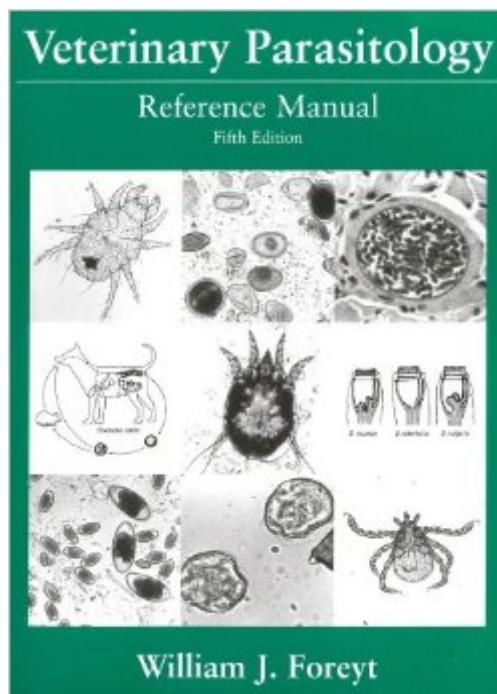


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Veterinary Parasitology Reference Manual, Fifth Edition is a practical, thorough, bench top reference for basic diagnostic veterinary parasitology. The manual provides pertinent information on parasite life cycles, importance, location in the host, zoonotic potential, current literature, diagnosis, and treatment. It also includes step-by-step instructions for the most common diagnostic procedures used in routine veterinary practice. Sections are organized by animal host species, including dogs; cats; cattle, sheep and goats; llamas; horses; pigs; birds; ratites (ostriches, emus, and cassowaries); and laboratory animals, as well as wildlife, reptiles, marine mammals, and humans. There is a section in which common artifacts found in fecal samples are presented, and the last section includes conversion tables and a list of abbreviations. Features of the Fifth edition include: * updated and enhanced references * information on new drugs * improved section on parasites of marine mammals * sections on parasites of laboratory animals and humans * over 500 photographs and figures Readers will find this to be an easily accessible and accurate resource for information about parasites in a variety of animals - wild, domestic, common and exotic.

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This book has its place as a basic general student Parasitology textbook, which I suspect may be its intent... When compared for overall content to other parasitology reference manuals, such as Georgi's Parasitology for Veterinarians (an excellent reference for professional veterinary use if looking for the parasite's background, though not for its ID) I'd give it about a "C" rating. However, I

simply cannot recommend this book for use as a reference guide for specifically identifying the parasite eggs or oocysts seen on a microscope slide. Why? One reason is that many of the eggs in the book are artists' hand-drawn, stylized renditions. These cannot compete with actual photographs, wherein the nuances of fine photographic detail set one species of worm egg apart from often quite similar eggs of other species... And, there are inconsistencies in the presentation... On one page, for example, a few hand-drawn egg illustrations show the comparative size of various egg species. Actual size of egg type 'A', for example, is noted to be somewhat smaller than that of egg type 'B'. A few pages later, however, egg 'A', the smaller of the two on the comparative size page, appears in a photo to be about 4X larger than egg type 'B', shown in another photo on that same page. This is critical because often two species of eggs can be so similar in appearance that to accurately determine one species from another for proper eradication, size really DOES matter! Some of the egg photos that are available (and not all are), such as the Haemonchus contortus egg, are of poor quality, thus of no real use for reference...

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