

## CANINE PRACTICE THE "IN PRACTICE" HANDBOOKS

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This book, as described in the foreword, is a compilation of a variety of aspects of canine medicine and surgery, with comprehensive differential diagnosis lists being afforded to the relevant topics.

Most of the topics are addressed by different authors and range from procedural descriptions (nasolacrimal duct canulation, myelography and urinary catheterisation in the bitch), to indepth evaluations of specific medical and surgical conditions and procedures. Of the latter, this book offers a comprehensive update in the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of syndromes including neonatal disease and its management, and an approach to infertility in the dog and the bitch.

The book likewise serves as a good reference guide, with numerous radiographs detailing contrast studies in the urogenital tract and the spine.

One impediment in the section on autoimmune conditions describes immune-mediated haemolytic anaemia as being the most common cause of haemolytic crisis in the dog. Readers from countries where *Babesia canis* is endemic in the dog population will dispute this claim, however this observation will remain valid for those countries unaffected by the aforementioned parasite.

While the book is recommended for practitioners and students alike, a cautionary note relating to the sections on cervical and thoracolumbar disc surgery is advised. Notwithstanding the apparent ease of the surgical interventions as described, these procedures should remain the domain of a competent and experienced surgeon in possession of the requisite facilities and instrumentation.

This book remains a valuable update on a wide variety of topics and should be recommended to both under- and post-graduate students and practitioners in the field alike.

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