

# The Zuku Review™ of Books



"To study medicine without books is to sail an uncharted sea,  
while to study medicine only from books is not to go to sea at all."  
-Sir William Osler

## Seven you want to have:

1. Well organized and
2. Highly useful in practice (A little creativity/humor doesn't hurt, either)

**Guide to Bovine Clinics 4th ed.**—Chris and Susan Pasquini

**Guide to Equine Clinics 3rd ed.**—Chris and Susan Pasquini, Phil Woods

**Tschauner's Guide to Small Animal Clinics 2nd ed.**—Chris and Susan Pasquini

Generous, well-organized and creatively illustrated with cartoons of animals and conditions that stick in your memory. Soft bound and small enough to carry on the road, easy to use.

Whether you are going into small animal or large, these are books to own, period. I use them all the time

For folks getting ready for the **BCSE or NVBME** qualifying exams, check out:

**Anatomy of Domestic Animals 10th ed.** Pasquini, Spurgeon and Pasquini

Sets the standard. In addition to all the anatomy drawings you would expect, they incorporate illustrations of clinical problems associated with the piece of anatomy being discussed on that page.

Look for these excellent guides online at: [SUDZ Publishing](http://www.SUDZPublishing.com)

**5 Minute Veterinary Consult, Canine and Feline 3rd edition Larry P. Tilley and Francis W.K. Smith eds.**

Just the facts you need to know to recognize and treat over 800 small animal conditions, from Abscessation to Zinc toxicity.

The 5-minute guide's strength is its no-brainer alphabetic organization, (much like Plumb's, another winner) and nuts and bolts short summaries of presentment, DDx, Testing, Rx, and Follow-up

Don't leave vet school without it. If you are on a budget, I prefer the 5-minute Vet Consult (over Pasquini's Small Animal Clinics book (but they are both superb)

**Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook, 5th edition, Donald C. Plumb**

Comprehensive, compact, completely useful, every day. Organized alphabetically and easy to find what you need, FAST. The small soft bound version is portable (albeit still kinda thick...) Available in CD-ROM electronic version for you gadget lovers, and included online with [VIN membership](#).

A practice tool that no vet should be without.

**Merck Veterinary Manual 9th edition**

If you could only have one reference book for everything veterinary under the sun, from fish to frogs to cows to cats, Merck covers it.

Yes, the Merck is dense. Yes the text font is microscopic, and yes, and we all wish for pictures....but..... it's the only book that has it all.

Even better, the entire [Merck Veterinary Manual 9th edition](#) is available online for FREE.

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**Not the first books I would buy** but contain **good questions** (more difficult than NAVLE, so don't let them discourage you).

**Small Animal Internal Medicine, Darcy Shaw and Sherri Ihle National Veterinary Med Series (NVMS)**

**Large Animal Internal Medicine, Timothy H. Ogilvie (NVMS)**

**Toxicology, Gary D. Osweiler (NVMS)**

Dense, outline format, but the chapters well-organized by signs like "vomiting" or "diarrhea". Best, they have good, clinically-oriented **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**.

The Zuku Review has gotten feedback from students that these questions were helpful to them.

## Books to avoid:

### 1. Mosby's Review Questions and Answers for Veterinary Boards:

-Not very useful. These books were developed for the Natl. Board Exams, which were superseded by NAVLE

-8100 questions, but quality of questions is variable. Most are just trivia.

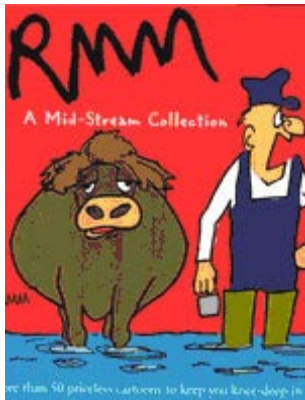
-Who has time for 8100 questions?? Feedback from students who took NAVLE indicated that they were not very useful.

### 2. Vet Correspondence Review Course (VCRC)

All respect to the author, but honestly, they are dated, dense and not topical or clinical enough.

Invest your money on the 5-Min Vet Consult or anything the Pasquini's write.

## And for fun:



### A Mid-stream Collection

If you haven't seen the hilarious cartoons of Robert M Miller, DVM, then your veterinary education has a serious fistula in it.  
[www.robertmiller.com](http://www.robertmiller.com).

## Quotes:

When I get a little money, I buy books;  
and if any is left, I buy food and clothes.  
~ Desiderius Erasmus 1466-1536

If you believe everything you read, better not read.  
~ Japanese proverb ~

Books that you carry to the fire, and hold readily

in your hand, are most useful after all.  
~ Samuel Johnson ~

Give me books, fruit, French wine and fine weather and a little music out of doors,  
played by someone I do not know.  
~ John Keats ~

“Outside a dog, a book is man's best  
friend.

Inside a dog, it's too dark to read.”

-Groucho Marx



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