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Don't Let It Croak: Clinical Approach to Amphibian Emergencies

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Presenter: **Douglas Whiteside**, DVM, DVSc, DACZM, DECZM (ZHM)

Sunday, **January 31** – 3 pm EST (New York)

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Amphibians increasingly are being kept as pets, in addition to frequently finding them in zoological and research collections. However routine wellness exams are rarely provided to most pet amphibians. Most animals only present to the veterinary clinic as an emergency case when they are ill. The acute onset of a clinical condition requiring emergency care in amphibians is often the result of trauma, infection, metabolic deficiency, toxicity, or a sudden inappropriate environmental change. If multiple animals are affected, each individual must be triaged based on the severity of their clinical signs and risk of deterioration. It is important for clinicians to understand how an amphibian's unique anatomy and physiology will factor into the clinical approach to emergencies. The expedient collection of a history and husbandry parameters, a systematic physical examination with appropriate selection and execution of diagnostics, and the immediate administration of emergency care will increase the likelihood of a successful outcome. This live webinar event will also involve diagnostic testing, such as blood collection and radiography as well as cytology, fluid analysis, culture. Dr. Whiteside will also review clinical signs of pain as well as options for analgesia in debilitated amphibians. Key points of urgent care, such as fluid therapy and critical care nutrition, will also be reviewed and options for euthanasia will be explored.

Lecture outline:



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- Clinically relevant anatomy and physiology
- Obtaining a detailed history
- Triage and emergency therapies
- The clinical examination
- Diagnostic testing
- Analgesia
- Nutritional support
- Hospitalization
- Euthanasia

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