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POULTRY DISEASES

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This book covers the many infectious diseases of poultry caused by bacteria, viruses, mycoplasmas, chlamydia, fungi and parasites. Also covered, are infectious and non-infectious diseases of the musculoskeletal system as well as kidney, cardiovascular diseases, nutritional disorders, some poisons and toxins and various miscellaneous, but nevertheless important conditions, such as swollen head syndrome and infectious stunting syndrome.

Under each disease the aetiology, signs, pathology (both macroscopic and microscopic lesions), pathogenesis, epidemiology, diagnosis and control are dealt with.

The last chapters of this book deal with the correct way to carry out a field investigation, hygiene and disinfection in poultry management, vaccines and vaccinations, antimicrobial medication and welfare matters. There is also an appendix with useful data such as normal haematological values, water and feed consumption, area and feed space requirements, ventilation, lighting and fumigation.

This book is to be recommended as it covers all the important diseases and conditions affecting poultry, is well set out, detailed, up to date and also provides in each section, lists of titles for further reading. Both under- and post-graduate students as well as practitioners in the field, will find this book most useful.

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