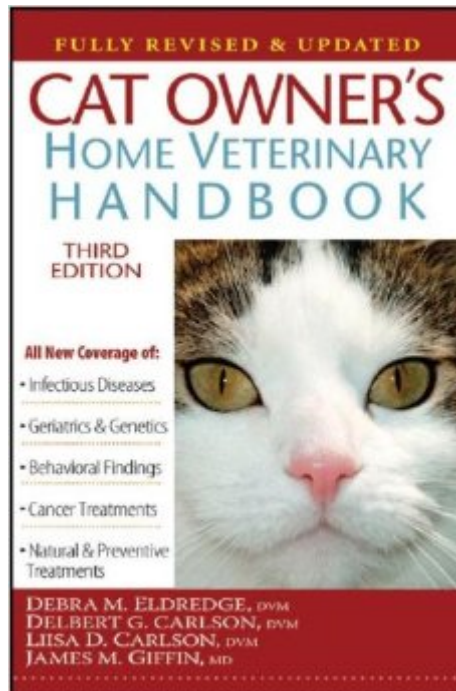


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Cat Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook, Fully Revised And Updated



Synopsis

The classic bestseller--expanded and updated For years, many veterinary treatments for cats were based on research conducted with dogs because it was wrongly assumed that cats were very similar. Recently, there have been giant strides in feline veterinary research. This classic reference is fully updated and revised to reflect these advances and gives you the most up-to-date guidance on cat health and cat care. It includes:

- An index of signs and symptoms to help you find information fast
- Clearly written, step-by-step directions for handling common feline ailments and problems
- Hundreds of photos, drawings, and tables that illustrate what to look for and how to provide the best care for your cats
- All new anatomical drawings and diagrams
- New information on genetics, geriatrics, drug sensitivities, raw diets, arthritis medications, dental disease, and more
- Information on supplements, nutraceuticals, and holistic treatments that have proven beneficial
- Interesting findings on cat behavior

Whether you have a kitten or a senior cat, this resource helps you quickly identify potential problems, take proper steps in emergency situations, better understand diagnoses and treatment options, and communicate more effectively with your veterinarian. This is the hands-on reference you'll trust again and again. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellently-presented, very well-written, informative and complete guide to your cat's health concerns. Presenting veterinary medicine in lay language can be difficult, but this book does so, and should be your primary reference guide when Cleo gets droopy. No one likes to see pictures of sick and injured cats, but the authors, a group of D.V.M.s, don't shy away from illustrating some of the more unpleasant conditions that catflesh is heir to, nor should they. After all, illness and injury plague cats as much as they plague humans, and there's no denying that fact. My only criticism of

this book is that many of the conditions described are encapsulated in overly brief paragraphs. Symptoms are given and linked to all manner of serious and less-serious conditions. There is little differential diagnosis offered between them. Hence, the tenor of the book is rather alarmist at times. The authors' bottom line is usually, "See your Vet," but realistically, not every situation requires a visit to the doctor. Few people can afford to consult a Vet every time a minor issue like a transient case of the sneezies occurs, but home care and treatment is rather slighted in this book. Since the authors are Veterinarians perhaps that's understandable, but describing a swelling as a "possible cyst" without also mentioning that it might just be an aftereffect at an injection site can cause upset, cost a cat owner money for nothing, and cause this book to be less-readily consulted in the future. It happened to me, so I speak from experience.

I got this book when I had 3 elderly cats. They have all passed away now and am using this book for fostering orphan kittens. I can not tell you how much money I have saved in vet bills by consulting this book first. 1 saved trip to the vet will pay for this book. I love that it tells me what can be handled at home and what needs a vet. I have had cats all my life and am still learning about them. This book covers Newborn (hand raising) to Geriatrics (This old cat) and everything in between. The pictures are graphic (black and white) but this is good because you can see what the condition looks like on a cat. I wish there were full color pictures. The book has 626 pages full of information on cat healthcare. It is a big book and organized by the body part affected. If you are looking for the 1 book on cat health this is it. The language is simple easy to understand. The only thing I wish it had is Symptom charts. For me, until my cats learn to talk, this book will be my guide. My current copy is well used and dog eared. I love this book.

This book should be a staple in any cat owner's home. The index is easy to use and makes diagnosis or research fast and easy. The book is written in very easy to understand terms and all of the pictures help identify or clarify some conditions. This book gives lots of good information on the treatment and diagnosis of some common conditions. Use the book wisely: if your cat has a very mild or moderate condition that you can safely treat, do so; if not, don't even try it and go to your vet immediately. Don't let this book replace the knowledge and valuable service provided by your veterinarian, but do let it provide you with valuable information and ways to treat or help your fur-baby at home.

I have a BS in biology and biochem and this book explains all I need to know in a way that is

understandable to the layman, but not dumbed-down to an idiot's level. Great reference. I know I'll use it for years to come. I can't put it down!

This book comes in handy as a reference. I use it to find out what I can use at home to treat my cats and when I should go to a vet. It gives info on what you may have at home or can buy otc to safely use for a cat.

If you have a cat that you care for, or about, there will be times when you have questions and need clear and factual answers. This is the book you need for fast, clear answers which can save your cat's life. By the time that you notice that something may be wrong with your cat, they may be in serious trouble. This is a book that tells you what various symptoms may mean and how serious they may be. It gives expert advice on how to care for your healthy cat, how to insure his continued health, and how to care for an injured cat until he can be transported to the vet. It may tell you more than you really wish to know at times, but you may decide which sections you want to read and how much of them to read. Some of the illustrative photos, though very helpful, can be distressing to see. However, it is better to have more information than you want than less than you need. No book replaces the need for good veterinarian, regular visits, or a call to see if an emergency visit is advisable, but this book gives excellent adjunct advice and tips to keep your cat healthy and safe.

One of those must have books for anyone with a cat. Every pet owner should have a veterinary book around for those questions that come up, yet don't seem bad enough to run to the vet. This is a pretty complete book that I use and have given to others. You do have to get past some sad pictures of sick cats, but better to avoid it and have it there should you need to see that photo, then to not have it there at all. (As an aside: Female cats are very susceptible to breast cancer. Check the underside of your cat regularly for odd bumps or rope like lumps. If detected early, it can save their life.)

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