

Zoo Vet Activity

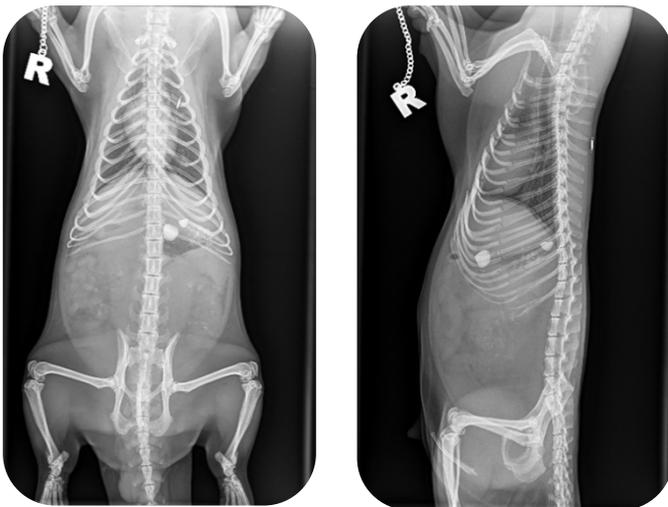
Animals can't tell us when they are sick. This means vets need to find out what might be wrong through tests like x-rays and scans.

1. Can you help our vets find out what's wrong with our animals? Circle the correct answer for each species.

Asian short-clawed otter

Otters are very playful animals. Asian short-clawed otters will juggle stones by lying on their back and rolling the stones from paw to paw. This otter has not been eating its food. The vets have decided to use an x-ray to see if they can spot any problems.

What do you think they've found?



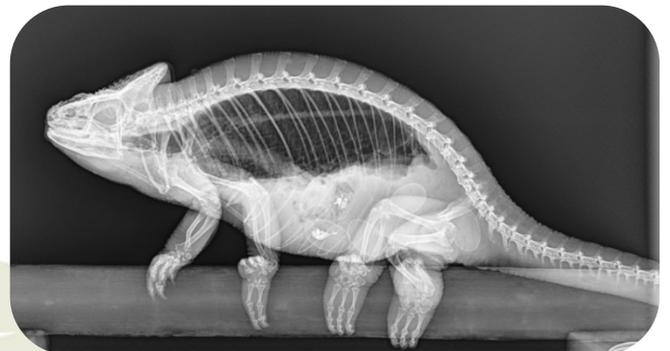
- A. The otter has swallowed some stones
- B. The otter is pregnant
- C. The otter has broken ribs

Parson's chameleon

Parson's chameleons live in the trees where they use their green and brown colours to camouflage.

Recently, this chameleon has been climbing to the floor and digging. The vets have decided to use an x-ray to see why it's changed its behaviour.

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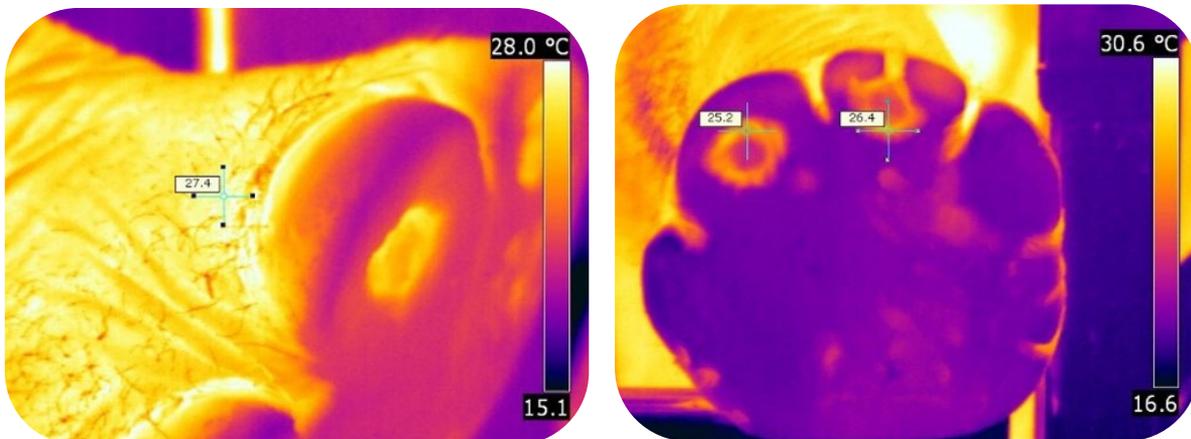


- A. The chameleon is too cold
- B. The chameleon has broken bones
- C. The chameleon has eggs

Asian elephant

Elephants can walk for miles every day as they search for food.

This elephant has been limping. The vets have used thermal imaging to look at what areas of the foot are hot or cold. Hot areas may show an injury.



- A. The elephant has a long splinter in its foot
- B. The elephant has a large round blister on its foot
- C. The elephant has a broken toe

2. Which of these animals needs the most urgent care?

3. Why do you think that is?