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Certifying Examination Recommended Reading List Small Animal Surgery

The lists below are intended to help you plan your study for the ECVS Certifying Examination. The majority of questions will come from these texts but these lists are not exhaustive, and other textbooks and current references may be pertinent. Knowledge of basic and applied anatomy is assumed. Candidates may have their own preferred texts for certain areas.

The majority of questions from journals and the Veterinary Clinics of North America will be from articles that have been published in the last **FOUR** years. This four year period will run from 1st January up to the 31st December of the year immediately preceding the February examination. Questions may also come from **older** articles considered significant and essential to the knowledge of the veterinary surgeon.

Additionally, prospective candidates are reminded that they will be expected to be able to demonstrate adequate knowledge of surgically related disciplines (e.g. radiology, anaesthesiology, clinical pathology, cardiology etc) as well as associated basic sciences. Candidates should allocate time to specifically study these areas. Candidates are encouraged to develop their own system-based timetable of reading. It is useful to work whenever possible with colleagues who can provide regular opportunities for small group presentations and peer review.

Main Study Books

- Slatter D. Textbook of Small Animal Surgery, Volume I & II, **3rd edition**, W.B. Saunders, **2003**. (the new edition of 2011 will be applicable for the preparation of the 2013 examination)
- Piermattei D.L. Handbook of small animal orthopaedics and fracture repair. 4th edition, W.B. Saunders, **2006**.

Veterinary Clinics of North America/Small Animal Practice.

Journals.

- Veterinary Surgery
- Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology
- Compendium of Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian
- Journal of Small Animal Practice
- Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association