Selection of references on the practice of EBVM retrieved from a search on CAB Abstracts

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Accession Number
20173117171
Author
Macdonald, J.; Buckley, L.; Mann, A.
Title
Evidence-based veterinary nursing - it's more sexy than you might think!
Source
Veterinary Nursing Journal; 2017. 32(3):78-81. 3 ref.
Publisher
Taylor & Francis
Location of Publisher
Abingdon
Country of Publication
UK
Abstract
Evidence-based veterinary medicine is a concept that is increasingly integral to the practice of veterinary nursing. This article was based on the experiences of three recipients of a veterinary nursing bursary to attend the Veterinary Evidence conference this year as they learnt how important it is to develop the skill set needed to review the evidence and apply it to clinical practice. Support for nurses to develop these skills is widely available and RCVS Knowledge, in particular, provides a range of resources - from conferences and workshops to guides and online CPD tools - that nurses are encouraged to take advantage of.
Publication Type
Journal article.

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Accession Number
20163346200
Author
Jackson, E. L.
Title
Making evidence-based management decisions in practice.
Source
Companion Animal; 2016. 21(10):582-585. 15 ref.
Publisher
MA Healthcare Limited
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Abstract
This paper focuses on two key issues of veterinary practice that are all too often overlooked: team engagement and client relations. In terms of team engagement, a case is made for the commercial benefits of engaged employees, and the knowledge that veterinary managers can utilise to develop an engaged workforce. Such knowledge includes recognising the power of the employee voice, and managers having the
integrity to align behaviours with that of the shared practice vision for success. Client relations are discussed with respect to the power of using an evidence base to make decisions about investments, pricing and marketing strategies. Success stories from the food retailing industries are reflected upon as a case for support. The paper concludes with an example of combining strategies for improving team engagement and client relations for the benefit of the practice, staff and clients.

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Journal article.

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Accession Number
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Author
Huntley, S. J.; Dean, R. S.; Massey, A.; Brennan, M. L.
Title
International evidence-based medicine survey of the veterinary profession: information sources used by veterinarians.
Source
PLoS ONE; 2016. 11(7):e0159732. 32 ref.
Publisher
Public Library of Sciences (PLoS)
Location of Publisher
San Francisco
Country of Publication
USA
Abstract
Veterinarians are encouraged to use evidence to inform their practice, but it is unknown what resources (e.g. journals, electronic sources) are accessed by them globally. Understanding the key places veterinarians seek information can inform where new clinically relevant evidence should most effectively be placed. An international survey was conducted to gain understanding of how veterinary information is accessed by veterinarians worldwide. There were 2137 useable responses to the questionnaire from veterinarians in 78 countries. The majority of respondents (n=1835/2137, 85.9%) undertook clinical work and worked in a high income country (n=1576/1762, 89.4%). Respondents heard about the survey via national veterinary organisations or regulatory bodies (31.5%), online veterinary forums and websites (22.7%), regional, discipline-based or international veterinary organisations (22.7%) or by direct invitation from the researchers or via friends, colleagues or social media (7.6%). Clinicians and non-clinicians reportedly used journals most commonly (65.8%, n=1207/1835; 75.6%, n=216/286) followed by electronic resources (58.7%, n=1077/1835; 55.9%, n=160/286), respectively. Respondents listed a total of 518 journals and 567 electronic sources that they read. Differences in veterinarian preference for resources in developed, and developing countries, were found. The nominated journals most read were the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (12.7% of nominations) for clinicians and the Veterinary Record (5.7%) for non-clinicians. The most accessed electronic resource reported was the Veterinary Information Network (25.6%) for clinicians and PubMed (7.4%) for non-clinicians. In conclusion, a wide array of journals and electronic resources appear to be accessed by veterinarians worldwide. Veterinary organisations appear to play an important role in global communication and outreach to veterinarians and consideration should be given to how these channels could be best utilised for effective dissemination of key research findings.

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Journal article.
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Accession Number
20163270806
Author
Yagi, K.
Title
Evidence-based medicine: its application for veterinary nurses.
Source
Publisher
British Small Animal Veterinary Association
Location of Publisher
Qedgeley
Country of Publication
UK
Publication Type
Conference paper.

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Accession Number
20163238231
Author
Allan, R.
Title
Companion animal medicine: fresh challenges in the evidence-based, client-focused fast lane.
Source
Veterinary Record; 2016. 179(2):38-40.
Publisher
BMJ Publishing Group
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Publication Type
Journal article.

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Accession Number
20163191019
Author
Hyde, R.; Remnant, J.
Title
Evidence-based veterinary medicine for the farm animal clinician.
Source
Livestock; 2016. 21(3):167-171. 18 ref.
Publisher
MA Healthcare Limited
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Abstract
The application of evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM) into farm animal veterinary practice is increasing, and can reduce the impact of natural human bias, and potentially erroneous pattern identification. This article aims to provide an overview of how to involve an evidence-based approach within farm animal practice, and offer a range of resources with which farm animal veterinarians might develop and improve their EBVM skills.
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Journal article.

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Accession Number
20163189202
Author
Title
Integrative veterinary medical education and consensus guidelines for an integrative veterinary medicine curriculum within veterinary colleges.
Source
Open Veterinary Journal; 2016. 6(1):44-56. many ref.
Publisher
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tripoli
Location of Publisher
Tripoli
Country of Publication
Libya
Abstract
Integrative veterinary medicine (IVM) describes the combination of complementary and alternative therapies with conventional care and is guided by the best available evidence. Veterinarians frequently encounter questions about complementary and alternative veterinary medicine (CAVM) in practice, and the general public has demonstrated increased interest in these areas for both human and animal health. Consequently, veterinary students should receive adequate exposure to the principles, theories, and current knowledge supporting or refuting such techniques. A proposed curriculum guideline would broadly introduce students to the objective evaluation of new veterinary treatments while increasing their preparation for responding to questions about IVM in clinical practice. Such a course should be evidence-based, unbiased, and unaffiliated with any particular CAVM advocacy or training group. All IVM courses require routine updating as new information becomes available. Controversies regarding IVM and CAVM must be addressed within the course and throughout the entire curriculum. Instructional honesty regarding the uncertainties in this emerging field is critical. Increased training of future veterinary professionals in IVM may produce an openness to new ideas that characterizes the scientific method and a willingness to pursue and incorporate evidence-based medicine in clinical practice with all therapies, including those presently regarded as integrative, complementary, or alternative.
Publication Type
Journal article.
Abstract

Objective: To examine available evidence on prehospital care in human and veterinary trauma and emergency medicine and develop best practice guidelines for use by both paramedical and nonparamedical personnel in the approach to the prehospital care of dogs and cats. Design: Systematic evaluation of the literature gathered via medical databases searches of Medline, CAB abstracts, and Google Scholar. Synthesis: From a review and systematic evaluation of the available evidence, consensus guidelines on the approach to prehospital care of dogs and cats in 18 scenarios were developed. Conclusions: Due to the lack of current evidence in the veterinary prehospital arena, best practice guidelines were developed as an initial platform. Recommendations were based on a review of pertinent human and available veterinary literature as well as a consensus of the authors' professional opinions. It is anticipated that evidence-based additions will be made in the future.

Publication Type
Journal article.

Abstract

The equine practitioner uses various tests to make a diagnosis. It is useful for the veterinarian know the accuracy of the tests. There are many articles on diagnostic tests that follow a methodology and use terms that the practitioner must understand. This article describes the approach to evaluation of a diagnostic tool: choosing the gold standard, definition of measurement criteria, and calculation of test accuracy parameters.
The different indicators of test accuracy are sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value and negative predictive value. Kappa statistics indicate the extent to which the technique is reproducible, even if the situation of the animal has not changed, or if similar results are obtained when different clinicians carry out the examinations.

Publication Type
Journal article.
understood in its original meaning, corresponds to the paramedicine theories and practices going further than (school) medicine, understood as an experiential science with the intention of making sure of theories and therapies by testing with empirical and statistical methods. Using the term “evidence-based” in the German language is usually based on an unreflected interpretation from the English language, in which “evidence” is also understood - regarding its original meaning - as a finding which depends on experience.

Publication Type
Journal article.

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Accession Number
20153376124

Author
Oxtoby, C.; Ferguson, E.; White, K.; Mossop, L.

Title
We need to talk about error: causes and types of error in veterinary practice.

Source
Veterinary Record; 2015. 177(17):438. 43 ref.

Publisher
BMJ Publishing Group

Location of Publisher
London

Country of Publication
UK

Abstract
Patient safety research in human medicine has identified the causes and common types of medical error and subsequently informed the development of interventions which mitigate harm, such as the WHO's safe surgery checklist. There is no such evidence available to the veterinary profession. This study therefore aims to identify the causes and types of errors in veterinary practice, and presents an evidence based system for their classification. Causes of error were identified from retrospective record review of 678 claims to the profession's leading indemnity insurer and nine focus groups (average N per group=8) with vets, nurses and support staff were performed using critical incident technique. Reason's (2000) Swiss cheese model of error was used to inform the interpretation of the data. Types of error were extracted from 2978 claims records reported between the years 2009 and 2013. The major classes of error causation were identified with mistakes involving surgery the most common type of error. The results were triangulated with findings from the medical literature and highlight the importance of cognitive limitations, deficiencies in non-technical skills and a systems approach to veterinary error.

Publication Type
Journal article.

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Accession Number
20153355523

Author
Palmquist, R. E.

Title
Perspective: evidence-based practice: what is it?

Source
Journal of the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association; 2014. 35:7-10. 28 ref.
Veterinarians desire to practice with an evidence-based approach, but frequently clinicians are presented with cases that challenge the available evidence. Because the profession has recently placed more emphasis on evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM), which presents both advantages and challenges, new models emerged. Evidence Based Practice (EBP) allows the use of clinical experience and available evidence. Translational Medicine (TM) and Translational medical research strive to bring together formerly disjointed areas of scientific research and knowledge and more efficiently and effectively discover, develop, validate and disseminate improved methods of patient care. Pioneering clinicians can be frustrated by rote EBVM approaches that leave no therapeutic option in the face of desperate patient need. Through improved understanding, veterinarians can begin to see how pioneering work can be properly aligned and assisted in its development while generating a rich and useful medical literature. Readers are encouraged to question the current operating models of research and clinical applications in our veterinary teaching hospitals and medical centers, and to learn more about how translational medicine could be implemented in our profession, especially within the realms of complementary and alternative veterinary medicine.

Accession Number
20153288810
Author
Mills, D.
Title
Is EBVM ethical?
Source
Veterinary Record; 2015. 177(7):181-182. 10 ref.
Publisher
BMJ Publishing Group
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Publication Type
Journal article.

Accession Number
20153288808
Author
Nielsen, T. D.; Dean, R. S.; Massey, A.; Brennan, M. L.
Title
Survey of the UK veterinary profession 2: sources of information used by veterinarians.
Access to the most up-to-date evidence is an important cornerstone for veterinarians attempting to practice in an evidence-based manner; therefore, an understanding of what and how information is accessed is vital. The aim of this study was to identify what resources the UK veterinary profession access and regard as most useful. Based on questionnaires received from veterinarians, the Veterinary Times was nominated as most often read journal or magazine by respondents (n=3572, 79 per cent). In Practice (n=3224, 82 per cent) and the Veterinary Record (n=165, 34 per cent) were seen as most useful by clinicians, and non-clinicians, respectively. Google was the most often nominated electronic resource by all respondents (n=3076, 71 per cent), with Google (n=459, 23 per cent) and PubMed (n=60, 17 per cent) seen as most useful by clinicians and non-clinicians, respectively. The abstract and conclusion sections were the most read parts of scientific manuscripts nominated by all respondents. When looking for assistance with difficult cases, colleagues were the common information choice for clinicians. Different sections of the veterinary profession access information, and deem resources useful, in different ways. Access to good quality evidence is important for the practice of evidence-based veterinary medicine, and therefore, researchers should think about disseminating their findings in a targeted way for optimal use by the profession.

Publication Type
Journal article.

Source
Veterinary Record; 2015. 177(7):172.
Publisher
BMJ Publishing Group
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Abstract
This article discusses the principle of evidence-based veterinary medicine and its application as an aid in the decision making in providing high-quality care for companion animal patients. The utilization of BestBETs online resource that gives free access to the database of BETs that can help practitioners incorporate up-to-date evidence in their clinical decision making in enhancing the quality of care patients receive is highlighted.

Publication Type
Editorial.
Evidence-based veterinary medicine is a term appearing increasingly often in the veterinary literature. In this short manuscript, an explanation of what evidence-based veterinary medicine is and where it has come from is given. In addition, the basic steps of evidence-based veterinary medicine will be explained, and how individuals can get involved, in whatever aspect of the veterinary profession they are working.

Limitations of evidence-based medicine.


North American Veterinary Community (NAVC)

Gainesville

USA

Conference paper.
Cohen, N. D.
Title
An introduction to evidence-based medicine - what is it and why should you care?
Source
Publisher
North American Veterinary Community (NAVC)
Location of Publisher
Gainesville
Country of Publication
USA
Publication Type
Conference paper.

Lanyon, L.
Title
Evidence-based veterinary medicine: a clear and present challenge.
Source
Veterinary Record; 2014. 174(7):173-175. 1 ref.
Publisher
BMJ Publishing Group
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Publication Type
Journal article.

Freise, K. J.; Lin, T. L.; Fan, T. M.; Recta, V.; Clark, T. P.
Title
Evidence-based medicine: the design and interpretation of noninferiority clinical trials in veterinary medicine.
Source
Publisher
Wiley-Blackwell
Location of Publisher
Boston
Country of Publication
Noninferiority trials are clinical studies designed to demonstrate that an investigational drug is at least as effective as an established treatment within a predetermined margin. They are conducted, in part, because of ethical concerns of administering a placebo to veterinary patients when an established effective treatment exists. The use of noninferiority trial designs has become more common in veterinary medicine with the increasing number of established veterinary therapeutics and the desire to eliminate potential pain or distress in a placebo-controlled study. Selecting the appropriate active control and an a priori noninferiority margin between the investigational and active control drug are unique and critical design factors for noninferiority studies. Without reliable historical knowledge of the disease response in the absence of treatment and of the response to the selected active control drug, proper design and interpretation of a noninferiority trial is not possible. Despite the appeal of conducting noninferiority trials to eliminate ethical concerns of placebo-controlled studies, there are real limitations and possible ethical conundrums associated with noninferiority trials. The consequences of incorrect study conclusions because of poor noninferiority trial design need careful attention. Alternative trial designs to typical noninferiority studies exist, but these too have limitations and must also be carefully considered.

Publication Type
Journal article.
Evidence-based veterinary medicine (EVM) is a concept that is increasingly discussed within the veterinary profession. One important form of evidence is published papers in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. Reading scientific papers is one of the basic skills required to be able to follow the principles of EVM. However, it can be time-consuming and difficult for vets to find time to read this relevant literature. Improving basic paper-reading skills can reduce the time it takes to assess a paper, decide if it is relevant and valid, and apply it to a clinical setting.
Accession Number
20133045885
Author
Goodman, M.
Title
Just because I can, doesn't mean I should: the application of evidence-based medicine to small animal theriogenology.
Source
Clinical Theriogenology; 2012. 4(4):521-525. 12 ref.
Publisher
The Society for Theriogenology
Location of Publisher
Montgomery
Country of Publication
USA
Abstract
This article focuses on the application of evidence-based medicine to small animal theriogenology. The importance of scientific evidence as basis for decision making regarding treatments given to animals, particularly companion animals, is discussed. The application of this approach (evidence-based reproduction) in choosing an insemination method for dogs is presented.
Publication Type
Journal article
Conference paper.

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Accession Number
20133044477
Author
Vandeweerd, J. M.
Title
Evidence-based medicine in equine practice: 10 years later... [French]
Source
Pratique Veterinaire Equine; 2012. 44(176):57-62. 43 ref.
Publisher
Editions du Point Veterinaire
Location of Publisher
Maisons-Alfort
Country of Publication
France
Abstract
Various obstacles to the implementation evidence-based medicine (EBM) in veterinary medicine have been identified ten years after its introduction. The scientific information tools are not always adapted for veterinary practitioners, who are often pressed for time. The bibliographic databases are not necessarily appropriate and the articles are often not accessible outside universities. Finally, multiplication of high level studies, such as randomized controlled trials, are difficult to carry out in the context of veterinary medicine. A study of the perception of EBM by practitioners and modalities of decision-making has identified various solutions, such as the provision of systematic reviews and Critically Appraised Topics (CAT). This article considers the history and prospects for evidence-based medicine.
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Journal article.
Accession Number
20133036441
Author
Grindlay, D. J. C.; Brennan, M. L.; Dean, R. S.
Title
Searching the veterinary literature: a comparison of the coverage of veterinary journals by Nine bibliographic databases.
Source
Publisher
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Location of Publisher
Washington
Country of Publication
USA
Abstract
A thorough search of the literature to find the best evidence is central to the practice of evidence-based veterinary medicine. This requires knowing which databases to search to maximize journal coverage. The aim of the present study was to compare the coverage of active veterinary journals by nine bibliographic databases to inform future systematic reviews and other evidence-based searches. Coverage was assessed using lists of included journals produced by the database providers. For 121 active veterinary journals in the "Basic List of Veterinary Medical Serials, Third Edition," the percentage coverage was the highest for Scopus (98.3%) and CAB Abstracts (97.5%). For an extensive list of 1,139 journals with significant veterinary content compiled from a variety of sources, coverage was much greater in CAB Abstracts (90.2%) than in any other database, the next highest coverage being in Scopus (58.3%). The maximum coverage of the extensive journal list that could be obtained in a search without including CAB Abstracts was 69.8%. It was concluded that to maximize journal coverage and avoid missing potentially relevant evidence, CAB Abstracts should be included in any veterinary literature search.
Publication Type
Journal article.

Accession Number
20123361010
Author
Heayns, B. J.
Title
A practical guide to publishing research for veterinary nurses.
Source
The Veterinary Nurse; 2012. 3(8):470-476. 12 ref.
Publisher
MA Healthcare Limited
Location of Publisher
London
Country of Publication
UK
Abstract
Publishing research findings is the final stage of completing a research project and doing so allows these findings to be shared. In line with the progression of the veterinary nursing profession, nurses should consider these findings and apply them to their own practices. This will further demonstrate the use of objective evidence-based practice. This paper has been designed to be a practical guide for nurses who have completed a research project and who are wanting to submit their findings for publication. The peer-review process is described to allow nurses to understand the stages that will follow paper submission.

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Journal article.

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**Author**

Karriker, L. A.

**Title**

Evidence based practices: myths and applications.

**Source**


**Publisher**

American Association of Swine Veterinarians

**Location of Publisher**

Perry

**Country of Publication**

USA

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Conference paper.

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**Publisher**

American Association of Swine Veterinarians

**Location of Publisher**

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**Country of Publication**

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**Abstract**

In the 42nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians, held in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, last 5-8 March, 2011 a total of 930 attendees, including 525 paid registrants and 130 veterinary students were present. The participants represented 22 countries. Attendees were offered the opportunity to visit a record 73 technical tables. The theme of this year's meeting was "Evidence-based practice: How do
we get there?”. The participants were presented with numerous educational sessions, including nine preconference seminars, two general sessions, three concurrent sessions, research topics, Industrial Partners sessions, Student Seminar, and poster sessions. The conference consisted of 24 hours of educational sessions, 15 student presentations, and 54 poster presentations. Dr Locke Karriker presented the Howard Dunne Memorial Lecture entitled “Evidence-based practices: Myths and applications”. His lecture defined the importance of utilizing well-designed scientific studies to aid decision making and offered insights into how practitioners can use evidence-based medicine on a daily basis. The 2011 Alex Hogg Lecture was presented by Dr Joe Connor. His lecture was entitled “Science-based medicine: What are the application barriers?” and Dr Connor was challenged with describing how he uses science in daily practice and how he balances experiential knowledge and science-based studies. In addition, 14 AASV committees met on Saturday morning and the Board of Directors convened at the close of the meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Topics of papers focused on the production, breeding, nutrition, reproduction, welfare, health, diagnosis and control diseases of pigs. Several papers also discussed pork production with emphasis on its quality and safety for public consumption.

Publication Type
Conference proceedings.

Accession Number
20123274230

Author
Vandeweerd, J. M.; Vandeweerd, S.; Gustin, C.; Keesemaeker, G.; Cambier, C.; Clegg, P.; Saegerman, C.; Reda, A.; Perrenoud, P.; Gustin, P.

Title
Understanding veterinary practitioners' decision-making process: implications for veterinary medical education.

Source
Journal of Veterinary Medical Education; 2012. 39(2):142-151. 34 ref.

Publisher
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

Location of Publisher
Washington

Country of Publication
USA

Abstract
Understanding how veterinary practitioners make clinical decisions, and how they use scientific information to inform their decisions, is important to optimize animal care, client satisfaction, and veterinary education. We aimed to develop an understanding of private practitioners' process of decision making. On the basis of a grounded-theory qualitative approach, we conducted a telephone survey and semi-structured face-to-face interviews. We identified a decision-making framework consisting of two possible processes to make decisions, five steps in the management of a clinical case, and three influencing factors. To inform their decision, veterinary surgeons rarely take the evidence-based medicine (EBM) approach. They consult first-opinion colleagues, specialists, laboratories, and the Internet rather than scientific databases and peer-reviewed literature, mainly because of limited time. Most interviewees suggested the development of educational interventions to better develop decision-making skills in veterinary schools. Adequate information and EBM tools are needed to optimize the time spent in query and assessment of scientific information, and practitioners need to be trained in their use.

Publication Type
Journal article.
In current veterinary education, skills such as retrieving, critically appraising, interpreting, and applying the results of published scientific studies are rarely taught. In this study, the authors tested the concept of team-based development of critically appraised topics (CATs) in training students in evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM). The 116 participants were in their fifth year and attending the clinical rotation at the Clinic for Animal Reproduction. Students developed 18 CATs of varying quality on topics of their choice. Preparing the CATs in teams stimulated discussion on the topic and the quality of the retrieved papers. Evaluation of the project revealed that more than 90% of the students endorsed training in critical appraisal of information in veterinary education. In addition, more than 90% considered the development of CATs an effective exercise for assessing the quality of scientific literature. A provided literature evaluation form was perceived as a useful tool for systematically summarizing a publication's quality. In conclusion, team-based development of CATs during clinical rotations is highly valuable for training in EBVM. Learning and intrinsic motivation seem to be enhanced by creating a situation similar to veterinary practice because the task is embedded into an authentic clinical problem. This approach to clinical training helps to prepare students to integrate evidence from literature into practice.
As veterinary nursing evolves as a profession in its own right with a greater importance being placed on evidence-based nursing care, it is vitally important that all veterinary nurses (VN) are able to both search for information and evidence to support and justify their nursing actions, and review these to ascertain their meaning and benefits to their practice. Information and evidence, or literature as it will subsequently be referred to throughout the article, is presented in a variety of different ways and typically categorized as primary, secondary or tertiary literature. A fourth category of information source is also described, which is called Gray literature. The difference between these categories of literature are considered. Depending on the status of the VN at any given point in time, for example whether they are a student VN, an undergraduate student VN or a qualified VN, the reasons for their literature searching and reviewing will be different. VNs studying towards a qualification will be required to search for and review literature to support their academic work, whether this relates to their discussions in an assignment or whether it relates to them trying to identify a gap in existing knowledge on a subject to justify their desire to conduct a piece of research. Having initially outlined what is considered to be a source of knowledge or piece of literature, this article aims to explore some of the problems associated with literature searching, provide guidance with regards to conducting an effective literature search, before finally considering how a VN can effectively and appropriately review a piece of literature; all VNs must be able to decide whether an article, research report or book they read is valid, current and reliable.

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Journal article.

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Accession Number
20123212429
Author
Simoneit, C.; Heuwieser, W.; Arlt, S.
Title
Evidence based medicine in veterinary daily practice.
Source
Publisher
Schattauer GmbH
Location of Publisher
Stuttgart
Country of Publication
Germany
Abstract
The veterinary practitioner should base decisions concerning diagnostic procedures and treatments in practice on recent, valid and clinically relevant information. He may rely on journal papers, colleagues, the internet or other sources. It is a great challenge to find appropriate information in a reasonable time. Furthermore, the practitioner has to judge the information regarding its actuality and validity. Ideally, such information should provide a high level of evidence. This means that this information is more likely to be "correct". Good information can be obtained through high quality trials, such as randomized and blinded controlled clinical trials. Universities, publishers and professional organizations should promote editing of scientific information to support practitioners in decision making.
Publication Type
Journal article.

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As with other practice-based professions, research is vitally important to the field of veterinary nursing. Professions have a responsibility to provide high-quality services that are beneficial to their clients, whether human or animal, based on systematic and ongoing research, providing evidence-based principles. Even though veterinary nurses work as members of a healthcare team, there are areas of their professional practice that are exclusively their domain, which warrant scientific investigation. Veterinary nursing research will not only assist veterinary patients and clients through improving nursing practices, but will also advance the development of veterinary nursing as a profession. Generating a unique body of knowledge is one of the criteria by which a profession is defined. This article examines what is research in veterinary nursing, why research is important to veterinary nursing professional practice and how scientific research can promote the development of the veterinary nursing profession.

Evidence-based medicine (EBM) refers to the conscientious, explicit and judicious use of current best evidence from research for the care of an individual patient. The concept of EBM was first described in human medicine in the early 1990s and was introduced to veterinary medicine 10 years later. However, it is not clear that the EBM approach promulgated in human medicine can be applied to the same extent to veterinary medicine. EBM has the potential to help veterinarians to make more informed decisions, but obstacles to the implementation of EBM include a lack of high quality patient-centred research, the need for basic understanding of clinical epidemiology by veterinarians, the absence of adequate searching techniques.
and accessibility to scientific data bases and the inadequacy of EBM tools that can be applied to the busy daily practise of veterinarians. This review describes the development of EBM in the veterinary profession, identifies its advantages and disadvantages and discusses whether and how veterinary surgeons should further adopt the EBM approach of human medicine.

Publication Type
Journal article.
Implementing evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM) into clinical practice requires not only the ability to retrieve, interpret, and apply the results of published scientific studies, but also the ability to critically evaluate the quality of the literature. These skills, however, are not widely taught in the veterinary curriculum. The objective of this study was to test a literature evaluation form (LEF) designed to assist veterinary students in appraising the quality of literature on animal reproduction and to compare their ability to do so with that of students who were provided with a control form (CF). The 68 participants were in their fifth year of study and attended a clinical rotation at the Clinic for Animal Reproduction. Students in the LEF group determined the quality of two scientific papers, considering statements about study design, information content, and objectivity, and determined rating points to obtain an overall score. Participants using the CF ranked the quality of the article without the assistance of the quality assessment form. The LEF group was able to more correctly assess the quality of the literature and the variability of the chosen evidence levels was higher in the CF group. The questionnaire was found to be a useful tool for the systematic assessment of the quality of publications within a reasonable period of time. Seventy-eight per cent of the participants agreed that the LEF helps them evaluate the quality and validity of biomedical scientific information. We conclude that courses that introduce EBVM should be taught in the first semesters of the veterinary curriculum so that students can develop competence in defining a clinical problem, retrieving information from the literature, and developing independent critical thinking.

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Journal article.

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Accession Number
20113307717
Author
Toews, L.
Title
The information infrastructure that supports evidence-based veterinary medicine: a comparison with human medicine.
Source
Journal of Veterinary Medical Education; 2011. 38(2):123-134. 77 ref.
Publisher
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Location of Publisher
Washington
Country of Publication
USA
Abstract
In human medicine, the information infrastructure that supports the knowledge translation processes of exchange, synthesis, dissemination, and application of the best clinical intervention research has developed significantly in the past 15 years, facilitating the uptake of research evidence by clinicians as well as the practice of evidence-based medicine. Seven of the key elements of this improved information infrastructure are clinical trial registries, research reporting standards, systematic reviews, organizations that support the production of systematic reviews, the indexing of clinical intervention research in MEDLINE, clinical search filters for MEDLINE, and point-of-care decision support information resources. The objective of this paper is to describe why these elements are important for evidence-based medicine, the key developments and issues related to these seven information infrastructure elements in human medicine, how these 7 elements compare with the corresponding infrastructure elements in veterinary medicine, and how all of these factors affect the translation of clinical intervention research into clinical practice. A focused search of the Ovid MEDLINE database was conducted for English language journal literature published between 2000 and 2010. Two bibliographies were consulted and selected national and international Web sites were searched using Google. The literature reviewed indicates that the information infrastructure supporting evidence-based veterinary medicine practice in all of the 7 elements reviewed is significantly underdeveloped in relation to...
the corresponding information infrastructure in human medicine. This lack of development creates barriers to the timely translation of veterinary medicine research into clinical practice and also to the conduct of both primary clinical intervention research and synthesis research.

Publication Type
Journal article.

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Accession Number
20113241763
Author
Bloor, C.
Title
Research methodology for veterinary nurses.
Source
The Veterinary Nurse; 2011. 2(6):288...294. 12 ref.
Publisher
MA Healthcare Limited, Quay Books Division
Location of Publisher
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Abstract
The veterinary nursing profession has progressed towards autonomy and self regulation over the past decade und in April 2010 will have fully achieved this regulated, professional status, whereby its members must adhere to and maintain certain professional standards as stimulated by the awarding body. With these advances comes the need for veterinary nurses (VN) to take ownership of their nursing, responsibility for their actions and become truly accountable for their day-to-day activities in veterinary practice. An inevitable part of this progression is the need for all VNs to source, read, understand and utilize the most current research available to justify their decisions based on best practice; evidence-based practice. With the introduction and development of a variety of higher education courses for the VN there has been an increase in the number of undergraduate and postgraduate VNs conducting research into many subject areas via different methods. This level of participation in research should hopefully continue into the future, building on the knowledge-base of evidence available for VNs. This article initially explores what research actually means before moving on to veterinary nursing research and the issues surrounding this concept. The research process is explored before moving on to the basics about research methodology and methods a VN may consider when undertaking a research project in veterinary practice.
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Evidence based medicine and veterinary medicine. [Italian]
Source
Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) represents the best way of linking clinical research with clinical practice. Practitioners of EBM develop the skills to find and appraise the literature pertinent to the case we see and apply this information to the clinical decisions we make. When evidence is lacking practitioners of EBM must suggest objectives for future research asking focused questions on topics that have to be answered.

Abstract

Evidence-based homeopathy and its place in veterinary practice.

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Steele, M.

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Do or don't believe the hype - a practitioner's guide to EBVM.

Source

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Evidence-based practice in veterinary nursing.


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Evidence-based practice will allow the nurse to make informed decisions and provide a better standard of care. This article provides an introduction to evidence-based practice. It discusses how to source and appraise evidence and implement and evaluate the changes.

Epidemiological research and evidence based medicine: how do they fit and for whom.


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Netherlands

Evidence based medicine involves using the best current information to inform patient care. In veterinary medicine, evidence based veterinary medicine (EBVM) has been discussed for about 15 years. Epidemiology and EBVM are closely linked and epidemiologists can provide crucial support for the practice of EBVM. The secondary literature which summarizes important research into more accessible and applied work could benefit from additional involvement by epidemiologists. Epidemiologists have a broad range of stakeholders for their work and should consider who the specific audience is and what the important
endpoints are for that audience. More work on reporting guidelines for observational studies and on issues relating to external validity are needed to facilitate EBVM. Epidemiologists should consider teaching veterinary, graduate and post-graduate students how to perform EBVM. Getting credit for efforts which support EBVM can be difficult but creative presentation of work, publications and grants relating to EBVM should help. Quite a few veterinary journals are actively soliciting manuscripts relating to EBVM.

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Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine - a contradiction in terms?
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Germany
**Abstract**
Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) like acupuncture, herbal medicine and homeopathy, is increasingly used in the treatment of human and animal disease. On the other hand, CAM is discussed controversially, especially in the context of Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine (EBVM). This paper provides a balanced analysis of the currently available data on CAM in human and veterinary medicine. In conclusion, little rigorous research data concerning the efficacy and safety of CAM has been published. However, acupuncture is gaining increasing acceptance in academic medicine, based on several metaanalyses that show efficacy for specific conditions. In practice, decisions concerning CAM therapies should also be based on the best available evidence provided by scientifically valid data. This implies that CAM interventions must be validated by stringent high quality research to obtain an objective and replicable overview of efficacy and safety. Nevertheless, trials should be designed according to important aspects of CAM therapies (e. g. individual treatment). In conclusion, Evidence-Based Alternative Veterinary Medicine is not a contradiction in terms.
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An introduction to evidence-based veterinary medicine.
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Evidence-based medicine in small exotic mammals is often considered challenging because of a lack of information related to reference data, validated diagnostic tests, treatment outcome, side effects, long-term prognosis, and financial constraints of the owner. However, despite this lack of information, it is still possible to provide good medical care to small exotic mammals and confirm a disease diagnosis that can be properly treated. With many small exotic mammal cases, the condition of the animal and, ultimately, the disease diagnosis, may not be familiar to the attending veterinarian, and in some cases the disease itself may not have ever been described in that species in the scientific literature. This article describes the process of diagnosing hyperthyroidism in a guinea pig using a recommended patient assessment, diagnostic, and treatment protocol.

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Gibbons, P. M.; Mayer, J.
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Evidence in exotic animal practice: a "how-to guide". (Special Issue: Topics in Medicine and Surgery: Evidence and Problem Solving.)
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Elsevier
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New York
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USA
Abstract
Evidence-based veterinary medicine is a process used to guide clinical decision making, thereby allowing veterinarians to find, appraise, and integrate current best evidence with individual clinical expertise, client wishes, and patient needs. Although the concept of using research evidence to guide clinical decisions is not new, a structured approach to integrating these aspects of veterinary practice opens the door to allow the overwhelming amount of available published evidence to flow into the veterinary examination room. The goal of this article is to demystify evidence-based veterinary medicine and explain how the techniques are used in exotic animal practice.
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Journal article.

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Fajt, V. R.; Brown, D.; Scott, M. M.
Title
Practicing the skills of evidence-based veterinary medicine through case-based pharmacology rounds.
Source
Journal of Veterinary Medical Education; 2009. 36(2):186-195. 14 ref.
Accessing new knowledge and using it to make decisions is the foundation of evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM), the integration of best research evidence with clinical expertise and owner/manager values. Reflecting on our experience with an EBVM-based clinical pharmacology assignment during a clinical rotation, we present the justification for the addition of an EBVM assignment to the clinical (fourth) year at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. We also present an in-depth analysis of the addition, recommendations for the assessment of this exercise as a method of improving evidence-based veterinary practice, and recommendations and implications for other instructors interested in adding EBVM-related learning to their professional curricula. We recommend adding EBVM skill practice in pre-clinical training, abbreviated exercises in EBVM skills on clinical rotations, and increased attention to critical-thinking skills in veterinary education.
Evidence-based veterinary medicine (EVBM) is based on using the best available evidence, as well as the practitioner's expertise, to make the best decisions for patients and clients. The process involves forming a question, seeking and assessing information, and using that information, in combination with clinical expertise, to formulate a course of action. This article briefly reviews the principles regarding this process, and provides entries into the literature, including key references, to provide an introduction to this topic.

Author
Thoresen, A. N.
Title
Who will undertake evidence-based research in complementary medicine? [Swedish]
Source
Svensk Veterinartidning; 2008. 60(16):43-45. 5 ref.
Publisher
Sveriges Veterinarforbund
Location of Publisher
Stockholm
Country of Publication
Sweden
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Journal article.
Topeka
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USA
Abstract
The article discusses the concepts of evidence-based medicine and its application to veterinary clinical nutrition in managing companion animal diseases through dietary management and therapy.
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Book chapter
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Ramey, D. W.
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USA
Abstract
This issue contains 18 articles on the use of evidence-based medicine in order to address the diagnostic and therapeutic management of infectious and non-infectious horse diseases.
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Journal issue.

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Author
Rendle, D.
Title
Journal clubs in practice: time well spent?
Source
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British Veterinary Association
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UK
Abstract
In veterinary practice today it is more important than ever to maintain an awareness of the current literature and to have an appreciation of the concept of evidence-based medicine. The value of regular journal clubs is well recognised in postgraduate medical education, yet, says David Rendle, in veterinary practice few gather to discuss the latest developments in their fields. Unless well organised and executed, journal clubs may be infrequently attended and generally resented by the majority of participants. Here, he discusses ways of ensuring that these forums justify incorporation into the busy working day.

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Hardin, L. E.; Robertson, S.
Title
Learning evidence-based veterinary medicine through development of a critically appraised topic.
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Journal of Veterinary Medical Education; 2006. 33(3):474-478. 16 ref.
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University of Toronto Press Inc.
Location of Publisher
Toronto
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Canada
Abstract
Evidence-based veterinary medicine is a relatively new field of study. Increased knowledge of medicine coupled with the increased ability of computers and other electronic devices present overwhelming information. The critically appraised topic (CAT) is one method to gather and evaluate information related to a clinical question. CATs in informatics are short summaries of evidence, usually found through literature searches, in response to a specifically stated, clinically oriented problem or question. This article describes a study in which each first-year veterinary student developed a CAT as a class project. The results of this project indicate that students were able to successfully develop CATs and that this exercise helped them understand evidence-based veterinary medicine concepts. Though some modification in this project will be made in the future, overall it was a worthwhile effort and will remain as an activity in the course.
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Kastelic, J. P.
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Critical evaluation of scientific articles and other sources of information: an introduction to evidence-based veterinary medicine.
Source
Theriogenology; 2006. 66(3):534-542. 16 ref.
Publisher
Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to briefly review key concepts regarding critical reading of the scientific literature to make informed decisions, in the context of evidence-based veterinary medicine. Key concepts are reviewed, based on the broader experience in human medicine, with adaptations, as indicated, to veterinary medicine. That a paper has been published in a peer-reviewed journal does not guarantee its credibility; guidelines are given regarding the general merit of different kinds of articles, as well as checklists and criteria that can be used to assess a paper. Specific study designs, their merits and limitations, are briefly discussed. Standard numerical indices for assessment of studies involving treatments and for assessments of diagnostic tests are summarized. Criteria for assessing drug trials are presented. The principles of statistical analysis are described, including practical considerations and common errors. Finally, numerous sources of bias are reviewed.

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Ramey, D. W.

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Leeflang, M.

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Evidence-based medicine in the veterinary practice. [Dutch]

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Tijdschrift voor Diergeneeskunde; 2005. 130(2):48-49. 20 ref.
Abstract

This book is aimed at all veterinary surgeons (and veterinary students) wanting to know more about evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM), particularly those in practice. It aims to help veterinarians practice EBVM and therefore improve the quality of care for their animal patients. EBVM is defined as "the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients" which means integrating clinical expertise with the best available clinical evidence from systematic research. The first chapter describes EBVM and compares it with traditional methods. It also provides several reasons for why veterinarians should practise EBVM and gives EBVM case studies. The second chapter covers the first step in EBVM, of translating clinical problems into questions that can be answered using information sources. The next chapter examines sources of information and includes a description of the 'hierarchy of evidence'. This hierarchy has stronger evidence at the top (systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials) and weaker evidence at the bottom (case reports, comparative studies, correspondence). Sources including databases, journals, and books are evaluated. The next chapter describes methods of searching for information including searching of bibliographic databases. The fifth chapter covers the classification of research studies and where they stand in the hierarchy of evidence, and the sixth covers appraising evidence. The next 3 chapters cover diagnosis, Clinical Diagnostic Support Systems, and decision analysis, models, and economics as evidence. The final chapter covers EBVM in education and future needs. The need for a central database of CATs (critically appraised topics) in veterinary medicine, similar to the Cochrane Collaboration in human medicine, is recommended.

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Book.
20043046234
Author
Holmes, M.; Cockcroft, P.
Title
Evidence-based veterinary medicine. 3. Appraising the evidence.
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In Practice; 2004. 26(3):154-164. 6 ref.
Publisher
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London
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Potter, D.
Title
Evidence-based practice within the veterinary profession...
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Veterinary Times; 2004. 34(5):20. 6 ref.
Publisher
Veterinary Business Development Ltd
Location of Publisher
Peterborough
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UK
Publication Type
Journal article.

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20043017316
Author
Holmes, M.; Cockcroft, P.
Title
Evidence-based veterinary medicine 1. Why is it important and what skills are needed?
Source
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London
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Abstract
This is the first part of a series of three articles on evidence-based veterinary medicine (EBVM) - a discipline which increasingly is being recognised as having a fundamental role to play in day-to-day veterinary practice, as well as being vital to the future development of the profession. The article defines what EBVM is, explains its importance and describes the range of skills required to practise EBVM. Parts 2 and 3, which will be published in the February and March issues, respectively, will look in greater detail at first identifying information needs and searching for evidence, and then appraising the evidence.

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Doig, G. S.
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Evidence-based veterinary medicine: what it is, what it isn't and how to do it.
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Publication Type
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Author
Marr, C. M.; Jeffcott, L. B.; Mair, T. S.; Muir, W. W.
Title
Evidence-based medicine: clinical evidence and the evolution of equine evidence-based medicine. (Special Issue: evidence-based medicine)
Source
Publisher
Equine Veterinary Journal Ltd
Location of Publisher
Newmarket
Country of Publication
UK
Abstract
This Equine Veterinary Journals is a special issue on the use of evidence-based medicine in veterinary medicine. It contains 18 articles, Which includes topics on epidemiology, radiology, surgery, drug therapy and arthroscopy. It presents evidence of clinical procedures, based on careful annotation of data, in areas that concern those performing their responsibilities to owners and the welfare of horses.
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Author
  Robinson, N. G.
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  Acupuncture needs evidence-based evaluation.
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