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## STUDENTS' GUIDE TO VETERINARY MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

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This guide was written to help veterinary students understand the construction, meaning and pronunciation of terms used in the veterinary medicine. Instead of presenting long lists of words for memorisation, the proper rules of word construction and word analysis are elucidated, enabling the student to construct or define words based on an understanding of their component parts.

The book was designed in the form of a programmed guide so as to provide information in a sequential learning order and can be used for self study. The guide is divided into 11 lessons, each of which ends with word drills. Crossword puzzles are often used in these drills. Answers to all word drills are given in an appendix. A comprehensive glossary, exceeding 100 pages in length, is also given.

Non-American students should be wary of Americanised spelling such as "diarrhea" and typical American phonetic rendering of pronunciation:

anabolic (AN-uh-BAH-lik), antibiotic (AN-ti-by-AH-tik), pox (pahks), lockjaw (lahk-jah), farrow (FAIR-oh)< etc.

All in all this is a fun way to come to grips with veterinary terminology.

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