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Sommario/riassunto

"The new edition of Small Animal Toxicology Essentials updates veterinary technicians with the newest toxicologic information necessary to evaluate the urgency of calls related to exposure of pets to potential poisons, to provide initial triage of cases, to provide guidelines for collection of samples for diagnostic purposes and for instituting appropriate nursing care. The new edition not only updates the most common toxins, but also expands on client communication methods (in person, on phone, email, social media, etc.) to provide valuable information that will allow veterinary technicians to discuss preventative measures that pet owners can take to minimize poisoning risks to pets. Awareness campaigns of potential seasonal toxins is invaluable. Overall, this textbook focuses on essential information required by veterinary technicians in order to be able to assist clients and veterinarians treating cases presented to the hospital. The team nature of veterinary medicine will be emphasized through discussion of clinical signs, differential diagnoses, obtaining a minimum database, laboratory sample collection and confirmatory testing, and case management recommendations. This provides the basis for a veterinary technician to anticipate what the veterinarian needs for proper patient evaluation, monitoring and treatment. While nursing care for each toxicant is highlighted, there is little emphasis on mechanisms of toxic action. Small Animal Toxicology Essentials is a valuable resource for veterinary technicians working in both small animal and emergency and critical care practices. Although there are several clinical toxicology texts available that are geared toward veterinary students and veterinarians, there are no texts that target veterinary technicians. One unique aspect of the textbook is the inclusion of example cases and self-assessment questions at the end of each chapter"--
