

Green Anole With Lumps Around Ears

Another case of a green anole lizard with lumps around the ears.

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I have an at least 2-year-old green anole. She has developed a tumor, boil or lump behind her tympanic membrane. What could it be? What can I do?

When it rains, it pours. This is the second question about an anole with a swelling behind the eardrum, or tympanic membrane. Please read through the last question that I answered about the anole with swellings behind both eardrums. The same information will apply to your lizard, as well.

Unfortunately, you gave me even less information than the other writer did, so I have very little to go on as far as your anole's husbandry, diet and history are concerned.

So, for my readers out there, if you are thinking of writing to me to ask a question, please provide me with as much information as you can, especially regarding what exactly your herp is eating, what kind of habitat it lives in, any other creatures sharing living space with the herp in question and the temperature/humidity ranges of the environment. Any medical history that you can provide, related to prior illnesses or treatment, would also be helpful.

You should plan on taking your anole in to see a herp vet who can diagnose the problem and then treat the condition appropriately. You should plan on providing your herp vet with the same information that I just requested in the preceding paragraph. The more precise and detailed information that you can provide to your vet, the better the chance that your vet will be able to perform his or her job properly.

Good luck with your anole.

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Need a Herp Vet?

If you are looking for a herp-knowledgeable veterinarian in your area, a good place to start is by checking the list of members on the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarian (ARAV) web site at www.arav.com. Look for DVMs who appear to maintain actual veterinary offices that you could contact.