

THE VETERINARY FORMULARY. HANDBOOK OF MEDICINES USED IN VETERINARY PRACTICE

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This is the first comprehensive and impartial book on animal medicines published in the United Kingdom, and indeed the first work on veterinary drugs produced by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. This book aims to promote rational and effective treatment by grouping together the similar preparations of each drug and describing them from a pharmacological and therapeutic point of view. The text for *The Veterinary Formulary* was compiled by veterinarians or veterinary pharmacologists; reviewed by an Advisory Committee and edited by the staff of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

The Veterinary Formulary contains information on more than 1600 preparations licensed for use in animals in the UK. In addition, this book includes information on some 280 preparations licensed only for use in humans but commonly used in veterinary medicine because no licensed veterinary product exists. The increasing cost of licensing and the review of older licenses is resulting in fewer medicines becoming available with veterinary licenses and this text is an important source of drug dosages for human licensed medicines.

The information in *The Veterinary Formulary* is presented in a clear and easily accessible manner. The main text consists of 18 chapters each covering a particular body system, condition, or drug category. For all drugs dealt with in the text and/or in one of the 550 monographs, there are details of mechanism of action, therapeutic indications, side-effects, and dosages suitable for use in a variety of species including horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, dogs, cats and poultry. Text on fish, rabbits, rodents and non-domestic species such as exotic birds and reptiles is also provided. Extensive tables of antimicrobial, parasitocidal, and anaesthetic dosages are included, together with methods of drug administration and notes on diseases and conditions commonly treated in these species.

The Veterinary Formulary is intended primarily as a text for easy and rapid reference for veterinarians but will also be valuable for pharmacists and others involved in animal health-care.