Certifying Examination Recommended Reading List
Large Animal Surgery

The lists below are intended to help you plan your study for the ECVS Certifying Examination. The majority of questions will come from these texts but the lists are not exhaustive, and other important textbooks and current references may be pertinent. Knowledge of basic and applied anatomy is assumed. Candidates may have their own preferred texts for certain areas.

The majority of questions from journals and the Veterinary Clinics of North America will be from articles that have been published in the last FIVE years. This five year period will run from 1st January up to the 31st December of the year immediately preceding the February examination. Food Animal questions will come from journals published in the TEN years preceding the examination (1st January to 31st December). Questions may also come from older articles considered significant and essential to the knowledge of the veterinary surgeon.

Additionally, prospective candidates are reminded that they will be expected to be able to demonstrate adequate knowledge of surgically related disciplines (e.g. radiology, anaesthesiology, clinical pathology, cardiology etc) as well as associated basic sciences. Candidates should allocate time to specifically study these areas. Candidates are encouraged to develop their own system-based timetable of reading. It is useful to work whenever possible with colleagues who can provide regular opportunities for small group presentations and peer review.

Main Study Books
• McIlwraith C.W., Diagnostic and surgical arthroscopy in the horse. 4th edition, Elsevier, 2014
• Ross, M.W. & Dyson, S.J. Diagnosis and Management of Lameness in the horse, 2nd edition, W.B. Saunders, 2010

Journals
• Veterinary Surgery
• Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology
• Equine Veterinary Journal
• American Journal of Veterinary Research
• Equine Veterinary Education
• Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association

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