

VETT 128 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: VETT 128 Title: EXOTIC ANIMAL MEDICINE

Full Title: Exotic Animal Medicine

Last Reviewed: 4/27/2020

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	2.00		Contact Total	35.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: ANHLT 128

Catalog Description:

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Course completion or current enrollment in VETT 50

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 100 OR EMLS 100 (formerly ESL 100) or equivalent

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
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CSU Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:
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CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe handling, sample collection, treatment and most common medical conditions of typical exotic companion animal species.
2. Evaluate the husbandry and patient history of companion exotic animal species.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify common exotic animals including species and gender identification.
2. Evaluate the husbandry and patient history of exotic companion exotic animal patients.
3. Identify and prepare the materials needed for medical evaluation and treatment of companion exotic animal species.
4. Describe the techniques for safe patient restraint, sample collection including venipuncture, common diagnostics performed, and medication administration of common exotic animal species.
5. Discuss the medical care of wildlife including both free ranging (rehabilitation center) and captive (zoo) settings.

Topics and Scope:

For each of the following species the course content will include identification, husbandry, patient handling, physical examination, sample collection, treatment including medication

administration, common medical conditions, and zoonotic concerns.

I. Companion Exotic Animal Species

A. Mammalian species

1. Rabbits
2. Guinea pigs
3. Mice and rats
4. Ferrets
5. Other species

B. Avian species

1. Psitticines (parrots)
2. Pet poultry
3. Other species

C. Reptiles

1. Lizards including bearded dragons
2. Snakes
3. Chelonians (turtles and tortoises)
4. Other species

II. Wildlife Species

A. Captive wildlife including large felids

B. Common native mammals including raccoons and opossums

C. Common native avian species including raptors

D. Additional species at the discretion of the instructor

Assignment:

1. Reading from text, instructor handouts or assigned online resources (15-30 per class session)
2. Creation of care sheets or other client handouts relating to exotic animal patient care (3-6)
3. Participation in live animal or mock activities regarding patient evaluation and treatment
4. Quizzes (2-6) and exam (1)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Creation of care sheets or other client handouts

Writing
10 - 30%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Participation in live animal or mock activities

Problem solving
20 - 40%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes and exam

Exams
40 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category
0 - 0%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Exotic Animal Medicine for the Veterinary Technician. 3rd ed. Ballard, Bonnie and Cheek, Ryan. 2016

Laboratory Animal and Exotic Pet Medicine Principles and Procedures. 2nd ed. Sirois, Margi. 2015 (classic)

Current Therapy in Exotic Pet Practice. Mitchell, Mark and Tully, Thomas. 2016

Instructor prepared materials