

Bird Clinic

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The University Veterinary Teaching Hospital (UVH) located in Universiti Putra Malaysia Serdang has a bird clinic. This is the clinic of choice for the public, pet owners and veterinarians for sick birds and injured wild birds. A bird's anatomy is quite different from a cat or dog, so it requires specialized care administered by a qualified bird doctor (avian veterinarian). The care provided by the team include something as simple as grooming (wing clipping, toe nail trimming, beak trimming) and further treatment for simple cases to complicated orthopedic or soft tissue surgeries. Fracture cases are commonly seen. Bird bone heals in four to six week after treatment. Special handling and restraining techniques are needed for specific bird species. Restraining techniques that are important are the psittacine technique, one hand hold, leg grabbing and body grab techniques. Different bird species require different diet needs when hospitalized. Nutrition is important to help them survive during treatment or rehabilitation process. For wild birds, the rehabilitation process needs to continue such as training for hunting of preys as well as flight test to make sure they have perfect ability prior to their release into the wild. Treatment and care of the birds are an important specialization area to make them survive in the wild or return home to the owner. New bird owners are likely to enquire about basic steps needed to ensure the feathered friends receive top notch care. The bird doctor will always standby to advise and assist!



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