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# Behaviour Problems In Small Animals: Practical Advice For The Veterinary Team



## Synopsis

This compact, easy-access guide to behavioral problems encountered in veterinary practice offers immediate and helpful advice for today's veterinary team. Instructor resources are available; please contact your Elsevier sales representative for details. Coverage offers immediate advice to the veterinary team who are often presented with behavioral problems in their practice. Easy-to-read format includes introductions, medical differentials, underlying causes, diagnosis, action boxes, and summaries. Content refers the reader to other chapters throughout the book, so that information can be found quickly and easily. Helpful handouts, which can be photocopied, offer yet another way to further your learning experience. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

-----The European Journal of Companion Animal Practice; Jan 06; Dr. Tiny De Keuster  
This book is an excellent and practical guide for the veterinary practitioner. My overall impression is a useful and accessible guide with up to date information on canine and feline behaviour problems.-----  
BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS IN SMALL ANIMALS: PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR THE VETERINARY TEAM  
JAN BOWEN AND SARAH HEATH  
Reviewed by Francesca Riccomini for the Veterinary Times  
A book that not only raises and addresses the issues that are important when dealing with companion animal behaviour and problems relating to it in practice, but also explains in detailed, straightforward terms how to manage them, both long and short-term, has long been needed, making this text most welcome. The contents overview at the beginning, provision of a short list of first-aid measures, and the use of

boxes and summary tables emphasising essential points of each condition is of particular value for anyone faced with a behavioural crisis that requires immediate advice to prevent further deterioration of a potentially serious situation, significant erosion of a pet's welfare, or the precipitate rupture of the owner-pet bond. This format also serves as a useful aide memoire for those involved in behaviour counselling or colleagues seeking reassurance when organising an referral. The degree of detail included in the handouts is an especially attractive feature of this text. This book seems to represent good value for money and should prove a most useful addition to the library of any clinic or individual with a behavioural

bent.-----"What a fabulous book this is. I can safely say it is the best addition I have made to my bookcase for a long time. It is a must for every library, if not an individual copy for each member of the practice. For those veterinarians who graduated before much time on the teaching programme was devoted to behavioural problems, it is an excellent book for reference and CPD. For more recent graduates, it will be more useful for revision and updating. In addition, it should be essential reading for any veterinary nurse or veterinary receptionist. A vast amount of information is presented in a clear and concise manner. Although it contains so much information it is of a manageable size to be carried about in a briefcase or used for day-to-day reference. An excellent further reading list and index complete the book. The list not only includes material suitable for members of a veterinary practice, but also suggests material they can recommend to their clients. I think that once most readers start this book they will, like myself, possibly spend more time reading it than they had intended. In my opinion it is compulsive reading and everyone who reads it will surely learn something from doing so." - Heather Briggs, Veterinary Times, August 2007 --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

John Bowen; and Sarah Heath, MRCVS, Veterinary Surgeon, Chester, UK --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I ordered this book specifically for the chapter on feline inappropriate elimination. I have been dealing with this issue at home for a long time now, and I've bought a LOT of books on the subject (and other behavior issues in cats) as well as done extensive online research, consulted behaviorists and veterinarians, etc. This book was like a breath of fresh air after slogging through so many other resources. I only skimmed through the other chapters, but the inappropriate elimination chapter was extremely well-organized and the information was very accessible. By and large, the information was very much in line with the best information I've found elsewhere -- but here, it was

all in one place! Many books I have found, that are directed to the average cat owner, seem to assume that we are not capable of understanding the issues, so they don't get in depth -- just tell you to seek out a behaviorist or veterinarian. This book is directed to veterinary medicine practitioners, and while it isn't the most in-depth material available in that field (more of an overview), it is a great resource. Because the book comes from the UK and is a bit expensive, I first checked into this book on Google books -- I was able to find very small excerpts there, but it was enough to give me an idea of the content and convince me it was worth taking the plunge. Bottom line, in my opinion, if you are looking for a book that will help you understand feline inappropriate elimination (or, I would venture, one of the other canine or feline behavior issues addressed) it is worth the price-tag. You could easily buy four or five of the "leading" books on the same topic and still not have the quality of material that this one volume has. The only reason I refrain from giving a full five-star rating is that, for the price of the book and given that it is targeted to veterinarians, I did expect even a little more information (especially more discussion on the appropriate use of behavior drugs for some of these issues). It's a tough judgment to make, though, because it really is the best book I have found so far on the topic of feline inappropriate elimination, so I am completely satisfied with the purchase from that standpoint. Hope this helps someone ... it's kind of a strange sort of review, due to the nature of the product, I think.

This textbook has really helped me understand my course information.

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