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Synopsis

The editors and authors of this book have tried to present the available knowledge of the epizootic processes of the most important epizootics, and communicable diseases which have considerable consequences for the economy and human health, and to explain the necessary and potential specific measures of their prevention and control. The book will prove a useful aid to veterinarians in the maintenance of animal health, and the protection of humans against zoonoses.

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Customer Reviews

(Review written in 1990) Thomas Blaha's Applied Veterinary Epidemiology is one of the most useful books in my work collection. A copy of this book would be useful to any veterinarian involved or interested in the control of the important epizootic diseases, in the regulation of international trade in livestock and their products, or in the protection of humans against zoonoses. Applied Veterinary Epidemiology also has much which will be of use to the rural veterinarian wishing to refresh his or her memory or to the veterinary undergraduate requiring a source of concise epidemiological information about the major epizootic diseases. Thomas Blaha's book aims to provide a concise summary of the present world epizootic situation which has changed significantly over the last twenty years. While some of the "classical epizootics" have been brought under control or even eradicated from many countries, other diseases which were of little importance a few years ago have emerged today as significant threats to livestock production and trade. In his introduction, the

editor of Applied Veterinary Epidemiology points out that the textbooks presently available on infectious and parasitic diseases usually focus on the disease itself, rather on the laws inherent in epizootics of the disease. However, the successful control of epizootic diseases, and the prevention of their introduction into susceptible national herds and flocks, depends on the understanding of the laws governing their temporal and spatial dynamics. Applied Veterinary Epidemiology attempts, very successfully in my opinion, to present the available knowledge of those processes which govern the manifestation of the major diseases which have serious economic effects or consequences for human health. From this base the book is able to explain the necessary and potential specific measures to prevent or control the important epizootic diseases. Diseases covered in this book include the OIE List A and B diseases as well as a number of conditions not reported to OIE but considered to be of major importance in some circumstances. The diseases are arranged in the order in which they appear in the OIE Lists. Thus, the first diseases covered are the vesicular diseases of OIE List A (foot and mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis and swine vesicular disease). After covering the rest of the List A diseases, the book summarises the essential epidemiological information of the List B diseases of cattle, sheep and goats, horses, swine, poultry, fish and bees. Each disease monograph provides a concise description of the characteristics of the disease, a summary of its occurrence in the world, the diagnostic tests available, the causative agent, reservoirs of the disease, its mode of transmission, host population, and measures for control and prevention of the disease in territories free of the disease, during outbreaks of the disease and in territories enzootically infected with the disease. Key references are provided with each disease monograph. Applied Veterinary Epidemiology was published originally in the German Democratic Republic in 1988 under the title Angewandte Epizootiologie und Tierseuchenbekämpfung. In a few places the translation has resulted in English which is a little unusual. However, this is a very minor criticism and should not distract one from the essential usefulness of this publication. I have no hesitation in recommending this book to my colleagues.

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