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A practical reference for the general veterinary clinician, **Small Animal Pediatrics: The First 12 Months of Life** compiles into a single location the latest information in the rapidly developing field of canine and feline pediatrics. Editors Michael Peterson, DVM, MS, and Michelle Kutzler, DVM, PhD, DACT are joined by more than 40 expert contributors in providing coverage from prenatal care to one year of age. For ease of use, the text is divided into four sections. A *General Considerations* section opens the book by covering prenatal care of the bitch and queen, birth, normal physical examinations, growth, husbandry, nutrition, care of orphans, neonatal mortality, behavior, emergency and critical care, and immunology. The second section, *Common Infectious Diseases*, covers bacterial, viral, fungal, rickettsial, and parasitic infections. The third section describes diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to the young patient including radiology, ultrasound, aesthetic and surgical considerations, pain management, pharmacology, and clinical pathology. Finally, the fourth section covers a variety of organ systems with discussions on normal development, congenital conditions, and acquired diseases. The text also includes information that is usually difficult to find, including a pediatric formulary, care of orphan puppies, clinical pathology values, prenatal care, and normal growth and development guidelines. This book will be a significant asset to any veterinary library!

- Offers a **practical, clinically oriented resource** for the unique diagnostic and treatment challenges posed by pediatric and juvenile animal patients.
- Includes **comprehensive coverage of all special problems** encountered in pet management from birth through the first 12 months of life.
- Provides **clear, step-by-step guidelines** for important clinical procedures and techniques for the most vulnerable of small animal patients.
- Covers procedures such as **intraosseous catheterization and fluid therapy, venipuncture, and tube feeding**.
- Includes **guidelines for designing and implementing a successful pediatric wellness program** tailored to your own practice.
- Discusses **infectious diseases** in young animals, zoonotic potential, and human public health concerns.
- Provides key new information on **puppy and kitten behavioral development** including guidance for prevention and intervention for problem behaviors, the leading cause of pet euthanasia.
- Includes **guidelines for kennel and cattery health management** as well as shelter medicine health considerations.
- Discusses **controversial health and ethical issues in veterinary pediatrics**, such as ear cropping, tail docking, declawing, and early spay/neuter surgery (including both pro and con positions).
- Includes **the latest recommendations for nutritional care of healthy and "special needs" puppies and kittens** as well as the post-parturient and nursing dam.
- Offers an **easy-to-use, well-organized format** for quick and easy access to the most relevant information.

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