Shelter Medicine Practice Study and Reading List

The following is a list of topics typically covered on the examination along with some suggested resources. Emphasis will be placed on guideline documents, Shelter texts, and Shelter articles; however all the materials below have relevance to the care of individuals and populations within a shelter environment and may appear on the exam. The vast majority of questions will be referenced in one or more of the resources below, but some questions may be taken from sources other than this list.

Candidates are not expected to purchase or read all of these resources; emphasis should be placed on the areas where candidates feel deficient. The newest editions of books are recommended unless otherwise noted. “Primary Journals” are those which frequently publish articles of relevance to shelter medicine while “Supplemental Journals” are those which have occasional articles of relevance to shelter medicine.

Studying with others is a good way to keep on track and is strongly encouraged. If you know colleagues who are also preparing for ABVP, feel free to contact them for support and motivation.

Animal Cruelty
Merck. *Veterinary Forensics: Animal Cruelty Investigations*
Munro, Munro. Animal Abuse and Unlawful Killing: Veterinary Forensic Pathology

Behavior and Welfare
Landsberg, Hunthausen, Ackerman. *Handbook of Behavior Problems of the Dog and Cat*
Weiss, Mohan-Gibbons, Zawistowski. *Animal Behavior for Shelter Veterinarians and Staff*
Yin. *Low Stress Handling, Restraint, and Behavior Modification of Dogs and Cats*

Euthanasia
American Association of Zoo Veterinarians. *Guidelines for Euthanasia of Nondomestic Animals*
Cooney, Chappell, Callen, Connally. *Veterinary Euthanasia Techniques: A Practical Guide*
*HSUS: Euthanasia Reference Manual*

Updated 7/28/16
Figley, Roop. *Compassion Fatigue in the Animal-Care Community* (available at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/281525622_Compassion_Fatigue_in_the_Animal-Care_Community)

**Epidemiology and Statistics**

Petrie, Watson. *Statistics for Veterinary and Animal Science*

OR Smith RD. *Veterinary Clinical Epidemiology: A Problem-Oriented Approach*

OR Pfeiffer. *Veterinary Epidemiology*

OR Thrusfield. *Veterinary Epidemiology*

**General Medicine and Surgery—Including Population Medicine**

Miller, Zawistowski. *Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff*

August. *Consultations in Feline Internal Medicine* (Pop’n Medicine Section of last 5 editions)

Little. *The Cat: Clinical Medicine and Management*

Cote. *Clinical Veterinary Advisor: Dogs and Cats*

OR Birchard, Sherding. *Saunders Manual of Small Animal Practice*

OR Morgan. *Handbook of Small Animal Practice*

Booth. *Small Animal Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

Plumb’s Veterinary Drug Handbook

Fossum. *Small Animal Surgery* (introductory chapters and reproductive surgery chapters)

Muir, Hubbell, Bednarski. *Handbook of Veterinary Anesthesia* OR equivalent

Kirk. *Current Veterinary Therapy* (relevant chapters, last 5 editions)

**Infectious Disease and Sanitation**

Greene. *Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat*

Miller, Hurley. *Management of Infectious Disease in Animal Shelters*

Barr, Bowman. *Canine and Feline Infectious Diseases and Parasitology*

OR Georgis’ *Parasitology for Veterinarians*

Colville, Berryhill. *Handbook of Zoonoses*

OR Hugh-Jones. *Zoonoses: Recognition, Control, and Prevention*

**Rabbits, Small Mammal Care, Exotics and Large Animal**

Quesenberry, Carpenter. *Ferrets, Rabbits, and Rodents Clinical Medicine and Surgery*

Miller, Zawistowski. *Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff* (Relevant Chapters)

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Shelter Management / Policy Development

Renz & Herman. *The Jossey-Bass Handbook of Nonprofit Leadership and Management*
Aronson, *Animal Control Management: A New Look At A Public Responsibility (New Directions in the Human-Animal Bond)*
American Humane Association, *Operational Guides for Animal Shelters*
http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/professional-resources/for-shelter-professionals/publications/american-humane-operational-guides.html

Animal Adoption, Animal Ordinance Preparation, Fundraising Plans, Humane Education, Personnel Selection and Management, Planning and Building an Animal Shelter, Public and Media Relations, Recommendations for City/County Animal Control Contracts, Strategic Planning, and Volunteer Management

**FEMA Courses**

IS-100.B: Introduction to Incident Command System
IS-200.B: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
IS-10.A: Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
IS-11.A: Animals in Disasters: Community Planning

**Guidelines & Best Practices**

AAFP Feline Vaccination Guidelines
AAFP Feline Behavior Guidelines
AHAA/AAFP Basic Guidelines of Judicious Therapeutic Use of Antimicrobials
AHAA/AAFP Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats
AHAA/AAFP Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats
AHAA Canine and Feline Behavior Management Guidelines
AHAA Canine Vaccination Guidelines
AHS Guidelines for the Diagnosis, Prevention, and Management of Heartworm Infection
ASV Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters
ASV Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs
AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals

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AVMA Model Dog and Cat Control Ordinance
AVMA Relocation of Dogs & Cats for Adoption Best Practices
NASPHV Animals in Public Settings Compendium
NASPHV Animal Rabies Compendium
NASPHV Veterinary Standard Precautions for Zoonotic Disease Prevention
National Federation of Humane Societies/Shelter Animals Count Basic Data Matrix
The Asilomar Accords

**Primary Journals (relevant articles from last 5 years)**
Animal Sheltering Magazine
Animal Welfare
Clinicians Brief
Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science
Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
Journal of the AVMA
Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research
PLOS
Preventive Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Clinics of North America
Veterinary Dermatology

**Supplemental Journals (relevant articles from last 5 years)**
American Journal of Veterinary Research
Anthrozoos
Applied Animal Behavior Science
Canadian Veterinary Journal
Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian
Journal of Hospital Infection
Journal of Parasitology
Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association
Journal of Forensic Sciences

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Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation
Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
Journal of Veterinary Medical Education
Journal of Virology
Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Microbiology
Veterinary Pathology
Veterinary Therapeutics
Zoonosis and Public Health