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Certifying Examination Recommended Reading List (valid from 2023 exam) Small Animal Surgery

A broad reading list does not mean that everything needs to be known in equal detail but allows the questions to be more clinically relevant.

All books and journals are listed in alphabetical order.

Textbooks for Small Animal Surgery Candidates

1. Bojrab MJ, Monnet E. *Mechanisms of Disease in Small Animal Surgery*, Teton New Media, (3rd Ed), 2010
2. Brinker WO, Piermattei D and Flo G. *Handbook of Small Animal Orthopedics and Fracture Repair*, Elsevier (5th Ed), 2016
3. Griffon D, Hamaide A. *Complications in Small Animal Surgery*, Wiley (1st Ed), 2016
4. Tobias K, Johnston S. *Veterinary Surgery: Small Animal*, Elsevier, (2nd Ed), 2018

Knowledge of basic and applied Anatomy (including surgical approaches) and Physiology is assumed. Guidance for revision on these topics include the following textbooks:

1. Cunningham's *Textbook of Veterinary Physiology* Elsevier (5th Ed), 2012
2. Miller's *Anatomy of the dog*, Elsevier (4th Ed), 2012
3. *Mammalian Anatomy of the cat*, Morton Publishing Company (2nd Ed), 2005
4. Piermattei's *Atlas of Surgical Approaches to the Bones and Joints of the Dog and Cat*, Elsevier, (5th Ed), 2013

The following list of textbooks is a useful source of information to increase the understanding and depth of knowledge of the candidate, but would not be considered essential reading. Candidates should use these sources to broaden their understanding of the pathophysiology and management of cases that they see throughout their residency training.

1. Di Bartola. *Acid-base and electrolyte disorders and fluid therapy*, Elsevier, (4th Ed), 2012
2. Hennessey IAM, Japp AG. *Arterial Blood gases made easy*, Elsevier, (2nd Ed), 2015
3. Withrow and McEwan *Small Animal Clinical Oncology*, Elsevier, (5th Ed), 2013
4. Kirk's *Current Veterinary Therapy* - last 2-3 most recent editions.

5. Wisner E, Zwingenberger A. *Atlas of Small Animal CT and MRI*, Wiley (1st Ed), 2015
6. Lumb and Jones *Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia*, Wiley (5th Ed), 2015

Journals for Small Animal Surgery Candidates (last 5 years)

1. Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association
2. Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
3. Journal of Small Animal Practice
4. Veterinary Comparative Orthopedics and Traumatology
5. Veterinary Surgery

The majority of questions come from the literature published within the last **five** years. This five year period is defined as from July 1st of the year 6 years before the exam until July 1st of the year immediately preceding the exam. E.g. for candidates taking the exam in February 2023, this five year period is from July 1st 2017 – July 1st 2022. Literature published within this period includes early view articles that are accepted and published by the journals in an online format. Questions may also come from older articles if they are considered significant and essential to the application of veterinary surgery.

This list of journals is not intended to be a compulsory reading list, but candidates should be encouraged to select publications within these journals that apply to investigation, diagnosis and management of surgical conditions.

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