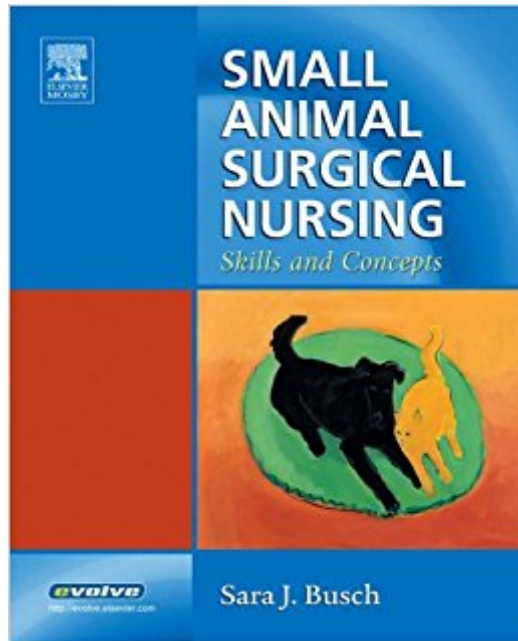




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Synopsis

This unique resource provides detailed coverage of the veterinary technician's role in small animal surgery. Topics include asepsis, operating room protocol, instrumentation, sterile technique, suture materials, suturing techniques, wound management, surgical assistance, and pre and postoperative care of animals. All information reflects the latest developments in drugs, instruments, equipment, and techniques. Provides complete coverage of small animal surgical nursing as it relates to the roles and responsibilities of the veterinary technician. Focuses on key clinical skills, practice tips, patient care, and client education. Written by veterinary technology educators and authorities on veterinary surgical nursing. Lavishly illustrated with new color photographs of instruments, equipment, sterile technique, suturing techniques, and wound management. Addresses the surgical and community service perspectives of feral cat spay/neuter clinics, including the challenges to veterinary technicians because of the high numbers of surgeries performed in a short time period, dealing with feral cats, and the absence of postoperative follow-up care. Provides performance objectives at the beginning of each chapter, as well as key points and review questions at the end of each chapter to focus and reinforce learning. Features practical appendices of dosage calculations, how to quickly set IV fluid drip rates, and how to make up various solutions of medications for constant rate infusions.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book, produced in a clear "user friendly" format. There are fourteen different

contributors, some veterinarians and some qualified technicians. All are actively involved in the teaching of technicians and this is reflected in the clear style and emphasis on practical skills. The book is organised into four main parts - pre-operative considerations, intra-operative considerations, post-operative considerations and finally a special section on high-volume spay-neuter clinics. The separate chapters contain a wealth of practical information presented in a clear and concise way. The colour photographs and line diagrams are of a high quality and help bring the book to life. Specific procedures (e.g. the placement of intravenous canulae) are highlighted in box format and there are numerous tables of information for quick reference. Each chapter starts by outlining the learning objectives and finishes with a summary of the key points and a question and answer section. At the end of the book there is a section of appendices providing at-a-glance access to information on dosage calculations and infusion rates. Within the section on intra-operative procedures is a chapter on specific surgical operations - ranging from ovariohysterectomies to bowel resections and orthopaedic procedures. I personally was very impressed by this and felt the information was presented in a way that encouraged the student to read more. The nursing staff in my clinic agreed this was especially useful as it helped to apply the lessons of the previous sections to real life situations. This section also contained a very clear description of the use of rigid and flexible endoscopes and my experience is that such information geared to nurses /technicians is not readily available. The section on high volume neuter clinics was a welcome inclusion, as it highlighted the special considerations that need to be addressed when working in such a situation. In summary I feel the authors and publishers should be congratulated on producing such an excellent book. Within Europe, this should be a recommended text for nurses/ technicians who have English language skills. Sadly this is not always the case, but in situations where the veterinarians can read English, they may still find the book a useful tool when teaching their own staff. Indeed, the wealth of practical information might make it a valuable resource for veterinary students or graduates who have had minimal experience in gaining appropriate practical skills. Ray L. Butcher MA, Vet MB, MRCVS(UK) FECAVA Vol. 16-2 October 2006

Sara J. Busch

This one of the books we were assigned for my Animal Nursing 2 class in school, and I found it to be extremely useful. Even after I graduated, I found myself going back to this book to study for the board exams, and even occasionally I'd come home from work with a question or idea and reference back to it. Great book!

I like how the duties of a surgical nurse are so well described and explained...including the pre-op examine. As a newbie to veterinarian assisting, I found it is very useful.

This is a great book. It's easy to understand, lots of full color pictures and i love the review questions at the end of each chapter.

Just what it described.

Needs to be updated but the info in the book is good enough to get by in school. Good wording.

This book was well organized and had a lot of nice pictures to go along with the descriptions. This book was very useful.

book was okay but information was all over the place. and some information that you need for class assignments was not answered in it.

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