

<b>Full Title:</b>	Veterinary Nursing for Exotic Species
<b>Module Code:</b>	VETS S7025
<b>Credits:</b>	5
<b>Valid From:</b>	Semester 1 - 2015/16 ( September 2015 )
<b>Module Delivered in</b>	<a href="#">1 programme(s)</a>
<b>Module Description:</b>	This module focuses on the husbandry, nutrition and restraint of commonly kept exotic species (small mammals, birds and reptiles). It provides an overview of common medical and surgical presentations from a veterinary nursing perspective.
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advise owners and potential owners of exotic species on appropriate pet selection, husbandry and nutrition.</li> <li>2. Research the provision of suitable hospital accommodation and optimal nursing care to commonly encountered exotic species.</li> <li>3. Describe safe, appropriate techniques for the handling and restraint of common exotic species.</li> <li>4. Discuss commonly presented medical and surgical conditions of exotic pets.</li> <li>5. Describe the principles of anaesthesia and surgical preparation specific to exotic pet species.</li> </ol>	



Indicative Content	
Recognition and identification of exotic species commonly presented to veterinary practice. n/a	
Use of the RSPCA Five Freedoms to guide husbandry and nutrition choices (home and hospital). n/a	
Advice on suitability of exotic pets (general and specific) in relation to the owner's/ potential owner's lifestyle. n/a	
Optimal housing and environmental conditions for various species. n/a	
Provision of environmental enrichment for exotic pets in the home. n/a	
Normal behaviour in common exotic pet species. n/a	
Sexing and reproduction in various species. n/a	
Optimal nutrition for various species. n/a	
Provision of appropriate hospital accommodation and furnishings for hospitalised exotic species. n/a	
Transportation to the veterinary practice. n/a	
Health and safety aspects relating to hospitalisation of common species. n/a	
Feeding hospitalised exotic species. n/a	
Cleaning and disinfection of accommodation. n/a	
Routine skin, coat or feather care while hospitalised. n/a	
Techniques for safe, appropriate handling and restraint methods of common exotic species. n/a	
Routes and sites for medication administration, fluid therapy and collection of diagnostic samples. n/a	
History taking and clinical examination: Role of the veterinary nurse. n/a	
Commonly encountered medical and surgical conditions: Clinical signs, prevention and treatment. n/a	
Zoonoses and appropriate precautions. n/a	
Overview of medication used in exotic species including licensing issues. n/a	
Preparation of the exotic patient for anaesthesia and pre-anaesthetic procedures. n/a	
Peri-operative care of the surgical exotic patient. n/a	
Special anaesthetic requirements of exotic patients: Induction, maintenance and recovery. n/a	
Preparation of the surgical site in exotic patients. n/a	

Assessment Breakdown	%
Course Work	50.00%
End of Module Formal Examination	50.00%

## Full Time

Course Work							
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Marks Out Of	Pass Marks	Assessment Date	Duration
Class Test	Midterm written examination	1,3	20.00	0	0	Week 5	0
Project	Poster detailing provision of hospitalised care to a chosen exotic species. Group project which also forms part of the assessment of Office Practice and Teamworking module.	2	30.00	0	0	Week 8	0

No Project

No Practical

End of Module Formal Examination							
Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Marks Out Of	Pass Marks	Assessment Date	Duration
Formal Exam	End-of-Semester Final Examination	1,2,3,4,5	50.00	0	0	End-of-Semester	0

### Reassessment Requirement

#### A repeat examination

Reassessment of this module will consist of a repeat examination. It is possible that there will also be a requirement to be reassessed in a coursework element.

DKIT reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

**Module Workload & Resources**

**Workload: Full Time**

Workload Type	Workload Description	Hours	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	No Description	3.00	Every Week	3.00
Directed Reading	No Description	2.00	Every Week	2.00
Independent Study	No Description	3.00	Every Week	3.00
Total Weekly Learner Workload				8.00
Total Weekly Contact Hours				3.00

**This course has no Part Time workload.**

Resources			
<i>Recommended Book Resources</i>			
Girling 2013, <i>Veterinary Nursing of Exotic Species</i> , 2e Ed., Wiley Blackwell			
Gosden 2004, <i>Exotics and Wildlife: A manual of veterinary nursing care</i> , Butterworth Heinemann			
Varga, M., Lumbis, R. and Gott, L. 2012, <i>BSAVA Manual of Exotic Pet and Wildlife Nursing</i> , BSAVA			
Aspinall, V. 2014, <i>Clinical Procedures in Veterinary Nursing</i> , 3e Ed., Butterworth Heinemann Elsevier			
Meredith and Johnson-Delaney 2010, <i>BSAVA Manual of Exotic Pets: A foundation manual</i> , 5e Ed., BSAVA			
Ballard and Cheek 2010, <i>Exotic Animal Medicine for the Veterinary Technician</i> , 2e Ed., Wiley Blackwell			
Fraser and Girling 2009, <i>Rabbit Medicine and Surgery for Veterinary Nurses</i> , Wiley Blackwell			
Cooper et al. 2011, <i>BSAVA Textbook of Veterinary Nursing</i> , 5e Ed., BSAVA			
Aspinall 2011, <i>The Complete Textbook of Veterinary Nursing</i> , 2e Ed., Saunders Elsevier			
Bassett, J. and Thomas, J. 2014, <i>Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians</i> , 8e Ed., Elsevier			
<i>Supplementary Book Resources</i>			
Banks et al. 2010, <i>Exotic Small Mammal Care and Husbandry</i> , Wiley-Blackwell			
Agar 2001, <i>Small Animal Nutrition</i> , Butterworth Heinemann Elsevier			
Harcourt-Brown and Chitty 2005, <i>BSAVA Manual of Psittacine Birds</i> , 2e Ed., BSAVA			
Meredith, A. and Lord, B. 2014, <i>BSAVA Manual of Rabbit Medicine</i> , BSAVA			
Girling and Raiti 2004, <i>BSAVA Manual of Reptiles</i> , 2e Ed., BSAVA			
Keeble and Meredith 2009, <i>BSAVA Manual of Rodents and Ferrets</i> , BSAVA			
<i>This module does not have any article/paper resources</i>			
<i>Other Resources</i>			
Website: <i>Rabbit and guinea pig breeds</i> <a href="http://www.arba.net">http://www.arba.net</a>			
Website: Herpetological Society of Ireland n/a <a href="http://www.thehsi.org/">http://www.thehsi.org/</a>			
Website: East Midlands Zoological Society/ Twycross ZooWildpro: <i>Wildlife Information Network</i> <a href="http://www.wildlifeinformation.org/home.aspx">http://www.wildlifeinformation.org/home.aspx</a>			
VLE: DkIT 2013, <i>Moodle</i>			
VLE linked: <i>Vet Logic resources</i>			
Link: <i>Library Catalogue</i> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/nbcwwuo">http://tinyurl.com/nbcwwuo</a>			

### Module Delivered in

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
Dk_SVETN_7	<a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing</a>	3	Mandatory