

## EXAMINATION STUDY METHODS PARASITOLOGY

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In general, careful study of up-to-date textbooks in veterinary parasitology will provide candidates with solid preparation for the general and specialty examinations. Reading the current clinical parasitology literature is appropriate to further prepare for the examinations. Examples of appropriate textbook and journals that should be the focus of preparation are listed below. The most current editions of textbooks and journals from the past 5 years should be studied.

### **Parasitology Review Texts (most recent edition):**

Flynn's Parasites of Laboratory Animals, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2007 (David G. Baker)

Georgis' Parasitology for Veterinarians, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. 2013 (Dwight D. Bowman)

Handbook of Equine Parasite control, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2018 (Martin K. Nielsen, Craig R. Reinemeyer)

Medical and Veterinary Entomology, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2009 (Gary R. Mullen, Lance A. Durden)

Parasitic Diseases of Wild Mammals, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2001 (William M. Samuel, Margo J. Pybus, A. Alan Kocan)

Veterinary Clinical Parasitology, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. 2012 (Anne M. Zajac, Gary A. Conboy)

Veterinary Parasitology, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2016 (M.A. Taylor, R.L. Coop, R.L. Wall)

### **Journals: (last 5 yrs)**

International Journal for Parasitology (Elsevier)

Parasite Immunology (Wiley online library)

Parasites and Vectors (Biomed Central)

Parasitology Research (Springer)

Trends in Parasitology (Elsevier)

Veterinary Parasitology (Elsevier)

Veterinary Parasitology: Regional Studies and Reports (Elsevier)

**Attend seminars, lectures, and courses.** These are available through the AVMA, specialty interest groups, and national, state, and local groups. Good sources are veterinary schools, hospitals, and industry such as biologics manufacturers. Make a special effort to attend lectures or seminars given by ACVM Diplomates or sponsored by the ACVM. If you know you have a weak area, sign up for a course in that area. Many universities will allow faculty to "audit" a course without charge.

**Participate in AVMA tutorials.** The AVMA has prepared a variety of videotape, slide, and film presentations of specific infectious diseases which may be helpful. Join study groups. In some parts of the country, it will be possible to form study groups of 2 to 5 people. This system works well only for some.

**Publish.** Contribute to the literature. Reviews of the literature are fine learning tools and good publications require a good literature review.