Canine and Feline Practice Study & Reading Guide

Candidates for ABVP examination usually find recent review articles in journals to be helpful. One of the best sources for current, in-depth review articles is the *Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian* published by Veterinary Learning Systems (www.vetlearn.com). The multiple-choice questions after each article help reinforce the material and have a similar format to the ABVP exam, so test-taking skills can be practiced. Another useful periodical is *The Veterinary Clinics of North America Small Animal Practice* published by Elsevier (vetsmall.theclinics.com or 800.654.2452).

Research-oriented journals that include topic reviews such as the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* and the *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association* are helpful. Specific research studies are not included in the exam. Candidates should be aware that due to the length of time between formulation of an exam item, validation, and organization into the databank the examination will not reflect very recent research studies. Information from journals in the previous 2-10 year time period is more likely to be covered on the exam.

The Veterinary Information Network (www.vin.com or 800.700.4636) has many helpful features for candidates preparing for examination. Continuing education courses, rounds sessions, abstracts from literature, proceedings, and search capabilities are all available. Please remember that information provided on messages boards may be the opinion of the clinician and may not have been subject to peer review. The ABVP’s message board is listed under Associations and Foundations.

The International Veterinary Information Service (www.ivis.org) maintains a library of books, proceedings, and articles. The American Veterinary Medical Association (www.avma.org) has information on its website and in its members-only section (NOAH).

National conferences and university continuing education seminars may present ABVP-level material. State and local conferences are generally not as valuable.

Studying with others is a good way to keep on track. If you know colleagues who are also preparing for ABVP, feel free to contact them for support and motivation. Your Regent is also happy to help facilitate the study process.

The following is a list of topics typically covered on the examination along with suggested textbooks. The newest editions of these texts are recommended, and other recently published books may also be helpful. Candidates are not expected to purchase or read all of these texts; emphasis should be on the areas of medicine and surgery where candidates feel deficient.

*Updated July 2016*
Behavior

Cardiovascular
• Ware W: *Cardiovascular Disease in Small Animal Medicine*, Manson Publishing, 2011

Endocrine

Gastrointestinal
• Steiner J: *Small Animal Gastroenterology*, Blackwell, 2008

General Medicine
• Bonagura JD, Twedt DC: *Kirk’s Current Veterinary Therapy XIV*, Elsevier, 2008
• Bonagura JD, Twedt DC: *Kirk’s Current Veterinary Therapy XV*, Elsevier, 2013
• Tilley LP, Smith FW: The Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Canine and Feline, 5th ed., Wiley and Sons, 2011

General Medicine and Surgery

Genetic

Hemic/lymphatic

Immunologic

Updated July 2016
Infectious

Integument/mammary

Internal Medicine

Metabolic

Musculoskeletal

Nervous

*Updated July 2016*

Nutritional

Oral/dentition

Pathologic
• Cheville NF: Introduction to Veterinary Pathology, 3rd ed., Blackwell, 2006
• McGavin MD et al: Thomson’s Special Veterinary Pathology, 3rd ed., Elsevier 2001

Pharmacologic
• Adams HR: Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 9th ed., Iowa State Press, 2009
• Boothe DM: Small Animal Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Elsevier, 2011

Reproductive

Respiratory
• Johnson, L: Clinical Canine and Feline Respiratory Medicine, Wiley, 2010

Special Senses

Surgical (general)

Updated July 2016

**Toxicologic**

**Urogenital**

**Zoonotic**

**Journals**
• American Journal of Veterinary Research
• Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian
• Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association
• Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
• Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
• Veterinary Clinics of North America Small Animal Practice
• Veterinary Surgery
• Veterinary and Comparative Orthopedics and Traumatology
• Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
• Journal of Veterinary Behavior
• Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
• Journal of Veterinary Cardiology
• Journal of Veterinary Dentistry
• Veterinary Dermatology
• Veterinary Ophthalmology
• Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
• Journal of Small Animal Practice

Questions on the examination may be taken from sources other than this list.