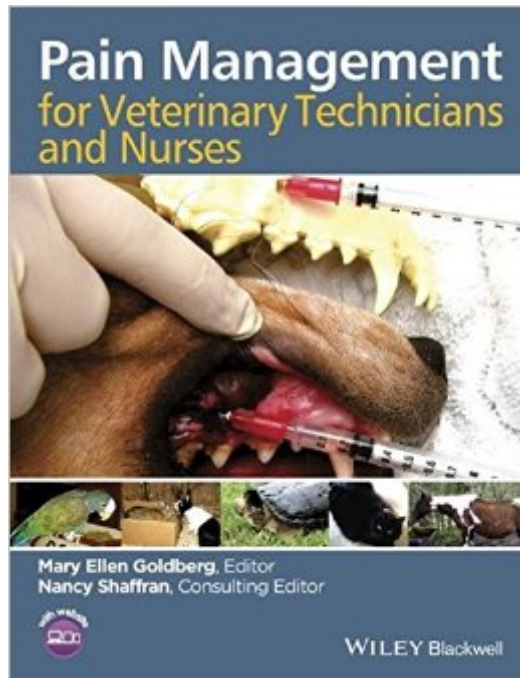


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# Pain Management For Veterinary Technicians And Nurses



## Synopsis

Pain Management for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses guides readers through the important concepts of animal pain management, providing specific approaches to managing pain in a wide variety of veterinary conditions. Emphasizing the technician's role in advocating for the patient, the book equips technicians with the knowledge needed to manage pain in dogs, cats, horses, livestock, exotics, and zoo animals. Logically and comprehensively covering this difficult subject, Pain Management for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses provides both introductory material on the tenets of pain management and specific techniques to apply in the clinical setting. With information on recognizing and understanding pain, the physiology of pain, pharmacology, and analgesia in different settings, the book outlines how to practice good pain management as an integral part of nursing care. Pain Management for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses provides both basic and advanced information, allowing students, practicing veterinary technicians and nurses, and veterinary staff alike to take a more active role in pain management and develop a more thorough understanding of this complex subject.

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This review originally appeared on my blog at [www.gimmethatbook.com](http://www.gimmethatbook.com). Many thanks as always to publisher Wiley-Blackwell for offering this copy in exchange for an honest review. Managing pain in a species that cannot speak is often challenging. Veterinary technicians and nurses are on the front lines of patient care, and can be the advocates to relieve suffering and speed healing. After studying

Pain Management for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses, the reader will become better schooled at seeing signs of pain, obvious or not; and be able to work with the veterinarian to administer medication and make their patient comfortable. The textbook is formatted logically; first you will read about the advancement of pain management in recent thinking, then learn about careers devoted solely to the relief of pain. How to recognize pain in companion animals, the physiology of pain, analgesics, blocking techniques, surgical pain management, analgesia for emergency and critical care patients, chronic pain management, analgesia for shelter medicine, equines, livestock, exotics, zoo and wildlife animals, nutrition considerations for painful dogs and cats, the role of the technician in physical rehab and alternative therapies, and finally, pain management in end of life care. Needless to say, this topic is covered very thoroughly from every angle. There are many books out there that will cover companion animals only, but neglect zoo or wildlife. Some veterinary technicians will come in contact with wildlife at some point in their career, and it helps to have some knowledge to better perform as a patient advocate. I especially enjoyed the chapter on acupuncture and alternative medicine; as this is slowly coming to the attention of veterinary personnel.

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Pain Management for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses addresses all aspects of pain management in an easy-to-read, yet detailed, manual and provides a much-needed resource for veterinary technicians. The book is organized into 18 chapters and includes a supplemental website that contains review questions, videos, figures, and Web links. Although the content is geared toward the education of veterinary nurses and technicians, every veterinary hospital should own a copy because it provides easily accessible information that veterinarians use daily so they will not have to sort through an in-depth textbook on pain management. The editors took great care to provide an informative and surprisingly inclusive book, and each chapter is written in a friendly and interesting manner. The chapter entitled Pain Recognition in Companion Species, Horses, and Livestock is particularly useful because it contains charts and figures that provide insight into the assessment of pain in veterinary patients. The chapters on physiology and pharmacology are concise and thorough and provide readers with a good foundation for understanding the subsequent topics discussed. Importantly, this book contains discussion of subjects that are often overlooked in other pain management textbooks, such as analgesia for shelter animals, horses and other livestock, and exotic, zoological, and wild animals.

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