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With the addition of a long overdue section on the protozoa of domestic animals, this latest revision of an old stand-by has at last become a useful one-volume text in veterinary parasitology. Professor Soulsby has achieved a useful but not overly detailed consideration of all major and many minor parasites, with emphasis on life cycle, pathogenesis, biology, therapy, control, and taxonomy of each parasite. One could perhaps wish for a more detailed treatment of diagnosis, but the minimum amount necessary has generally been included. It is conceivable that any additional material would produce a volume physically too large for a single binding. A surprisingly large reference list has been included without obtruding on the flow of the text, a feature that should be welcomed both by the undergraduate veterinary student toward whom the text is directed and by research workers or others interested in further pursuit of selected topics.

Only minor problems are apparent. These include a five-page general introduction, a disappointingly brief overview of host/parasite relationships; a somewhat confusing treatment of synonymy in *Haematobia, Lyperosia* and *Siphona;* failure to include information on the extended range of some parasites (e.g., *Eimeria leuckarti*; retention of *Musca domestica* in the intermediate host list for *Raillietina cesticillus*, which is no longer tenable; and the use of a classification of the Protozoa that is probably functionally adequate for the intended audience but which does not reflect the more accurate scheme proposed by the International Congress of Protozoology (1964) and which is apparently gaining wide acceptance. Typographical errors occur on the average of once every four pages, a remarkably low figure, considering that this edition is almost a new volume. The figures and plates for the most part are clear and convey the intended information.

This book can be readily recommended as filling nicely a gap that has long existed in the literature for veterinary education. It should also be a worthwhile addition to the bookshelf of practitioners and others interested in a comprehensive introduction to veterinary parasitology.

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