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Certifying Examination Recommended Reading List

Large Animal Surgery

A broad examination 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.

Main Study Textbooks (in alphabetical order)

Advances in Equine Laparoscopy	Ragle CA	<i>Wiley Blackwell, 2012.</i>
Complications in Equine Surgery	Rubio-Martinez, Hendrickson	<i>Wiley 2021</i>
Diagnostic and Surgical Arthroscopy of the Horse (4 th Edition)	McIlwraith CW, Wright I, Nixon AJ, Boening KJ.	<i>Mosby Ltd, 2014</i>
Equine Fracture Repair (2 nd Edition)	Nixon AJ.	<i>Wiley, 2019</i>
Equine Surgery (5 th Edition)	Auer and Stick.	<i>WB Saunders Co., 2018</i>
Farm Animal Surgery (2 nd Edition)	Fubini SL, Ducharme NG.	<i>WB Saunders Co., 2016</i>

Useful additional texts

Additional useful sources of information, to increase understanding and depth of knowledge, but which are not considered essential exam reading are listed below. These include knowledge of basic and applied anatomy (including surgical approaches) and physiology along with sources to broaden understanding of pathophysiology and case management which will be valuable throughout the candidates' residency training:

Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology (14 th Edition)	Hall, J.E., Hall, M.E.	<i>Elsevier 2021</i>
The Equine Distal Limb: An Atlas of Clinical Anatomy and Comparative Imaging	Denoix JM.	<i>CRC Press 2000</i>
Equine Anesthesia : Monitoring and Emergency Therapy (2 nd Edition)	Muir WW, Hubbel JAE.	<i>Saunders, 2008</i>
Turner and McIlwraith's Techniques in Large Animal Surgery (4 th Edition)	Hendrickson, D., Baird , A	<i>Wiley- Blackwell, 2013</i>
Veterinary Clinics of North America: Food Animal Practice: Ruminant Surgery Volume 32, Issue 3, Pages 535-848	Ed.by Andrew J. Niehaus and David E. Anderson	<i>Elsevier Inc, November 2016</i>
Medicine and Surgery of Camelids (3 rd Edition)	Fowler M.	<i>Wiley Blackwell, 2010</i>
Diagnosis and Management of Lameness in the Horse (2 nd Edition)	Ross and Dyson	<i>Elsevier, 2010.</i>

Journals for Large Animal Surgery Candidates

- Equine Veterinary Education
- Equine Veterinary Journal and Supplements
- Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association
- Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology
- Veterinary Radiology and Ultrasound
- Veterinary Surgery

The majority of exam questions will 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.