

## AVTCP Item Writing Form

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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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Practice Category

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Canine/Feline

Production Animal

### Domain

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### 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 Uromastix

### Reference:

Authors: Quesenberry and Carpenter

Title: Ferrets, Rabbits, and Rodents Clinical Medicine and Surgery 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

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### 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  
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### 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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