

FELINE PRACTICE THE “IN PRACTICE” HANDBOOKS

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As noted by the authors of the chapter on feline nutrition, “feline medicine has (until recently) been the poor relation of veterinary science”. The publication is an attempt to address the dearth of information relating to the domestic feline, and while it can not be described as being an authoritative text, it offers a comprehensive review of a number of syndromes and conditions that are likely to confront most small animal practitioners.

Contained in this book, are a number of excellent reviews on syndromes including anaemia, hepatopathy and dyspnoea, where emphasis is placed on diagnostic procedures and differential diagnoses. A number of useful algorithms designed to facilitate diagnosis are provided.

The chapter on feline nutrition is particularly informative, in that a host of idiosyncrasies relating to diet are highlighted. The nutritional management of medical cases such as diabetes mellitus and chronic renal failure are described, and the authors provide some sound advice on the feeding of the debilitated cat.

An extensive and decidedly welcome review on ocular diseases in the cat, with numerous high quality colour plates will enable both student and practitioner alike, to improve their knowledge in this field. As with the other topics discussed, each chapter concludes with a reference list should the reader require further more specific information.

While other organ systems and syndromes still require reviews of the quality offered herein, this handbook will be an invaluable addition to the library of the feline practitioner and undergraduate student alike.

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