

BOOK REVIEW

Hedlund, C. and Taboada, J.: Clinical Atlas of Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases in Small Animals (Farbatlas der Hals-Nasen-Ohren-Erkrankungen bei Kleintieren). Schlütersche Verlag und Druckerei. Hannover, 2002. 208 pages, 353 colour pictures, radiographs and 64 drawings in hard leather cover.

This book is the German translation of the 'Clinical Atlas of Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases in Small Animals', translated by Dr. Clemens Schickling and Dr. Ingrid Elter.

The contributors are well-known American and European specialists of the field. The authors, Prof. Dr. Cheryl Hedlund, Prof. Dr. Joe Taboada and Dr. Sandra Merchant, are teachers of the National State University of Louisiana (Baton Rouge, USA). The other two authors are European professors: Prof. Dr. Rochard White (Cambridge) and Prof. Dr. Carlo Mortellaro (Milan).

The atlas includes the following six chapters (with the name of the contributors):

1. The ear (Merchant and Hedlund);
2. The nasal and paranasal cavities (Mortellaro);
3. The larynx (White);
4. The trachea (Hedlund and Taboada);
5. The oral cavity (White);
6. The throat (Taboada and Hedlund).

The titles of the chapters are divided according to the fields of human 'ear-nose-larynx' specialisation.

The chapters start with the anatomical and physiological description of the anatomical regions. The presentation of the diseases differs from the traditional discussion, as they are connected with case studies, which are intended to explain the aetiology, clinical symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. The discussion is complex, as the authors present the outcome, the differential diagnosis as well as the surgical therapy.

The main feature of the book is the excellent and exuberant illustration that is indicative of the title 'atlas'. The expressive pictures, selected from a large collection, explain more about the symptoms than the most accurate descriptions.

This book can be offered as a handbook for all small animal practitioners, as this special field is described from the clinician's point of view.

This is a nicely presented, well-edited book, which statement applies to all veterinary publications of the Schlütersche Publisher.

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