



Useful

RESOURCES

for

**CLINICAL
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Working in clinical practice in a foreign country can be challenging - so many things you don't know, and worse, you don't know where to go to figure them out.

So this short ebook aims to give you some resources that are useful for commonly encountered situations in clinical practice.

Online resources

Figuring it out online is an easy and convenient way to reach for answers. But it can be really tricky to find

reliable information. So here are some useful websites that can provide you with some answers!

Clinical help

Merck Veterinary Manual, which has information for all species and pretty much all subjects! Note that some of the information is more directed towards problems found in the USA: <https://www.msdsvetmanual.com/>

NOAH Compendium, in which you can search for the datasheets of the majority of the licensed medication available to use in the UK. The link will direct you to the datasheet search:

<http://www.noahcompendium.co.uk/datasheets>

International Cat Care has a [section with advice](#) which can be particularly useful to give to owners as reliable information. They also have a [series of guidelines](#) for common feline-related procedures and diseases, such as feline-friendly handling and managing diseases such as chronic kidney disease and hyperthyroidism.

Open access and free access resources from the [RCVS Knowledge library](#).

BSAVA website has some free resources that can be very useful, such as the Medicines Guide and antibiotic guidelines:

<https://www.bsava.com/Resources/Veterinary-resources>

www.vin.com is a widely used network especially used in the USA, but to which you might have access as it's free for students.

WikiVet has a huge variety of resources and articles organised in different ways to facilitate search:

https://en.wikivet.net/Veterinary_Education_Online

You can also find a lot of information from the **eClinPath website from Cornell University**, which covers areas such as haematology, urinalysis, cytology, and many more: <http://www.eclinpath.com/>

General Resources

To help you with the technical terms, you can find a free online **Medical English course**, just pay attention to the spelling (they use the USA spelling):

<https://www.dmu.edu/medterms/>

For **3D anatomy**, you have a very complete program (that is paid) at IvalaLearn, which is free if you have a VIN membership: <https://www.ivalalearn.com/>

But you can also find some other Anatomy resources, such as a coloured atlas of [Bird Anatomy](#). Check out some other apps too on the Apps section.

Newsletters

Oftentimes receiving useful snippets of information straight on your email may be your preferred way of receiving the news. There are a few useful newsletters around that you might be interested in joining.

If you like imaging challenges, subscribe to the **newsletter on Veterinary Radiology**. You will get x-ray, ultrasound and even CT and MRI challenges on your inbox: <http://www.veterinaryradiology.net/>

There is also a newsletter by Jurox, the lab that manufactures Alfaxan (alfaxalone). This is an **anaesthesia** newsletter so quite useful for those interested in the matter:

<https://mailchi.mp/jurox.co.uk/anaesthesia1st>

Finally, if you want to keep up to date with the changes and news in the different veterinary clinical fields, vetsurgeon.org now hosts a monthly newsletter called **Need to Know**. You can only subscribe to the newsletter if you register with vetsurgeon.org, but the registration is completely free:

<https://www.vetsurgeon.org/>

Podcasts

Some people prefer to listen rather than to read. That's where podcasts come in, especially for those that do a lot of driving between calls.

RCV Clinical Podcasts cover a wide range of clinical topics both in Small Animal and Large Animal! :)

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/small-animal-referrals/news-events/clinical-podcasts>

If you like ECC (Emergency and Critical Care), you probably don't want to miss the **Veterinary ECC Small Talk** podcast: <https://www.veteccsmalltalk.com/episode/>

Dr. Dave Nicol's **Blunt Dissection** podcast interviews different members of the profession:

<https://www.drhavenicol.com/blunt-dissection-podcast>

VetGirl's podcast is one of the best known as it's a CPD/CE (as they have it in the USA) podcast, but it's subscription-based: <https://vetgirlontherun.com/>

She has a free-access podcast episode called "**Life Hacks for new veterinary graduates**":

<https://vetgirlontherun.com/life-hacks-for-new-veterinary-graduates-vetgirl-veterinary-continuing-education-blog/>

Apps

Let's face it, our phones are our best friends, even in the consult room! Unless you are in one of those practices and places where you don't have any reception!

Even that way, there are some useful apps that can really help you during your journey in clinical practice!

[Kimba App](#) is brilliant for emergency and critical care, easy to use and does not rely on internet connection - perfect for those working OOH and seeing emergencies!

[Vet Calc +](#) is also a big help, especially when you're trying to calculate how to run this CRI at 4am.

While you have the [BSAVA Formulary for Small Animals](#), there's not quite anything similar for farm and equine.

But the **Norbrook VET** app allows you to check out quite a few drugs you are not able to track from the NOAH Compendium (which we covered on the “Websites” section). You can find the Android version [here](#) and the iOS version [here](#).

[Plumb's](#) is one of the most well-known and used veterinary pharmaceutical book, but they also have an app! The inconvenient is that it does require a yearly subscription of about 58\$ (USD).

For those into farm animals, the [BCVA App](#) can also be a very useful resource for you.

If you like clinical pathology and do a lot of inhouse cytology and blood smears, the [Cell Atlas](#) app is a useful resource that allows you to see what different cells look like - just pay attention to the fact that it's tailored to humans.

Books

Ah, there's nothing like going through the pages of those huge 2000 page massive books... (maybe?)

When it comes to books, there are more than many! So we are going to divide this into different areas to help you carefully choose according to your interests.

HOT TIP: Whenever buying books, consider buying the ebook/Kindle version - they are usually cheaper and you can take them everywhere!

Pocket books

These are easy to use during your day-to-day practice.

One I highly recommend for anyone working with Small Animals is Dr. Gerardo Poli's **MiniVet Guide**. It literally fits in your pocket but it has EVERYTHING that is medical that you could think of in an incredibly easy way to use. The guide is usually not found on amazon (though you can try to find it), so you usually have to go straight to Dr. Gerardo's website to find it: <https://minivetguide.com/>

If, however, you have a BSAVA membership, you might want to look at their **BSAVA Pocket Book for Vets**,

which also contains some useful charts as well as some commonly used drugs, doses and side effects (doses are usually not on the MiniVet guide). It can be found on the [BSAVA website](#) and often on [amazon](#) too.

Although not a pocket book per se (as it's too big to fit in your pocket...), the **BSAVA Guide to Procedures in Small Animal Practice** can be life-saving! It's another one of those that you will likely find hanging around at the clinic - though possibly in a very used up state. Check it out on [BSAVA's website](#) and also on our [amazon store](#) to see which one is cheaper.

And again, not a pocket book but a must-have if you are working in small animal practice - the **BSAVA Formulary** with pretty much any drug you can think of that has been used in small animals, even off-license! You will usually find the app is quicker to use and most practices have the formulary anyway, but if you want to locum and take yours then check it out on [BSAVA's website](#) and our [amazon store](#).

HOT TIP: For most books that are on amazon, you can click on the "Look inside" link over the book picture to see the table of contents - then you can tell if the book has what you want or not! :)

Clinical help

When it comes to books for the clinical area, there are hundreds to choose from and many of them might be available at the practice.

Small Animal

Every practice will usually have at least one of the BSAVA series books - there's one for everything! So we leave you the list on the [BSAVA website](#), but you can also compare the amazon prices through [UK VetMove's page](#).

I particularly like the Manuals of Feline/Canine Practice books! However, there's a subject for just about everyone.

A very useful selection is the **BSAVA Manual of Rabbit Medicine** and the **BSAVA Manual of Rabbit Surgery, Dentistry and Imaging**, as we often have limited training

in the area but pet rabbits can be extremely common in some practices/areas of the country.

The [Blackwell's 5 Minute Consult series](#) is also widely used and available, although more used by our American friends than the UK vets. However, it can be a great way to search for specific problems.

But if you are looking for more condensed versions of what you will face, then have a look at the [100 Top Consultations in Small Animal General Practice](#).

And finally, it's all about the differentials... There is a book called [Clinical Reasoning in Small Animal Practice](#) that covers how to approach commonly encountered problems in the best way to achieve a positive outcome.

Farm and Production Animals

Lots of places to bury yourself into, again... So let's start with the [Blackwell's 5 Minute Consult for Ruminants](#), so you can search for all the common diseases (sadly no Kindle version at the moment!).

You can also use the [Cattle Medicine](#) which does have a Kindle version and organises everything by systems.

If you are into dairy, there are a few books to help you around. One of them is the [Rebhun's Diseases of Dairy Cattle](#), which does have a handy Kindle version.

Fancy sheep or plan on doing some work with them? You have a very affordable [Handbook for the Sheep Clinician](#) which can be stored right on your smartphone.

If you're looking for some surgical help, you have a complete book on [Farm Animal Surgery](#) which also includes sections on pigs and poultry.

Equine

There are some well-known books in this field, though some of them are tomes with 1000+ pages... Still, they are important in their own field.

You have a [Blackwell's 5 Minute Consult](#) focused just on horses that you can keep on your mobile for a quick check when you are stuck at a visit and don't know what to do.

And of course, the great lameness book, [Diagnosis and Management of Lameness in the Horse](#), which unfortunately also does not come with a Kindle version.

For the other non-lameness problems, you have another big big book, the [Equine Internal Medicine](#) book, which does come with a Kindle edition so you can stock it off on your smartphone or tablet :)

If you see equine emergencies, then there's another book, the [Equine Emergencies: Treatment and Procedures](#) which conveniently also has a Kindle version :)

Imaging

This gets a section of its own because *cough I like imaging cough* you need good pictures and good explanations!

The [Textbook of Veterinary Diagnostic Radiology](#) covers the basis and also details several species (canine, feline and equine), it has a Kindle version available is not that expensive.

For Small Animals, you can find a surprisingly affordable [Handbook of Small Animal Radiology and Ultrasound](#), but if you are more into ultrasound, there is also the [Atlas of Small Animal Ultrasonography](#).

For those of you fancying the advanced techniques, you have the [Atlas of Small Animal CT and MRI](#).

Horses have resources of their own, with a book on [Clinical Radiology of the Horse](#) (great because it's not just legs, though it kinda almost is....) and another for the ones that like probes, the [Atlas of Equine Ultrasound](#). Both available as hardcover or Kindle :)

Professional books

On this section I wanted to include some career and professional books that can help you on certain stages of your path and understanding of what is going on around you.

The first I would like to highlight is the [Handbook of Veterinary Communication Skills](#). This is particularly useful to understand communication with clients and different situations and applying what you learn from it can make a big difference in your job!

If you would like a core book with all you need to know about clinical practice, then the [Success in Veterinary Practice: Maximising Clinical Outcomes and Personal Well-being](#) is highly recommended.

For those new to the profession or even the UK market, there is also a recently released book called [The New Vets Handbook](#), written by a fellow UK vet, which has some sections quite useful to foreigners (such as commonly used abbreviations).

Other tips and tricks

Like highlighted in some areas of this short guide, there are a few things you can do to help you with your decisions. Here are a few personal tips and tricks:

- If you want to buy something and the currency is different from yours, use [Transferwise](#) if you can wait: create a borderless account and then order their debit card. It allows for the cheapest conversion rates I have seen (this is what I use).¹
- Avoid having too many things... the more you have, the thinner you get. Choose a few that work for you.
- Newsletters can easily end up in your SPAM folders. You can use a special email address for all your “vet” newsletters, such as your practice email address.

- Podcasts are great CPD for when you are travelling or just busy doing random things in the house, like laundry or cooking.
- Apps can quickly drain memory. If you install them and then don't use them, uninstall them again.
- Books... they can easily suck up your budget. Most clinics have a great library - check yours before investing.
- Big books are hard to transport. If you are ok with reading on screens, get the ebook or Kindle version (when you buy ebooks on amazon you can send them to any of your devices).
- Use amazon to see what's inside the books if you're not sure they have what you are looking for. Even if you don't buy the book from amazon, it probably exists there and the “Look inside” link on top of the book image lets you check out the table of contents and it often even lets you see part of the actual content, text and images, so you get an idea about the quality of the book before buying it.
- Veterinary Facebook groups can be great places to get a cheap second-hand book: I sold mine before travelling back to Portugal to a fellow vet on Facebook.

¹ The link I have provided allows you to send a transfer up to £500 without paying their transfer fee. When you need to add money to your account, use the link and you won't pay the fee :)

I hope this guide has helped you. If you have any comments or suggestions, feel free to email me at contact@ukvetmove.com

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