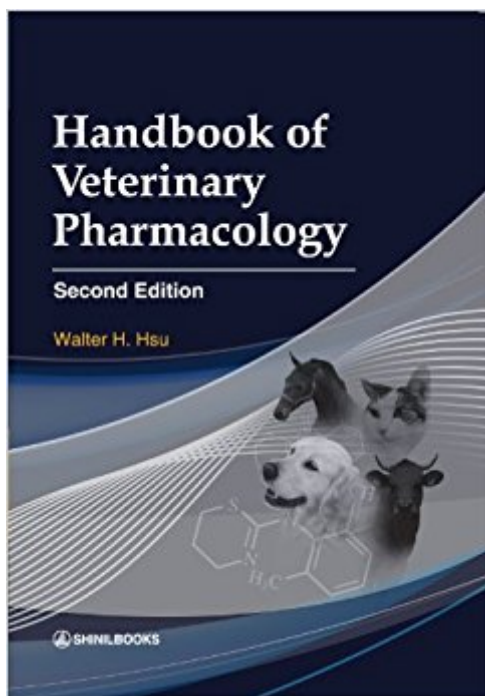


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and adverse drug reactions, legal aspects of medication usage) are up to date and provide excellent clinical relevant examples for the concepts presented. The “drug parade” chapters are also up to date, and include newer drugs such as maropitant and pibendan. Overall this text is excellent. I would gladly use it as a resource for first and second year veterinary students learning pharmacology. It would also be useful to veterinary students in their clinical years, as well as new veterinary graduates. “Handbook of Veterinary Pharmacology” was published in Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. Vol. 12 (4) p. 363, 2010, by Dr. Lauren Trepanier, University of Wisconsin, School of Veterinary Medicine

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Two books are getting me through Pharmacology I and Pharmacology II, this book and Plumbs. I keep this book in my bathroom, it gets read a lot.

I love the outline style of this book. I have a weak pharmacology background and this is causing me to struggle in my more advanced Vet school classes, like Anesthesia. A professor gave me her copy of the NVMS Pharmacology review book to borrow, and after some investigating I found Dr. Hsu's updated version. This book is easy to use and I appreciate all the quiz questions at the end of chapters. The outline style makes it easy to follow and understand; the wording is very clear and precise. This book is an essential tool for any veterinary student. HIGHLY RECOMMEND.

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