Exotic Companion Mammal RVS Exam Study Guide - 2019

This guide will help you prepare for your ABVP Recognized Veterinary Specialty (RVS) examination this Autumn.

Depending on where you are in your examination cycle, you will be sitting for one of these possible exams. The ABVP Main Office will confirm EXACTLY WHAT EXAM you will need to attend. The possible exams are:

1) **300 item Legacy Specialty Exam given in two parts on the same day. This is a multiple choice exam.**
   - a. This exam is for initial candidates who have successfully passed their RVS Practical Exam in 2016 or 2017, or
   - b. For recertifying Diplomates who are in their 9th or 10th year of their Maintenance of Certification (MOC) cycle, or
   - c. For former Diplomates who have successfully passed their RVS Practical Exam in 2016 or 2017.

2) **50 to 100 item/point Legacy Practical Exam given in one part on one day. This may be multiple choice, fill in the blank, matching, short answer or essay.**
   - a. This exam is for candidates who have successfully passed their RVS Specialty Exam in 2016 or 2017, or
   - b. For former Diplomates who have successfully passed their RVS Specialty Exam in 2016 or 2017.

3) **350 item Combined RVS Exam given in two parts on the same day. This is mostly to exclusively multiple choice. There is the possibility of fill in the blank, short answer, essay, or matching for some exam items.**
   - a. This exam is for all others not meeting the above criteria.

The AVMA best practices is that the examination items align with a Job Content Analysis (JCA) of current RVS Diplomates. The 2018 JCA identified tasks, diseases, etc. that Diplomates either saw frequently or expected a Specialist to have immediate knowledge of subject.

Additionally, it has been decided that some exam items can come from current journals and a small percentage can be at your Exam Committee’s discretion.

Please note that items drawn from current journals (with a 5 year look back period) are 1) from a journal on the RVS Reading List, 2) the question is drawn from the abstract only, and 3) the journal abstract must be inexpensively obtained.

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The 2018 JCA was completed in May 2018 and the Exams are still transitioning from the prior blueprint to the current recommendations. Thank you for your understanding as our volunteers complete this task.

**Ferret Exam Topics**

- Adrenal Disease and Complications
- Anorexia
- Ataxia
- Benign Neoplasia
- Canine Distemper Virus
- Cardiomyopathy
- Cataracts
- Chordoma
- Colitis
- Eosinophilic Enteritis
- Epizootic catarrhal enteritis (ECE)
- Gastritis
- Glomerulonephropathy
- Helicobacter mustelae Infection
- Hydronephrosis
- Hyperestrogenism
- Hyperthermia
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- Influenza
- Insulinoma
- Intervertebral Disc Disease
- Liver Disease
- Lymphoma
- Pneumonia - infectious
- Polycystic Kidneys
- Posterior Paresis
- Prostatic Diseases
- Pyometra
- Renal Calculi
- Renal Cysts
Renal Disease
Sarcoptic Mange
Seasonal Alopecia
Splenomegaly
Urethral Obstruction
Urolithiasis
Vaccine Reactions
Valvular Heart Disease

Rabbit Exam Topics

Abscess
Barbering/ self mutilation
Chronic rhinitis
Dental disease - acquired
Dermatitis
Dermatophytosis
Dysbiosis
Ectoparasites
Encephalitozoonosis
Endometrial Venous Aneurysms
Gastrointestinal disease
Inguinal herniation
Liver torsion
Otitis
Pneumonia
Spinal/vertebral diseases
Treponema
Urolithiasis
Uterine adenocarcinoma

Guinea Pig Exam Topics

Alopecia
Cervical lymphadenitis
Dental disease - acquired
Dysbiosis
Endoparasites
Enteritis
Gastrointestinal disease
Hypovitaminosis C
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### Rodentia Exam Topics

- Alopecia
- Barbering
- Chromodacryorrhea
- Conjunctivitis
- Dental disease - acquired
- Dermatophytosis
- Ectoparasites
- Exophthalmos
- Fur ring and paraphimosis
- Fur slip
- Intestinal torsion and impaction
- Lead poisoning
- Mammary tumors
- Proliferative ileitis
- Rectal prolapse

### Exotic Companion Mammal Reading List

**Texts**

• Clinical Veterinary Advisor, Mayer L and Donnelly, TM. St. Louis, MO. Saunders Elsevier, 2013.
• Textbook of Rabbit Medicine, Varga M. Butterworth-Heinemann, 2013.

Supplementary Reading (questions do not come from these books)

Journals (Concentrate on 5 years immediately prior to the year of testing, and only articles related to the species specialty)
• American Journal of Veterinary Research. Publisher: American Veterinary Medicine Association. ISSN: 0002-9645
• Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Publisher: American Veterinary Medical Association, Chicago, IL. ISSN: 0003-1488
• Journal of Exotic Pet Medicine, Publisher: Elsevier, New York, NY. ISSN: 1557-5063.
• Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine. Publisher: American Association of Zoo Veterinarians. ISSN: 1937-2825
• Veterinary Record: Journal of the British Veterinary Association. Publisher: BSAVA. http://veterinaryrecord.bmj.com
• Journal of Small Animal Practice. Publisher: BSAVA. ISSN: 1748-5827
• Journal of Veterinary Cardiology. Publisher: Elsevier. ISSN: 1760-2734
• Journal of Veterinary Radiology and Ultrasound. Publisher: Wiley ISSN: 1740-8261
• Journal of Veterinary Ophthalmology Publisher: Wiley ISSN: 1463-5223
• Journal of Veterinary Clinical Pathology. Publisher: American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology