## Signs of Pain in Your Exotic Pet

**Rabbits**
- Hunched
- Not responsive
- Vision defects
- Molar grinding
- Indifferent when handled

**Chinchillas**
- No barking
- Hiding
- Avoidance
- Hunched
- Tooth grinding
- Biting at flanks

**Guinea Pigs**
- Infrequent lying down
- Hind leg lifting, writhing, or flinching
- Increased breathing
- Decreased body weight

**Ferrets**
- Closed eyes
- Retracted snout
- Lethargic

**Rats**
- Vision defects
- Hunched
- Mazing around edge of cage
- Increased breathing
- Decreased appetite

**Hamsters, Gerbils, & Mice**
- Decreased appetite
- Decreased mobility
- Hunched
- Closed eyes

**Sugar Gliders & Hedgehogs**
- Closed eyes
- Mutilation
- Decreased appetite
- Decreased interactions with owner
- Hedgehogs may hide or act cryptically

**Birds**
- Decreased social behaviors
- Guarding
- Increased aggression
- Biting at painful areas

**Reptiles**
- Social avoidance
- Decreased interactions with habitat
- Decreased appetite and mobility
- Increased withdrawals and aggression

**Amphibians**
- Closed eyes
- Decreased movement
- Decreased appetite
- Writhing and/or scratching

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