

## **COMMON DISEASES IN ZOOLOGICAL COMPANION ANIMALS**

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When zoological companion animal (ZCA, exotics) patients present, it can be intimidating. These sessions are geared towards veterinarians who see ZCA patients on occasion who are looking to expand their knowledge and ability to examine these species more comfortably. The sessions will be in a case-based, interactive format that will cover a few common disease presentations in mammalian, avian, and reptilian species. Within the cases, diagnostics and treatment plans will be emphasized. As recognition of stress/pain can be difficult in ZCA species, this along with analgesia will play a large role in the sessions. These two evening sessions will be a continuation on one another, and it will likely be helpful, but is not essential, to attend both.