

Exotic Medicine Quiz

1. Which of the following is a common sign of illness in reptiles?

- A) Excessive vocalization
- B) Loss of appetite
- C) Increased grooming
- D) Hyperactivity

2. What is the primary dietary requirement for most herbivorous reptiles?

- A) High-protein diet
- B) High-fat diet
- C) High-fiber diet
- D) High-sugar diet

3. What is the best method to restrain a bird during a physical examination?

- A) Gently wrap in a towel
- B) Use a restraint cage
- C) Hold by the legs
- D) Place in a small box

4. Which of the following is NOT a common health issue in small mammals like hamsters and guinea pigs?

- A) Respiratory infections
- B) Diabetes mellitus
- C) Liver disease
- D) Hematologic disorders

5. What is a key component of a proper habitat for a boa constrictor?

- A) Low humidity and high light intensity
- B) High humidity and a large, secure enclosure
- C) Minimal hiding places
- D) High light intensity and minimal space

6. What is the primary purpose of a “heat lamp” in a reptile enclosure?

- A) To provide ultraviolet light
- B) To simulate the day-night cycle
- C) To regulate the ambient temperature
- D) To aid in digestion

7. How should you handle a ferret during an examination?

- A) Hold by the scruff
- B) Gently support its body in one hand
- C) Restrict its movement with a muzzle
- D) Use a snare

8. What is a common sign of respiratory disease in birds?

- A) Excessive preening
- B) Changes in feather coloration

- C) Wheezing or labored breathing
- D) Increased appetite

9. What is the most important factor in preventing obesity in pet rabbits?

- A) Providing unlimited pellets
- B) Restricting access to fresh vegetables
- C) Ensuring ample exercise and a high-fiber diet
- D) Limiting water intake

10. Which diagnostic test is commonly used to assess the health of a tortoise?

- A) Blood smear
- B) Radiography
- C) Fecal floatation
- D) Urinalysis

11. What is a common dietary issue in pet iguanas?

- A) Excessive protein intake
- B) Insufficient calcium intake
- C) High fat intake
- D) Low water intake

12. How should you manage a turtle with suspected shell rot?

- A) Apply topical antibiotics
- B) Increase humidity in the enclosure
- C) Provide a high-calcium diet
- D) Perform a shell debridement surgery

13. What is the primary treatment for a bird with psittacosis?

- A) Antifungal medications
- B) Antiviral medications
- C) Antibiotics
- D) Anti-parasitic treatments

14. Which of the following is a common sign of dental disease in guinea pigs?

- A) Weight loss
- B) Increased vocalization
- C) Excessive grooming
- D) Frequent urination

15. What is the main concern when handling a venomous snake?

- A) Risk of escaping
- B) Risk of infection
- C) Risk of venomous bite
- D) Risk of stress

16. What is a primary component of a tortoise's diet?

- A) Fruits and vegetables
- B) High-protein pellets

- C) Leafy greens and grasses
- D) Insects and worms

17. How should you monitor the health of a fish in an aquarium?

- A) Observe for changes in behavior and appearance
- B) Measure the water pH only
- C) Check for changes in appetite only
- D) Monitor only during feeding times

18. What is a common treatment for mites in birds?

- A) Antifungal medication
- B) Anti-parasitic sprays or powders
- C) Antibiotics
- D) Steroid injections

19. What is the ideal temperature range for most tropical fish?

- A) 60-70°F
- B) 70-80°F
- C) 80-90°F
- D) 50-60°F

20. Which species is prone to “malocclusion” (misalignment of teeth)?

- A) Ferrets
- B) Rabbits
- C) Birds
- D) Turtles

21. What is the recommended method for assessing hydration status in reptiles?

- A) Skin turgor test
- B) Eye appearance
- C) Gum color
- D) Body temperature

22. How can you prevent stress-related illness in small mammals?

- A) Provide social interaction and enrichment
- B) Limit dietary changes
- C) Avoid routine handling
- D) Keep them in isolation

23. What is a common sign of a fungal infection in birds?

- A) Feather loss
- B) Excessive vocalization
- C) Increased appetite
- D) Diarrhea

24. What is the best way to provide UVB light to reptiles in captivity?

- A) Use a standard incandescent bulb
- B) Use a UVB fluorescent light

- C) Use a heat lamp
- D) Use an ordinary light bulb

25. What is a common behavioral sign of pain in a rabbit?

- A) Increased grooming
- B) Aggression
- C) Decreased appetite
- D) Excessive vocalization

26. What should be monitored when caring for a bird recovering from surgery?

- A) Feather quality
- B) Weight and food intake
- C) Vocalization
- D) Activity level

27. What is a common cause of feather plucking in pet birds?

- A) Vitamin deficiency
- B) Overexposure to sunlight
- C) Lack of social interaction
- D) Excessive noise

28. What type of enclosure is ideal for an arboreal reptile?

- A) A large, horizontally spacious tank
- B) A small, enclosed aquarium
- C) A tall, vertically spacious tank with climbing structures
- D) A simple cage with a heat lamp

29. What is a primary concern when administering medication to a fish?

- A) Proper dosage and water solubility
- B) Medication type
- C) Frequency of administration
- D) Injection site

30. What is a common symptom of respiratory distress in reptiles?

- A) Hissing or wheezing
- B) Increased activity
- C) Decreased appetite
- D) Increased shedding

31. What type of diet is best for a pet hedgehog?

- A) High-fat diet
- B) High-protein diet
- C) High-fiber diet
- D) Low-fiber diet

32. What is a common indicator of diabetes mellitus in small mammals?

- A) Increased thirst and urination
- B) Excessive grooming

- C) Decreased appetite
- D) Weight gain

33. How often should you perform a health check on an exotic pet?

- A) Annually
- B) Monthly
- C) Quarterly
- D) Weekly

34. What is an appropriate treatment for a rabbit with a gastrointestinal blockage?

- A) Surgical intervention
- B) Increase fiber intake
- C) Administer laxatives
- D) Fluid therapy

35. What should be done if a bird is found with a broken wing?

- A) Immobilize the wing and seek veterinary care
- B) Apply a bandage and monitor at home
- C) Allow the bird to rest and heal naturally
- D) Perform surgery immediately

36. What is a common health issue in elderly reptiles?

- A) Metabolic bone disease
- B) Respiratory infections
- C) Obesity
- D) Skin tumors

37. What is the main reason for performing a fecal examination in exotic pets?

- A) To check for parasites
- B) To assess hydration levels
- C) To evaluate dietary intake
- D) To monitor weight changes

38. What is a common sign of hypocalcemia in reptiles?

- A) Muscle tremors
- B) Excessive shedding
- C) Increased appetite
- D) Feather loss

39. What is the primary method of treating a fish with fin rot?

- A) Antibiotic treatment
- B) Increased water temperature
- C) Adding salt to the aquarium
- D) Changing the water frequently

40. What is the main concern when housing multiple reptiles in the same enclosure?

- A) Risk of disease transmission
- B) Availability of food

C) Space for climbing

D) Temperature regulation