



Foreword

It gives me pleasure to write the foreword to this new version of Diagnostic Ultrasound in the Dog and Cat. Diagnostic ultrasound has advanced in leaps and bounds since the book was first published in 1990. There have been major technological advances in transducer design and image acquisition and processing, resulting in images of vastly improved resolution. Despite this, the cost of equipment has come down in relative terms, and is now a viable option for many small animal practices. Owners are increasingly well informed and are often aware of ultrasound as a safe and informative diagnostic procedure. Taking all these factors into account, more veterinary surgeons than ever before are aiming to develop or update their expertise in diagnostic ultrasound.

Several authors have been involved in the writing of this new book, reflecting perhaps the expansion of the subject and the specialist expertise which an individual is now able to develop in given areas. The authors are all very well known in the field of small animal diagnostic ultrasound, and will be bringing to the reader a wealth of practical experience as well as important theoretical knowledge; both aspects are vital in acquiring the best possible images and in reaching pertinent and accurate conclusions. This book will be valuable to those who are just beginning to develop their skills with diagnostic ultrasound, as well as to those who wish to update and extend their knowledge. I am delighted to be able to recommend it to you.

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