Essentials of Veterinary Practice

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All those veterinarians
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and are proud of being a veterinarian
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Foreword

Veterinary is primarily concerned with health care of animals, and a veterinarian is a physician of animals and a practitioner of veterinary medicine. The job of a veterinary practitioner is very daunting, keeping in view the wide range of animals, which are unable to express their suffering. Besides treating various ailments of animals, a veterinarian is the person who is entitled to ensure production of safe and hygienic animal food products including milk, meat and egg for human consumption. Another important activity of veterinary professionals is to prevent zoonotic diseases that are transmitted from animals to human beings like Bird flu, Swine flu, Rabies, Anthrax, Mad Cow Disease etc. These make the veterinary science a vast and interesting subject. The demand of veterinary professionals is on the rise mainly in view of huge livestock population vis-à-vis demand of quality animal food products.

Keeping these in view, the present book entitled ‘Essentials of Veterinary Practice’ is written by Dr. Debasis Jana and Dr. Nilotpal Ghosh, which deals with diagnosis as well as treatment of a large number of livestock diseases. All the essential subject matters are systematically presented in six sections, viz., Diagnostic section, Medicine section, Gynaecology and Obstetrics section, Surgery section, Veterinary pharmaceuticals and Miscellaneous information pertaining to veterinary practice. The veterinary drug index chapter is unique and requires a special mention. The photographs of various diseases are important assets of this book. The proforma of various certificates and list of instruments/equipment used in veterinary practice are nicely compiled. The language is very simple and lucid. This book is a good reference material as it covers a wide spectrum of topics of veterinary practice. Efforts
have been made to facilitate easy reading and help students as well as neo-vets gather important information of veterinary science in a single volume.

I am hopeful that this book will be of great use to the students as well as practitioners of veterinary medicine.

I extend my best wishes to the authors for the work they undertook to the cause of their profession.

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The book ‘Essentials of Veterinary Practice’ is actually composed of six parts, viz., (1) Diagnostic section, (2) Medicine section, (3) Gynaecology and Obstetrics section, (4) Surgery section, (5) Veterinary pharmaceuticals, and (6) Miscellaneous information pertaining to veterinary practice. The total text is divided into 22 chapters.

This book has been compiled in the simplest and most lucid form giving emphasis to modern technologies of animal health management and veterinary therapeutics with complete information on animal diseases of varied etiology.

Most characteristic features of this book are description of clinical as well as laboratory diagnosis of animal diseases, large number of common systemic as well as infectious and/or contagious diseases and incorporation of commonly used surgical procedures in curing various diseases. Every disease has been presented in the most precise and systematic manner aiming to serve the need of animal health practitioners. The veterinary drug index chapter indicating medicines and vaccines available in the market is unique, which is presented in a very systematic manner to link up with the modern art of treatment to be utilized under Indian farms and veterinary fields.

Vast field experiences of the authors on livestock production management and treatment as a clinician as well as an academician, have been utilized to bring out this publication. Large numbers of photographs of various diseases and disease conditions for recognition of important diseases have been incorporated in this book which would be of immense help to the neovets and obviously to the budding veterinarians.
One thing should be kept in mind that the use of trade names in this book is solely for the purpose of providing specific information. It is not a guarantee or warranty of the products named, and does not signify that they are approved to the exclusion of others of similar/suitable composition.

WHO WILL BE BENEFITED?

This book is primarily meant for the veterinary students in India who are undergoing Internship training at the end of the 5-year integrated course (B.V. Sc. & A.H.).

It will also help the concerned teachers/demonstrators for offering this course to the veterinary students.

The book shall also be useful for the neo-vets and budding veterinarians, practicing veterinary clinicians, livestock development officers, animal health workers, Pranibandhu and progressive animal farmers in India and other tropical countries.

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