

# Exotic Pets

We are able to care for and treat a wide variety of species at Ferry Farm Animal Clinic. These include: Birds, Ferrets, Reptiles, Rabbits, Rodents, Small Mammals, Marsupials, Amphibians, Fish, Invertebrates and others. Veterinary care of exotic species often requires specialized medicines, instruments and techniques. We offer husbandry education, preventive care, as well as medical and surgical services for most species. Routine and specialized grooming are available as well. We offer spaying and neutering for most species which may help minimize certain behaviors and medical problems.



As with dogs and cats, we feel that client education and preventive care for exotic pets is paramount to ensuring a happy and healthy pet. One of our main goals is to ensure that our clients are educated about the special needs and requirements for their exotic pets **before** adding them to their family. This will give their new pets the best chance of surviving and thriving. Some species have strict housing, environmental and/or dietary requirements that may preclude them from being an optimal pet. Many exotic species kept as pets are prey species (being eaten by other animals). It is instinctual of these animals to hide weakness or sickness until they are very sick and unable to mask their symptoms. This makes it difficult for an owner to identify the initial stages of disease and to seek veterinary care in a timely manner. If you are interested in an exotic animal as a pet, research the requirements for keeping such a pet beforehand and please call if you have any questions.



Dr. Greg Chrisawn is our veterinarian which sees exotic species. He has been treating exotic pets for almost 15 years. In this time he has built a large loyal client following, developed a diverse knowledge base and established ties with other exotic veterinarians. He will see almost any species and enjoys educating clients about how best to keep and care for their nontraditional pets. He especially enjoys reptile and amphibian medicine. Every year he completes continuing education of exotic species to ensure he is providing up to date medicine and services to his clients.

