

## **Fracture Management For Wildlife.**

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### Introductions

The successful management of fractures for wildlife is multifactorial and dependent on;

- early detection and timely assessment
- treatment by a veterinary surgeon
- post treatment care, management, planning and follow-up with the veterinary surgeon –essential
- respectful and good communication between the veterinary surgeon and the wildlife carer (s)

### Fracture Management

- Classifications of fractures
- ‘Common’ fractures in mammals, birds and reptiles
- Complications such as haemorrhage, non-union , re-fracture, infection, pressure areas, soft tissue damage, stress and myopathy.
- Treatment options surgical and non-surgical options
- Pain management- is ESSENTIAL
- Rehabilitation

### Other treatments

- physiotherapy, laser, splinting and different types of dressings
- infection – cleaning/debridement, bacterial culture, antibiotics
- comorbidities – dehydration, medical illnesses, psychological/social