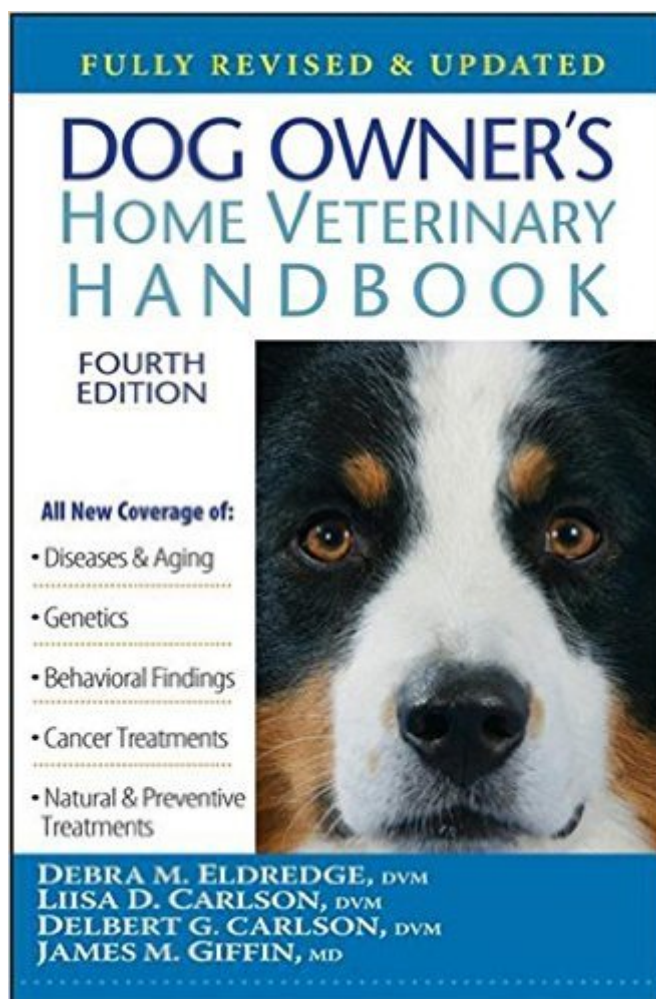


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# Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook



## Synopsis

The classic bestseller "expanded and updated" The guide dog lovers have relied on for more than twenty-seven years, this handbook has been extensively revised to include the latest information on everything from canine healthcare to nutrition to holistic treatments. Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook, Fourth Edition, is the definitive guide for every dog owner. It puts vital information at your fingertips, with:

- An index of signs and symptoms to help you find information fast
- Clearly written, step-by-step directions for handling common canine ailments and problems
- A chapter on emergencies that explains what to do immediately for shock, broken bones, burns, dehydration, heat stroke, poisoning, insect stings and bites, wounds, and more
- Hundreds of photos and drawings that illustrate what to look for and what to do to provide the best care for your dog
- A glossary of terms

With this guide, you'll know when to rush your pet to the vet and when you can begin treatment at home. You'll communicate more effectively with your vet. You'll have the latest information on every aspect of your dog's medical care when you need it. This is the hands-on reference you'll trust again and again.

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I have 4 rescued border collies of various ages and backgrounds, who like many of you, couldn't imagine life without them. They are all on a health plan with a local vet, and receive the best of care and nutrition. I am here to share a recent experience with you to illustrate how crucial this book is for any dog owner!! One of my dogs, a 5 year old, was gaining weight, changing in his demeanor and becoming lazy and passive. Just not himself for the last 6-9 months or so. He had his yearly exam

and blood work done in Dec. Nothing remarkable, Vet noted his weight gain. A few months back I noticed also that his tail fur appeared to be thinning. Nothing obvious like patches, etc, I chalked it up to his weight gain and thought to myself it just looks smaller due to his weight gain. Over the past few weeks I had noted even further thinning of the tail fur and was now convinced that he was losing tail fur. So, I did a Google search on thinning tail fur, and through some forum threads and blogs, had narrowed it down to Cushings Syndrome or hypothyroidism. I then pulled this book from the book shelf to learn about both. First checked Cushings...seemed far fetched, not real applicable. Turned back one page and there was Hypothyroidism. It clearly and concisely gave me exactly what the symptoms are, what the vet would do to check it, and treatment. Just what you would expect from a book of this sort...BUT...HERE is where the REAL story begins, read on dear reader. :) So, reading the book, I was convinced my dog should be tested for hypothyroidism. In the book, one of the possible precursors to HT (hypothyroidism) is a high cholesterol reading.

An earlier edition of this book (2nd) was my very first book, along with one on the Siberian Husky, of course (when I adopted my first sibe). The "Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook 4th Ed" is an outstanding reference for all dog parents; whether you are using the holistic or traditional approach with their general care. The 2nd Edition (1992) I loved, and it got used and abused, since I referred to it many times. This 4th Edition (2007) has all the great useful resources as the 2nd, but with more up to date information. This is a very comprehensive and informative "nose to tail guide" for your dog & covers just about everything you can think of; including: emergencies, parasites, infectious diseases, the skin & coat, the eyes, the ears, the mouth & throat, digestive system, respiratory system, circulatory system, nervous system, musculoskeletal system, urinary system, sex & reproduction, pregnancy & whelping, pediatrics, tumors & cancers, geriatrics and medications along with other useful information & resources. Nothing replaces having a good family veterinarian for your dog, but this book is a great guide to help you communicate better with your vet. Whatever concerns you may have with your dog, you will most likely be able to find a good baseline in this book. It's a great tool for helping figure out what might be the issue, give an idea of what type of treatments your dog may need & even give some helpful information on what you may be able to do prior to seeing the vet (or while waiting to get seen; if, of course, it's not a concern for an emergency visit). Overall, the more informed you can be about your pet's health, the better off your dog is.

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