

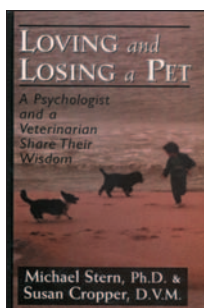
thetia currently available. The index is well cross-referenced.

The book contains some misprints and outdated material. For example, the dose of mannitol for treatment of renal failure is given as 0.25 to 0.5 mg/kg of body weight (pp 457–458); the usual dose for this purpose is 0.25 to 0.5 g/kg. Innovar-Vet is listed in Tables 9.4 and 9.5 for use in controlling aggressive dogs, but this drug combination has not been available in the United States since 1994.

Book Reviews: For Your Client's Library

Loving and Losing a Pet: A Psychologist and a Veterinarian Share Their Wisdom

Reviewed by James M. Harris, DVM



The combined experience of a clinical psychologist and veterinarian has produced an excellent volume for the veterinary audience and our clients. Both authors' writing styles are clear and easily read and complement each other. The topics of attachment and loss are covered in detail with examples from the clinical experience of a psychologist and a veterinarian.

Much has been written in the veterinary literature on loss, but little has appeared on attachment. This volume covers both.

Principles of attachment are explained and its value to human development covered. Attachment is a human need that changes from childhood to advanced age. Loss at the various stages can be quite complex, especially when the client has special needs and a special relationship with the animal. The section on selection is carefully crafted and gives useful pointers, as does the section on legal issues. Finally, the authors collaborate on loss: unexpected loss, missing pets, accidents, and disasters.

The question of euthanasia is presented and is accompanied by a list of questions a person should consider. Grief and bereavement, with its reactions both normal and abnormal, are well covered, and a special section on children and the loss of a pet completes this section. Knowing that recovery from loss can at times be difficult, the book discusses prolonged grief, helping someone, support groups, and professional help from both a veterinarian and a therapist.

The book has useful references and related readings and is well-indexed. I highly recommend this volume for all veterinarians caring for pets and their people.—By Michael Stern & Susan Cropper. 232 pages; illustrated. Jason Aronson Publishers, 230 Livingston Street, Northvale, NJ 07647. 1999. Price \$25.00.

Practitioners and students are identified as the target audience for this book. For those solely interested in small animal anesthesia, this book would be reasonable to consider adding to your library. A more inclusive textbook of veterinary anesthesia, however, would likely better serve students, interns, and residents.—*Edited by John C. Thurmon, William J. Tranquilli, & G. John Benson. 580 pages; illustrated. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 12105 Insurance Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740-5176. 1999. Price \$42.95.*

Hands-On Dog Care

Reviewed by Thomas K. Day, DVM, DAVCA, DACVECC



As a source that can offer medical information to dog owners and initial approaches to first aid, this book is well-written. The most impressive aspect of this book is that owners can obtain basic information about most common problems.

The first section covers common problems based on the body system and is complete. The most important aspect of this section is that owners become educated on the problems but are also directed to seek veterinary advice on nearly every occasion. The book does not imply that owners should take action without consulting a veterinarian. Major emergency problems are explained in concise detail (eg, gastric-dilatation volvulus), and most owners will benefit from these detailed sections. A minor weakness in this section is that there are home care treatments that are listed for some problems. Although it is clear in the text that owners should seek veterinary attention, some of the home care treatments will invariably be performed by some owners and could potentially cause harm.

The second section offers preventative medicine tips and suggestions that are complete and exemplify the importance of general veterinary care. The only concern in this section is the detailed description of how to place bandages, especially around the head and abdomen. More emphasis could have been placed on the need to still seek veterinary attention after these bandages are placed. The chapter on toxic substances is complete and valuable.

The final section contains a veterinary medical glossary. This section is one of the best aspects of this book. Clients should be able to follow along and prompt their veterinarians for more information based on the contents of this section. Clients are becoming more and more educated, and this section will only help educate them further.

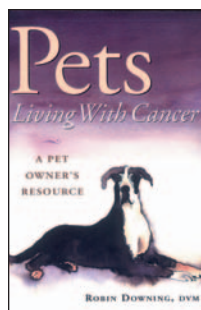
Overall, this book is extremely valuable for all dog

owners. There is little doubt, if clients read the text properly, that dogs will receive care more promptly. I highly recommend this book for all dog owners. I hope that the authors will consider writing a similar manual for cats!—*Sue M. Copeland & John A. Hamil. 408 pages; illustrated. Doral Publishing Incorporated, 10451 Palermas Drive, Suite 225 West, Sun City, AZ 85373-2011. 2000. Price \$34.95.*

Pets Living with Cancer: A Pet Owner's Resource

Reviewed by Ruthanne Chun, DVM, DACVIM

This book is a thorough and easily read manual aimed at the pet owner. This book walks the client through the diagnosis, decision of whether to seek treatment, adverse effects of treatment, and the decision of when to stop treatment and provide hospice



care or euthanasia, using the author's own dog and personal experience as a way to illustrate the points of each chapter. The language of the text is informative, and included is a glossary of terms, a list of additional resources including books and Web sites, a list of veterinary teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada, and an index. I think this publication would be an excellent resource for the owner of a pet with cancer who is looking for additional guidance through their pet's illness and treatment.—*By Robin Downing. 154 pages; illustrated. American Animal Hospital Association, 2370 Cherry Street, Denver, CO 80207. 2000. Price \$19.95.*