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I hope your organization will be interested in sharing information about a free, live, interactive LafeberVet webinar “[Chelonian Shell Repair](#)” with its members. This webinar event will be presented by [J. Jill Heatley](#),

DVM, MS, DABVP (Avian Practice, Reptile & Amphibian Practice), DACZM. A press release is embedded in the body of this message and can also be downloaded from LafeberVet.

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Chelonian Shell Repair

Presenter: **J. Jill Heatley**, DVM, MS, DABVP
(Avian Practice, Reptile & Amphibian Practice), DACZM

Thursday, November 2
8 pm EST (New York) (UTC -5)

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This distance-learning event reviews multiple shell repair methods. Possibly due to the prolonged healing time of the chelonian shell, little rigorous scientific investigation has been pursued regarding the efficacy of these methods, however, each method will be described during the presentation. The pros and cons of each method will also be detailed. Regardless of the method of shell repair selected, the patient should be evaluated and categorized preoperatively, just as for any other patient. If at all possible, the patient should be stabilized before surgery. All techniques require similar attention to detail and wound management, just as in mammals, however *Chelonia* may take much longer to heal. Shell repair should occur in association with a clean wound, which may take days or weeks to achieve. With inadequate husbandry, chelonians may be more prone to developing secondary infection. The shell and wound should receive a sterile preparation prior to repair, and sterile technique during the repair. Perioperative broad-spectrum antibiotics are recommended, and local lavage to prevent heat necrosis of tissues is indicated.

Lecture Outline

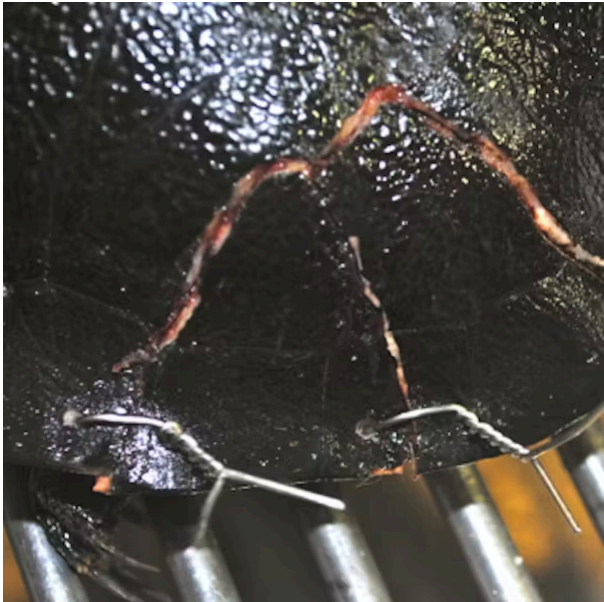


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- A. Shell preparation
- B. Fixator removal
- c. Techniques
 1. Cerclage wire
 2. Screws and cerclage wire
 3. Metal bridges
 4. Builder ties
 5. Hook and eye closure and wire
 6. Fiberglass and epoxy
 7. UV-cured acrylic

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