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This book is an excellent contribution to the field of veterinary ophthalmology. All too little is known or is poorly understood in this developing specialty and as the author points out "The gaps in our knowledge are considerable." Books devoted exclusively to veterinary ophthalmology are sparse in number and the author of this book must be applauded for this genuinely informative text.

The author begins with an excellent explanation of the optical mechanism including precise illustrations, which the reader will find helpful.

The following chapter deals in great detail with examination of the eye including an excellent discussion of ophthalmoscopy which is also illustrated.

The chapter on medical treatment of the eye is quite good, but the reader might be confused since some of the specific medicaments are under the British label.

Ensuing chapters deal with ophthalmic surgery and anesthesia which are well written. The anesthesia section might be confusing again since some of the anesthetic and pre-anesthetic agents may be British labeled.

Each of the chapters dealing with specific areas of the eye and its adnexa are preceded by a brief but well written description of the pertinent anatomy and physiology of that section. Where surgical procedures are indicated the author has them well illustrated.

The chapters are well referenced with a host of excellent articles for additional reading.

Although controversy might be raised in certain areas, in the main they would be minor.

On the whole this is an excellent, well written and well illustrated volume which will be a welcome addition to the highly complex field of veterinary ophthalmology.

It is the reviewer's expectation that this text will be well received in the profession.

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