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Question:
Dysplasia of the thyroid gland in budgerigars is often caused by:

Responses:
1. Feeding all seed diets
2. Exposure to excessive radiation
3. Congenital inbreeding
4. Excessive iodine in the diet

Reference: (Source you would quote to prove the correct answer is in fact correct)
Authors: Tully, Dorrestein, Jones
Title: The Handbook of Avian Medicine, 2nd Edition
Publisher: Saunders, Elsevier
Year: 2009
Page(s): 144

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Rationale:
Technicians should be aware of the dangers of feeding poor diets to their patients.

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☐ Surgical Nursing ☐ Dentistry
☐ Behavior ☐ Practice Management
Question:
Which of these animals is an obligate carnivore and cannot digest fiber or use carbohydrate efficiently?

Responses:
1. Ferrets
2. Skunks
3. Chinese Box Turtles
4. Egyptian Uromastyx

Reference:
Authors: Quesenberry and Carpenter
Title: Ferrets, Rabbits, and Rodents Clinical Medicine and Surgery 2nd edition
Publisher: Saunders Elsevier
Year:  
Page(s): 11

Rationale:
Understanding nutritional requirements of exotic pets is a large part of the veterinary technician’s responsibility.

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A snake presents to the clinic for an annual physical examination. You notice the snake has an overall blue hue to the skin and the eyes are opaque. What is the most common reason for this?

Responses:
1. This is a natural process. The snake is about to shed.
2. It is likely the snake has a bacterial infection of the skin.
3. A blue hue to the skin indicates a thermal burn.
4. The snake is likely infected with inclusion body disease.

Reference:
Author: Jody Nugent-Deal and Kristina Palmer-Holtry
Title: Nursing Care of Companion Birds, Reptiles, and Amphibians
Publisher: Elsevier Mosby
Year: 2011
Page(s): 728

Rationale:
Technicians taking this exam should be familiar with how a snake looks just prior to shedding. They should understand this is a normal process.

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