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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

Re; Docket 97N-0217

In exotic pet practice, I am put in the position of using drugs every day "out of label". We do not treat food animals.

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I hope that new regulations will allow us to be legal and proper.

Sincerely,



W. B. Nelson, D.V.M.

Enclosures:

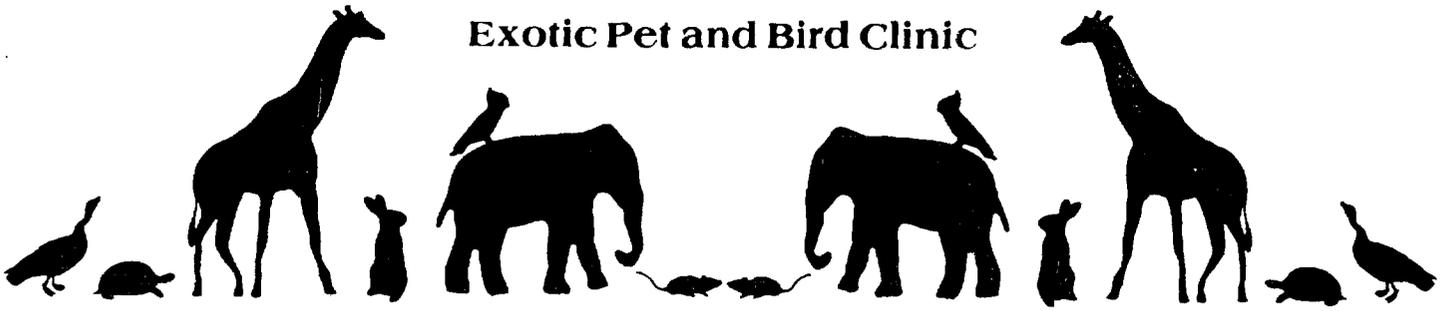
Clinic Brochure

"_Practice Limited to_"

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Willard B. Nelson, D.V.M.

Practice limited to:

Lions, Tigers, Cougars, Ocelots, Cheetahs, Snow & other Leopards, Servals, Palas Cats, Caracals, Jaguars, Jaguarundis, Sand Cats, Bengal Cats and other domestic and hybrid cats. Coyotes, Wolves, Raccoons, Mink, Ferrets, Weasels, Badgers, Skunks, River otters, Sea Otters, Prairie Dogs, Squirrels, Lemmings, Porcupines, Capybaras, Pacas, Rabbits, Picas, Hamsters, Gerbils, Rats, Mice, African Spiny Mice, Wood Rats, Chinchillas, Zebras, Elephants, Tapirs, Hippopotami, Camels, Bison, Llamas, Elk, Native Deer, Axis Deer, Fallow Deer, Pronghorn Antelope, Springbok, Mountain Goats, Muflon Sheep, Dahl Sheep, Giraffes, Wolves, Coatis, Kinkajous, Lesser Pandas, Black Bears, Polar Bears, Grizzly Bears, Sun Bears, Kodiak Bears, Virginia Opossums, Armadillos, Kangaroos, Pottoroos, Wallaroos, Sloths, Tamanduas, Hedgehogs, Fruit Bats, Vampire Bats, Gorillas, Chimpanzees, Orangutan, Woolly Monkeys, Guennons, Squirrel Monkeys, Marmosets, Owl Monkeys, Lemurs, Gallagos, Slow Loris, Golden Tamarin, Capuchins, Spider Monkeys, Titi Monkeys, Siamang, Gibbons, Celebese Monkeys, Lion-Tailed Macaques, Patas Monkeys, Pheasants, many kinds, Pea Fowl, Guinea Fowl, Cranes; Crowned, Sarus, & Sandhill. Quail, Old & New World, Secretary Birds, Bustarda, Mute Swans, Black Swans, Whistler Swans Trumpeter Swans, Canada Geese, Emperor Geese, Egyptian Geese, Common Mallards and other Ducks, Pintail, Goldeneye, Canvasback, Shell ducks, Muscovys, Wood Ducks, White Pelicans, Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, Flamingos, Penguins, Emus, Rhea, Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, Gyrfalcons, Peregrine Falcons, Red-Tailed Hawks, Goshawks, Cooper's Hawks, Sparrow Hawks (Kestrels), Sharp-Shinned Hawks, Rough-Legged Hawks, Merlin, Great Horned Owls, Snowy Owls, Burrowing Owls, Barn Owls, Saw Whet Owls, Screech Owls, Pigeons and doves of many kinds, Gulls, Kingfisher, Western Grebes, Pied-Billed Grebes, Canaries, Finches, all types, Mynas, Budgies, Lovebirds, many varieties, Cockatiels, Conures, Amazons, all varieties, Macaws; Hyacinth, Military, Scarlet, Blue & Gold, Etc., Eclectus, Amazons of untold variety, Lorries, Macaws, Cockatoos etc., Crocodiles, Caiman, Musk Turtles, Box Turtles, Pond Turtles, many types, sideneck turtles, Snapping Turtles, Galapagos Tortoises, Aldabra Tortoises, Desert Tortoises, Texas, and Red-Legged Tortoises, Common Garter Snakes, Glass Snakes, Rattlesnakes, Black Mambas, Banded Crates, Sinaloan Milk Snakes, All Kinds of Rat Snakes, etc., Anacondas, King Snakes, Boas & Pythons, many, many types and sizes, Leopard Frogs, Poison Arrow Frogs, Tree Frogs, Toads, Anoles, Gila Monsters, Monitor Lizards, Legless Lizards, Tokay Geckos, Fat-Tailed Geckos, Salamanders, Iguanas, Jackson's and other Chameleons, assorted tropical fish, Discus, Angel Fish, Koi, Trout, etc., California Sea Lions, Orcha (Killer Whales), Sperm Whales, Harbor Seals, Fur Seals, Spiders and miniature Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pigs. New species are added frequently but I no longer treat domestic dogs, horses, Llamas, pigs over 100 pounds or other farm mammals.

April, 1993

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The facilities and staff of the Exotic Pet and Bird Clinic are devoted to the care of Puget Sound's so-called "Exotic" pets. "Exotic" means outside of the usual and accustomed dogs and cats.

The term "Exotic" includes the domestic pet ferret, rabbits, chinchillas and rodents as well as the truly non-domestic pet species such as the many reptiles (turtles, tortoises, snakes and lizards) armadillos, prairie dogs, hedgehogs and anteaters.

We also have the facilities and the skill to care for more unusual animals like primates (monkeys and apes) and non-domestic cats. Wild animals such as raccons, endangered species, and birds of prey are sometimes cared for here as well.

Beginning in 1982, the clinic has sponsored the annual "Ferret Frolics," a romp in Marina Park attended by hundreds of ferrets and their families. This event is held on the last Sunday in June whenever possible. Call to confirm, and don't miss it!

Since 1986, The Exotic Pet & Bird Clinic has sponsored winter meetings. Each meeting features a different group of pets and is a chance for anyone interested to come and ask Dr. Nelson a wide variety of questions about the care, feeding, training, and most of all, the enjoyment of their favorite pet species.



Dr. Nelson began working with Exotic Animals in 1963 at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine with Dr. Irv Small. In 1964 and 1965, he worked with Dr. Matt Mayberry at the Washington Park Zoo in Portland, OR, assisting in elephant reproduction studies. 1966 was a year of caring for bison, raptors, and a skunk rabies research program for the U.S. Army. After arriving in Seattle, he became associated with the Woodland Park Zoo's animal collection. Appointment as Associate Veterinarian to Dr. Jim Foster came in 1971, and in 1974 and 1975 Dr. Nelson was at the Zoo daily, caring for the entire collection. Dr. Nelson is a member of the American Association of Avian Veterinarians, The International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine, The Wildlife Disease Association, and several others. Dr. Nelson has written medical articles on the care of many different species of animals, and lectured to veterinarians and animal lovers from coast to coast.

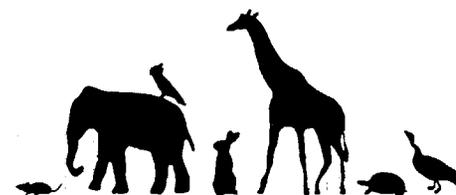
The Exotic Pet and Bird Clinic was established in 1972 by Dr. Fred Cummings and was originally called the "Central Veterinary Clinic." Dr. Nelson took over in 1973. In 1986, the Clinic moved a few blocks to a new modern facility and continues providing state of the art veterinary medical care for the so-called "Exotics," or non-domestic pets of the Northwest. Pet birds, ferrets, rabbits and reptiles, including turtles, tortoises and lizards are the largest groups of patients. The rest of the patients vary from rodents including chinchillas, hamsters, gerbils, prairie dogs, mice and rats; wildlife, primates and large, non-domestic cats. Dr. Nelson treats nothing larger than elephants or whales ("house calls" only), and nothing smaller than 2 gram pet insects.

Clinic hours are typically 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on weekdays. We have Saturday office hours from 9 A.M. until Noon. Appointments are made by calling 827-6613 during office hours. Hospitalization is provided on site in our well equipped avian/exotic hospital. Complete diagnostic X-Ray, laboratory, laparoscopy, surgery, dentistry and other special services such as I.D. transponder implantation are available as needed. You are encouraged to phone the clinic each day to get a report on the progress of your hospitalized pet. In addition to the daily care for our patients, we do our best to provide after hours emergency service, subject to doctor availability. Call the clinic phone, (206) 827-6613 for instructions on how to reach the doctor in an emergency.

The reception room has a LARGE literature rack with free handout materials on ferrets, birds, rabbits, rodents, reptiles and many others.

The Exotic Pet Clinic has no dog kennels or "runs", and can best provide care for non-domestic canids, such as wolves and coyotes which need special restraint techniques and equipment. Non-domestic cats can be cared for easily by the use of "R.E.C." squeeze cages for maximal safety.

If you need help for your dog we are happy to provide a referral to a good canine clinic in your neighborhood.



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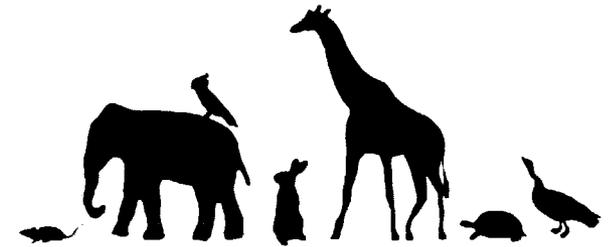
EMERGENCY CALLS:
827-6613

Please listen to the instructions carefully. You will be asked to leave specific details on the answering machine, then be instructed on how to transmit your telephone number via special pager directly to the doctor so that no time is lost in returning your call. Take your time when calling, and leave concise information, as requested.

May 1992



Driving directions:
From Seattle: Cross your favorite bridge to highway I-405 and go North. Get off at Exit 18 West toward Kirkland and continue West to the second stoplight, Sixth Street, and turn left. Go a short block and turn left again, onto Fourth Avenue. As you approach the Kirkland Post Office, the street curves to your left and then straightens out again to become Fifth Avenue. As soon as you are past the large Post Office complex, our office park, "Kirkland Place," is the first drive on your right. On the left end of building 903, you will see our large white animal silhouettes marching toward our entrance. Nothing to it!

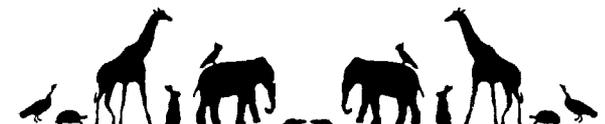


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Dedicated to providing state of the art veterinary medical care for your bird, ferret, rabbit, rodent, turtle or other reptile, armadillo, monkey or . . .!

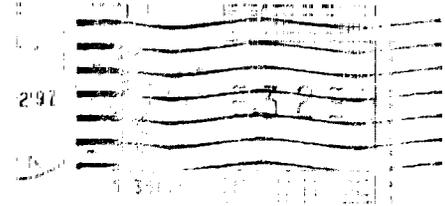
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