



Feathered, Furred and Scaled Companions

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We all know that our dogs and cats need to come to the veterinarian for their twice yearly examinations and wellness testing, but often times bird, small mammal and reptile owners do not realize this is also very important for our feathered, furred and scaled companions. Many of these pets hide their illness, acting as if nothing is wrong until they are very sick, making routine wellness examinations a very important part of your exotic pet's care. Here at Dickinson Animal Hospital & Pet Wellness Center we are privileged to have one of the few board certified avian veterinarians in Galveston and Harris County. Dr. Robin Scott is specialty certified by the American Board of Veterinary Practice (ABVP) in Avian Practice with special interest and additional education in small mammals and reptiles. Her family consists of 3 parrots including Shakey, a 70+ year old scarlet macaw she has owned since 1984, 4 tortoises with one weighing over 130lbs., 2 guinea pigs, a flock of doves and pond of koi.

In addition to caring for dogs and cats, Dr. Scott provides care for birds such as parrots, chickens and ducks, small mammals including rats, guinea pigs, ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, hedgehogs and most non-poisonous reptiles.

During your exotic's visit, we take into account a detailed history of diet, husbandry and owner concerns. We then perform a complete physical examination, measure body weight, perform any needed grooming and formulate a plan for additional care your pet may need. We recommend bringing a few items with you for your pet's appointment: a sample of the stool, a food sample or the brand of food fed to your pet and a photograph of your pet's caging and living environment. This allows our staff to advise you on your pet's specific needs. Don't forget to contain your pet in an appropriate cage or carrier during their appointment for safety.

We provide complete wellness care and extensive diagnostic and treatment capabilities for these pets. Dr. Scott is looking forward to seeing you and your pet soon.

