



COMPANION ANIMAL

RABBIT



Diagnostic work up of exotic zoo animals: challenges and do's and don'ts

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Rabbits tend to die easily when ill or sick. A fast, thorough clinical examination and diagnosis is key in trying to maintain on top of the problems and to give the rabbit that little extra time to fight the acute disease and emergency.

Usually “acute” onsets of symptoms have an already chronic history of undetected problems not noticed by an owner.

In this lecture we will embark on a journey to explain the steps that enable you as vets to help the rabbit survive the acute emergency by providing you with practical tools to use in that stressful situation and a solid base to treat those patients which need your utmost care and attention. From anamnesis to general inspection and from extensive diagnostic procedures to the emergency care on the spot.