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Dear Susie Wiseman

I hope your organization will be interested in sharing information about a free, live, interactive LafeberVet webinar "[The Critical Reptile Patient: Physical Examination, Triage, and Stabilization](#)" with its members. This webinar event will be presented by Stacey Leonatti Wilkinson, DVM, DABVP (Reptile & Amphibian Practice). A press release is embedded in the body of this message and can also be [downloaded from LafeberVet](#).

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# The Critical Reptile Patient: Physical Examination, Triage, and Stabilization

Presenter: [Stacey Leonatti Wilkinson](#), DVM,  
DABVP (Reptile & Amphibian Practice)

Sunday, February 25  
3 pm EST (New York) (UTC -5)

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A common misconception is that true emergencies in reptile medicine do not exist. While it is true that most emergencies are an acute manifestation of a chronic disease, by the time the owner notices a problem an emergency may exist. Some common, true, acute-onset emergencies include trauma, vomiting, prolapse, seizures, tremors, obstructive dystocia, and severe dyspnea. Proper triage is critical when treating exotic animal patients and a complete history is vital to helping determine a list of differential diagnoses. A physical examination should be performed, but initially it may be only visual or extremely limited if the patient is unstable. Stabilization should be the priority, then additional tests or procedures can be performed once the patient is more stable.

## Lecture Outline

- A. True emergencies versus acute manifestations of chronic disease
- B. Triage
- C. History
- D. Physical examination
- E. Stabilization
- F. Diagnostic testing



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