growth that needs surgical opening and flushing, excision, or other treatments to resolve. Any lump, bump, or growth should be examined by your veterinarian as soon as it is found so that its development can be monitored and appropriate action taken. Any change in the size or appearance of a growth should be reassessed right away.

Our latest Case Study is eye-opening! Read more at the link:

<https://birdsandexotics.com/blog/case-study-an-eye-opening-growth-removal/>

Our office will be closed Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day.

Our on-call tech will be fielding emergency calls as usual.

Normal business hours resume Tuesday, May 28.



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