Synopsis

Focusing on the observations of naturally or spontaneously-occurring diseases, this text explains how experience with patients is used to explore issues of importance in the practice of veterinary medicine. The book discusses the application of epidemiology in medical decision-making at the individual and herd levels. It also examines the epidemiology of disease in populations and outbreak investigation. Examples from veterinary literature and case studies are used to illustrate important concepts. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

As far as statistics-based books go, this one is a fair read and does an excellent job of placing the student squarely in the middle of the elements of epidemiology that are important to a budding veterinarian. Well organized and a careful balance of theory and practical knowledge this book is not really intended to teach you how to be a practicing epidemiologist. If that is your hope, then certainly there are texts for that. It was written very specifically to give budding veterinarians a working knowledge of statistics, epidemiological thinking and disease control concepts important to veterinary practice. If you want to be able to crunch numbers and solve problems by hand, this may not necessarily be the text for you - those books are certainly out there. But if you like statistics written with a philosophical leaning and an emphasis on understanding of the place of epidemiology in veterinary medicine, this is a great place to start - its short compared to many epi texts and serves its intended purpose quite well. Yeah, and Dr. Smith really is a super nice guy too.