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**LITERATURE REVIEW** *Exotic Animal Medicine for the Veterinary Technician***(ed 3)**

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*Exotic Animal Medicine for the Veterinary Technician*, co-edited by Bonnie Ballard and Ryan Cheek, is now in its third edition. Dr. Ballard, a veterinarian with a long-standing interest in exotic animal medicine created the veterinary technology program at Gwinnet Technical College. Ryan Cheek, a registered veterinary technician with a Veterinary Technician Specialist certification in Emergency and Critical Care, graduated from and is currently a full time instructor at Gwinnet Technical College. His clinical experience includes working at Zoo Atlanta and in a small animal/exotics practice. There are 22 additional contributors to this text, both veterinarians and technicians alike, all of whom have experience working with research, companion exotic, and zoological species.

Following a brief overview of companion exotic animal medicine in clinical practice, the text includes the following sections: Analgesia and Anesthesia, Avian, Reptiles, Amphibians and Aquatic Animals, Mammals (including ferrets, rabbits, mice, rats, gerbils and hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs, degus, hedgehogs, skunks, sugar gliders, and prairie dogs), Hematology, Zoo, Aquarium Medicine, and Wildlife, with appendices and index that follow. It is worth noting that the section on analgesia and anesthesia is new to this addition, the previous section covering amphibians now also includes aquatic animals, and the wildlife section now provides information for

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