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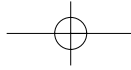
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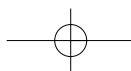
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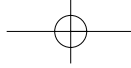


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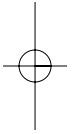
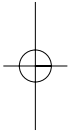
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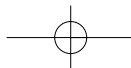


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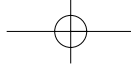


PREFACE

Since the first edition of this book entitled *Veterinary Pharmacy* was published six years ago there have been many developments in the distribution of veterinary medicinal products in the UK – not the least being the fact that the Medicines Act 1968 was disappplied to veterinary medicines in 2005 and all aspects related to their licensing and control re defined by the Veterinary Medicines Regulations that are revised on an annual basis. There have been changes to the distribution categories and the emergence of Suitably Qualified Persons (SQPs), who with pharmacists, are authorised to prescribe and supply a range of previously restricted products. There has been interest from veterinary nurses wishing to add the SQP qualification to their existing skills. In addition the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Veterinary Pharmacy Education Programme, for which the first edition of this book was designed as a teaching resource, is now offering a fully accredited suite of certificates, diplomas and a Masters degree, in conjunction with Harper Adams University College.

This second edition with a new title, to reflect the wide breadth of background information provided, and a new publisher, has been revised and enlarged. The rising importance of farm health planning is acknowledged by the addition of a chapter on the topic. There is also a new chapter on poultry. The book aims to provide the information required by support staff and veterinary nurses wishing to obtain a qualification that will allow them to register with AMTRA as SQPs, as well as by pharmacists and students interested in pursuing the fascinating opportunities offered by an involvement in veterinary pharmacy. It will also be of benefit to VT&CH candidates and veterinary staff in Ireland, with a new section on Irish legislation.

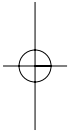
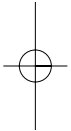
The book comprises four parts covering public health issues associated with keeping and eating animals, veterinary pharmacy, companion animals and equine health care and food-producing animals. This content will ensure that pharmacists and SQPs can offer clients well informed advice confidently and encourage them to approach the supply of medicines as solving clients' problems within the context of a contribution to overall veterinary health care – and in some cases human health care too – rather than as a one-off sale in isolation.



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