

Dr. Derek Spielman

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Wildlife Experience:

- 1986: Veterinarian, Taronga Zoo responsible for implementing animal health programs and maintaining the health and welfare of all zoo animals and donated wildlife
- 1990: Chief Veterinarian, Taronga Zoo responsible for the above and managing the zoo's Veterinary Quarantine Centre
- 1994: Project Manager for NSW NPWS NRAC Faunal Audit of northern NSW
- 1995: PhD in Conservation Genetics, Macquarie University
- 1997: Senior Curator and Veterinarian, Territory Wildlife Park, National Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory responsible for implementing animal health programs and maintaining the health and welfare of all park animals and donated wildlife
- 1998: Senior Veterinarian and Park Manager, Territory Wildlife Park, NPWS of the Northern Territory responsible for the above and managing the park
- 2001: Chief Veterinarian, Ocean Park Corporation, Hong Kong, responsible for implementing animal health programs and maintaining the health and welfare of all park animals
- 2005 to present: Chief Veterinarian and Head of Health, Wildlife Assistance and Information Foundation (WAIF), Sydney, Australia
- 2006 to present: Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology, University of Sydney



WAIF Affiliation: I joined WAIF to continue my commitment to treating and helping native wild animals and to investigate the diseases and problems native species face with the relentless destruction of all wild habitats by the exploding human population and modern societies. This knowledge is crucial to determining how best to manage wild animal populations and what environmental and societal changes are required to minimise the severe loss of biodiversity occurring throughout Australia and the whole planet.