

# Dr Gonzalo Manuel Godoy

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Dr Gonzalo Manuel Godoy is a veterinarian from Argentina who is currently an Associate Veterinary Surgeon at the Chengdu Bear Rescue Centre in China. As HPAI H5N1 came down through South America in 2023-2024, he was the Head Veterinarian of Safari Park Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Chile. During that time, he managed multiple suspected and confirmed cases in sea lions and seabirds. As the HPAI H5N1 virus changed as it progressed through South America, before jumping to Antarctica, his clinical experience will be very relevant to the version of the virus that we expect to see here.

He has a Master's in Avian Medicine and Surgery and 14 years of experience in different wild animal collections and exotic clinics in South America. He is a Small Animal Clinics Specialist, Wildlife Medicine Diplomate, and Clinical Parasitology Diplomate. His work experience is as follows:

- 2017–2021 — Veterinarian in charge of anaesthesia and surgery of reptiles, Anaconda Centre (Argentina)
- 2020–2021 — Veterinarian, Wildlife Breeding Centre (Argentina)
- 2021–2024 — Head Veterinarian, Safari Park (Chile)
- 2021–2024 — Head Veterinarian, Safari Park Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, marine and terrestrial (Chile)
- 2023–2026 — Exotic Pets Radiologist, Biovet Lab (Chile)
- 2024–present — External consultant in anaesthesia and surgery, EcoPark Mendoza (Argentina)
- 2024–to date — Associate Veterinary Surgeon, Chengdu Bear Rescue Centre (China)
- 2025–2026 — Academic Director, 1st and 2nd FORVET International Diplomate in Wildlife Rehabilitation and Medicine
- 2025–present — Academic Director, 1st FORVET International Diplomate in Exotic Animals Medicine