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The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center

Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences is a leader in the field of exotic bird health and conservation. A team of dedicated investigators is working to unlock the secrets of key avian diseases, while also investigating the basic biology and conservation of wild and exotic birds.

The Initiative

The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center is a team of faculty members in Veterinary Pathobiology and the Exotic Animal section of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Texas A&M University, dedicated to research and clinical service for exotic and wild birds. The center has been supported by an endowment from the late Mr. Richard Schubot, as well as by research grants and donations. With these resources, our faculty have undertaken a wide range of studies on exotic bird health and conservation.

Much has been accomplished including effective treatments for iron-storage disease; optimization of the diagnosis of avian tuberculosis, avian bornavirus, and avian herpesvirus; and the development of a test that has eliminated an inherited disease in California condors. Members of The Schubot Center staff are leaders in the fields of wild parrot research and conservation, through studies of salt licks, macaw nesting success, wild parrot nutrition, and satellite telemetry at our research site in Peru.



Our Objectives

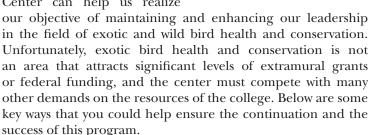
- To construct a state-of-the-art aviary and avian research center. (See reverse for plans of proposed construction.)
- To provide the most advanced treatment therapies to birds entering our clinic.
- To build our conservation medicine studies into a worldrenowned program.
- To support veterinary students, graduate students, residents,

and interns who wish to build a career in avian medicine.

• To conduct ongoing basic and applied research into disease and conservation of exotic and wild birds, with the goal of preserving these precious resources.



Your contribution to The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center can help us realize





- Exotic and Wild Bird Aviary & Avian Research Center\$2.2 million
- Clinical Avian Medicine Endowed Chair...... \$1-4 million
- Conservation Medicine Endowed Chair......\$1–4 million

This facility will ensure students with a passion for avian veterinary medicine will have the knowledge they need to study and understand birds in their careers. It will allow some of the best faculty in the world to continue researching solutions to infectious and parasitic diseases. It will help attract other top researchers and faculty in this field to Texas A&M. For more information, please visit: vetmed.tamu.edu/schubot/.

• Clinical Residencies & Internships\$200,000 each

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