

Meet Our Radiologists

Eric T. Hostnik, DVM, MS, DACVR, DACVR-EDI is a highly skilled radiologist with very strong interests in diagnostic imaging of zoo and aquarium species. He is a founding member and current president Zoo, Exotic, Wildlife Diagnostic Imaging Society within the American College of Veterinary Radiology. Dr. Hostnik has been reading cases for the BZC Radiology Consulting Service for several years, supporting the diagnostic imaging needs of our clients around the world.



Dr. Hostnik completed his diagnostic imaging residency and Master's degree program at the Ohio State University, where he is currently on faculty as an assistant professor. He completed his veterinary education at the University of Florida, followed by additional training as an emergency clinician with companion animals and pocket pets at VCA South Shore Animal Hospital. His research interests focus on the use of CT, including the role of CT in zoo settings.

When not working, Dr. Hostnik enjoys the music and sports of Columbus, Ohio, as well as snowboarding and camping when home in Vermont.



In addition to Dr. Hostnik, the BZC Radiology Consulting Service is comprised of a team of radiologists that are board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Radiologists (ACVR) who are specialized in interpreting diagnostic imaging of zoo and aquarium species. This ensures that our service is readily available to meet your time-sensitive case management needs.

Confidentiality Matters

We understand the sensitive nature of your medical images and case information. All submitted cases are anonymized of identifying patient data prior to storage in archival databases. Electronic security measures are in place to eliminate third-party access. DICOM medical image files can be submitted directly to our server. All case information and consultation reports are delivered through a dedicated web-based software interface with a log-in unique to your institution.



Collaborative Advice from the BZC Team

The BZC Veterinary Services Department works as a team. Collaborative input on submitted radiology cases is always available, if requested, at no additional cost.

The BZC team includes veterinarians with advanced training in zoological medicine, anesthesia, reproductive services, epidemiology, and wildlife disease. With decades of collective experience, our team is always happy to provide input beyond diagnostic imaging.

Brookfield Zoo Chicago is also home to the most comprehensive and advanced imaging suite dedicated to zoo animals, including a 90cm large bore CT scanner with a large animal table that can accommodate the largest zoo patients. BZC has also established a database of diagnostic images available for comparative and reference purposes.

