

## EQUINE PRACTICE THE "IN PRACTICE" HANDBOOKS

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The compilation of articles in this book offers an update on a variety of topics in equine medicine, surgery and theriogenology.

While many of the articles are descriptive in nature, they introduce the reader to valuable diagnostic aids such as palpebral nerve blocks for the examination of the blepharospastic eye.

In those articles where surgical techniques are outlined, the step-by-step description is coupled to good quality plates and diagrams which capably qualify the technique under discussion.

A major proportion of the book is reserved for the different aspects of forelimb lameness and the author provides a concise summary of the approaches to lameness diagnosis and treatment. Where possible, different conditions are illustrated by good quality radiographs and the anatomical landmarks associated with the different nerve blocks receive appropriate attention.

The section dealing with cardiology, highlights the general theme of the book, in that a sound clinical evaluation will remain invaluable for a correct diagnosis, and while ECG tracings would have been a valuable adjunct to the conditions described, not all practitioners have access to such facilities and hence have to rely on their own skills to formulate the correct diagnosis and an appropriate treatment strategy.

For the above reason in itself, the book is to be recommended for its review of established procedures and as an insight into current developments in the various fields. Both potential and current equine practitioners will benefit from this publication.

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