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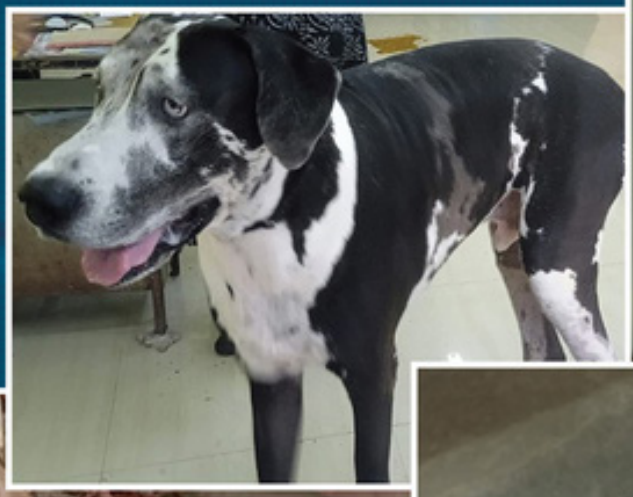

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Preface

Dogs and cats are the most wonderful companion animals on the planet. Dogs and cats are generally acquainted with parasites due to the ingestion of raw meat and inhabiting unhealthy environments. The primary objective of this book is to provide necessary information for veterinary students, veterinary practitioners, academicians, researchers, and veterinary technologists about the parasitic diseases of dogs and cats. In my opinion, this book will be helpful to readers that greatly enjoy the amazing field of parasites in canine and feline species. It is routine to provide endo- and ectoparasite management in dogs and cats. The treatment and control of parasitic diseases are the most useful preventive measures on the basis of various diagnostic evaluations like the observation of parasite eggs, antigenic tests, host seroconversion, and molecular detection of the parasites. Proper preventive strategies and control measures should be considered to protect against any risk of death. Molecular diagnostic evaluation detects parasites as well as the interpretation of reports in the veterinary diagnostic laboratory. Various parasitic diseases are evaluated in a systematic fashion according to the principal system affected. The book is well designed, organized, and presented for quick reference. It, therefore, is very helpful for public health veterinarians, students, and laboratory technicians to acquire knowledge about the parasitic diseases of dogs and cats. The book is intended for students to gradually realize the importance of parasites and parasitic diseases that affect canine and feline welfare. The book is also beneficial for the veterinary parasitologists who are directly involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and control of parasitic diseases of dogs and cats. Parasitic diseases of dogs and cats are elaborately described on the basis of identifying particular parasites with significant epidemiological importance. Drugs for parasitic diseases are marked by their chemical form, rather than proprietary. The book is sequentially arranged to magnify the importance of veterinary parasitology, epidemiology, immunity, anthelmintics, ectoparasiticides, and laboratory diagnosis. I am indebted to the authors of various sources and books on veterinary parasitology whose work we have consistently consulted. It is the responsibility of all veterinary practitioners to be knowledgeable of the laws that govern drugs in their field of practice. Neither the publisher nor the authors undertake any responsibility for any damage and/or injury to persons or property following the application of the information and material(s) contained in this book. The application of any trade names or commercial products used in this book is purely for the purpose of information and does not indicate any finalization and/or recommendation by the publisher or authors. Finally, I hope that the book will be a valuable asset for students and practitioners as well as a very useful resource for academicians.

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