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Review

" ... this book's comprehensive review of pain pathophysiology is one of the best on the market. The diagrams rival those seen in human pain management books, which is something that cannot be said for most veterinary books on the topic." (4 stars)

?Maureen McMichael, DVM, DACVECC (University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine) in *Doody's Review Service*

"This ground-breaking and extremely clinician-friendly book constitutes a wonderfully practical handbook for instigating and maintaining a best practice approach to pain management. At the same time it is an invaluable, easy to use, quick reference for drug dosages and protocols pre-operatively, post-operatively and in the consulting room."

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?Agnieszka Zoltowska, BVSc MRCVS, in the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery*

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types of pain affecting the dog and the cat. Dr Fox's work is pre-eminent in describing and illustrating clearly and simply the difficulties and choices facing the veterinarian in identifying and treating pain, as well as providing an account of the neurobiological mechanisms responsible for pain.

This approach is continued in his new book, which retains the best from the earlier book and expands upon it to include areas beyond chronic pain. By focusing on the latest evidence and contemporary understanding of why and how to treat pain, the author aims to raise standards in resolving pain management to the best possible practice.

Pain Management in Small Animal Medicine is of value to veterinarians in practice, training, education and research, and to all related veterinary healthcare professionals seeking greater depth of knowledge of the mechanisms of pain and potential targets for treatment.

Key features

- Includes all areas of pain management in small animal medicine
- Reflects the latest evidence on why and how to treat individual animals
- Thorough, well-illustrated guide by a leading authority

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