



Dr. Margaret Fordham

Dr. Fordham graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and completed a three-year residency in avian and exotic pet medicine and surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She worked as a Clinical Instructor for an additional two years before entering into private practice in avian and exotic medicine. She has published several articles as well as edited the May 2016 issue of Veterinary Clinics of North America: Exotic Animal Practice – Emergency and Critical Care. She has lectured internationally and nationally and has special interest in exotic animal anesthesia and emergency care.

Dr. Colin McDermott

Dr. McDermott graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine where he also completed an exotics internship. He then went on to become the Helen Swearer fellow in Aquatic Science and Veterinary Medicine at the National Aquarium in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. He is currently working towards his specialty certification in reptilian and amphibian medicine. Dr. McDermott has given lectures on exotic and wildlife medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. His professional interests include exotic veterinary medicine for small mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians, with special interest in fish and aquatic animal medicine.



Dr. Susan J. Pello

Dr. Pello graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine where she also completed an exotics internship. She then obtained a certification in animal behavior and training, with a focus in avian behavior and is currently preparing for avian board certification. Dr. Pello works with birds on common problems such as biting and feather destructive behavior. In addition, she has a publication in the Veterinary Clinics of North America: Exotic Animal Practice. Dr. Pello is a board member for Freedom Center for Wildlife and is the veterinarian for Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. She has experience with a wide range of species; her main interests are avian, reptile and wildlife medicine.



Dr. Jane Jones

Dr. Jones graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. After a 1-year small animal rotating internship in Virginia, Dr. Jones moved to San Diego to complete a 3-year residency in avian medicine and surgery at the Avian & Exotic Animal Hospital. She then continued to work at the hospital as an Associate Veterinarian. Dr. Jones and her husband recently relocated to the Philadelphia area to be closer to family. In San Diego, Dr. Jones enjoyed teaching veterinary students and interns as well as lecturing to avian and exotic animal interest and rescue groups in the community. Her areas of interest include avian and exotic preventative medicine and surgery.



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We are proud to offer 7 day a week medical and surgical care for many exotic pet species. Our team of four doctors with advanced training in exotic animal medicine and surgery is available to care for you and your pet for wellness and emergency situations.



Wellness & Grooming

- Physical examinations to evaluate overall health and early detection of possible diseases (most exotic animals can hide these signs)
- Husbandry consults for new pets with detailed recommendations for care
- Behavior consults for common issues encountered with exotic species
- Annual diagnostics: fecal exam, bloodwork, radiographs
- Nail, beak, and wing trims available by appointment for established clients



House Calls

Let us come to you!

We perform home visits to evaluate pets in their natural environment. This can be helpful for many exotic animals, especially fish!



All birds

- Parrots
- Parakeets
- Lories
- Lorikeets
- Doves
- Pigeons
- Finches
- Canaries
- Crows
- Magpies
- Ravens
- Toucans
- Chickens
- Ducks/Geese

Ferrets Rabbits

- All rodents**
- Guinea Pigs
- Chinchillas
- Rats & Mice
- Hamsters
- Gerbils & Degus
- Prairie Dogs

Sugar Gliders

Hedgehogs

Pet Skunks

Pet Raccoons

Pet Foxes

Coatimundi

Kinkajous

Some small exotic felids

All reptiles

- (except venomous species)
- Snakes
- Lizards
- Turtles/Tortoises

All Amphibians

- Frogs/Toads
- Newts
- Salamanders

All Fish

- Freshwater
- Saltwater
- Invertebrates**
- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

We do not see primates

*Don't see your pet's species?
Give us a call and ask!*

Emergency Care

- 24/7 staff trained in exotic animal medicine
- Separate exotics ward for overnight care and monitoring

We are proud to offer advanced diagnostic work-ups including bloodwork (either performed in-house for immediate results or sent to an exotics specific diagnostics lab), digital radiographs, ultrasound, endoscopy, and CT scans.



Surgery & Dentistry

- Routine surgery including spay and neuter of multiple species
- Routine intubation of rabbits for many surgical procedures
- Cutting edge techniques including endoscopy and microsurgical techniques
- Advanced surgical procedures as needed

Our state of the art dental equipment and advanced imaging (CT scan) allows us to manage an array of dental diseases or ailments that may occur in rabbits and rodents. We perform incisor and molar filing, extractions, and management of abscesses. Tusk trimmings are also available for pot-bellied pigs and management of dental abscesses.

