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Rat Health Care



Synopsis

Rat Health Care is a handy reference guide full of time-tested practical information for treating pet rats. The booklet discusses all the most common health problems of rats, the most common symptoms and the treatments that work, and tells how to prevent many common problems, including mammary tumors. It includes a handy symptom guide to help diagnose the most likely cause of most symptoms, 2 flow charts for first aid, and 3 flow charts with the suggested treatment protocols for sneezing, wheezing, labored breathing and lethargy. It includes dosages for the antibiotics and other medications most commonly used and recommended for rats. It is the most accurate, complete and practical source of information on companion rat health care available. Author Debbie Ducommun has been "The Rat Lady" since 1985, and has combined her experiences with those of her veterinarian and hundreds of other rat owners. Rat Health Care is updated about every other year. Topics covered include: General care: First Aid, Spaying & Neutering, Health Food, Preventative Grooming, Home Health Exam, Choosing a Veterinarian, The Benefits of Spaying & Neutering, Raising Orphaned Rats. Nursing care: Nutrition, Hygiene, Giving Medications, Treating Pain & Inflammation, Handling & Restraint, Blood Collection, Incision Protection. Clinical care: Surgery, Respiratory Disease, Congestive Heart Failure, Tumors, Skin Problems & Hair Loss, Abscesses, Bumblefoot, Parasites, Overgrown Incisors, Eye Problems, Ear Infections, Paraplegia, Aging & Old Age Diseases, Euthanasia.

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This booklet is a must for pet rat owners. The information on diseases, medications, nursing care and first aid is crucial. There is a steep learning curve for new rat owners, and this book has been a godsend to me. Many vets don't know much about rats, and they are glad to have the suggested dosages. Some people get a spare copy to leave with their vet. I was pleased to see a downloadable version available. I have a hard copy at home as well as electronic copies on my phone and tablet. The only thing wrong with the booklet is a misleading page about home euthanasia.

I strongly disagree with it. This really should be removed from the book; I have it on good authority that there is no reliable method of home euthanasia! If you disregard that section, you will find a wealth of practical information to guide you in the care of your pet rats.

A must have book for anyone who owns a Pet Rat. My only issue with this book here on is it is only offered in the Kindle format. Still if you own a pet rat or are a vet who works on rats (and you have a Kindle, a tablet, a computer, a smartphone or anything that will run the Kindle Reader App) you will find a lot of useful information on Rat Health Care that is quite useful. Actually for the price you can not go wrong. Me I hate the Kindle format and prefer real books, still I did purchase this and it sits on my tablet only to find how useful the information is, that when I found the book I actually purchased it at twice the price of the Kindle version.

This book is really a must have for any rat owner! Even if you have had rats for years, I can almost guarantee there is something that you can learn in this book. Everything from how to care for a rat that has sneezing and eye discharge to end of life care...it is all in here. There is a somewhat comprehensive look into common medications used in rats, as well as when it is best to use which. This information can prove to be invaluable, as not everyone is aware of what medications to use and when (veterinary staff included). This would be a great source to bring into a veterinarian that may be in the dark when it comes to treating rats. Whether you have healthy little baby rats or elderly ratties that are in need of some special care, this book is definitely one to have one hand.

There isn't a better reference guide in all the world for those who care for pet ratties - the information

in here is probably 10x what your veterinarian has been taught. If you can find a vet - they're considered "exotic pets" so a lot of treatment needs to be done at home. We have had several ratties over the years (Marble, Mocha and Latte are our newest) and most of them have led long, happy lives thanks to the wonderful information in this book. Most of the info in this book is actually posted online - by Debbie and by people "quoting" her work - but this all-inclusive book is a life-saver. literally. I would have paid twice as much for it. Thank you, Rat Lady!

I've had several versions of the Rat Health Care booklet over the years. The information contained is invaluable to pet owners, as well as vets- her information is backed by medical professionals and research. It is up-to-date with the most effective and beneficial treatments for our little pets. This book has information on sick pet care, orphaned baby care, injuries, lists of safe medications and dosages (as well as side effects), and even discusses home euthanasia. It is WORTH IT and more.

If you own rats and you want to become a responsible pet caretaker, this is the rat owners Bible. Read it cover to back, then read it again and then read it again, until you can recite from it. Its a five dollar investment that can save you thousands in vet bills.

the best and the most informative. plus, an author who you can call up and ask questions too. highly recommended.

informative, useful book to have on your shelf if you own furry babies or are thinking about buying a couple (best bought in same sex pairs)a go to guide for your rats health care. you are never over knowledgeable, there is always one more thing you can learn., every little bit of information you glean never goes to waste, and makes you a better guardian for your animals

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