

ACVIM SAIM Candidate Study Guidelines

Suggested Study Materials

The list of suggested reference materials is meant to guide Candidates in preparing for the Examination and represent a body of knowledge that a Candidate would know. While the most up to date publications may not be present on this list, as a best practice residents should have exposure to current literature as an ongoing part of their residency training programs. Specific recommendations for exam preparation cannot be made beyond the clinical training gained from participation in a residency program.

Textbooks

When more than one edition is available, reference the most current published edition / version of the textbook, available immediately following the most recent relevant ACVIM examination administration date.

Core textbooks are those in which the entire textbook contributes to a comprehensive knowledge base of the relevant Specialty or the General Examination.

1. Ettinger and Feldman: Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine, 9th edition
2. Feldman and Nelson: Canine and Feline Endocrinology
3. DiBartola: Fluid, Electrolyte, and Acid-Base Disorders in Small Animal Practice
4. Nelson and Couto: Small Animal Internal Medicine
5. Greene or Sykes: Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat
6. Withrow and MacEwan's Small Animal Clinical Oncology, 5th or 6th edition
7. Guyton or Ganong: Physiology
8. Kirk's Current Veterinary Therapy 15th edition

Supplemental textbooks are those that include select chapters, sections, or portions that contribute to an expanded understanding of the relevant Specialty or the General Examination.

1. Washabau and Day or Steiner: Canine and Feline Gastroenterology
2. West's Respiratory Physiology
3. Tizard: Immunology
4. Bartges and Polzin: Nephrology and Urology of Small Animals
5. Schalm's Veterinary Hematology
6. Plumbs: <https://app.plumbs.com/>
7. Willard, Michael D, and Harold Tvedten. Small Animal Clinical Diagnosis by Laboratory Methods. 5th ed. St. Louis, Mo.: Elsevier, 2012. Chapter 2.

Journals

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Core journals are veterinary journals containing articles contributing to a comprehensive knowledge base relating to the relevant Specialty.

1. Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine (JVIM)
2. Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery (JFMS)
3. Frontiers in Veterinary Science
4. Journal of Small Animal Practice (JSAP)
5. Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association (JAAHA)

Supplemental journals may include both veterinary and/or non-veterinary journals that contain articles contributing to a more detailed understanding of, and/or different perspective on, important pathophysiologic, pharmacologic, diagnostic, management and/or therapeutic topics of significance to the relevant Specialty, which is not available elsewhere, and/or is complementary to information covered by the “core” journals and textbooks.

1. American Journal of Veterinary Research (AJVR)
2. Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (JVECC)
3. Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA)
4. Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Internal Medicine Volumes (VCNA)
5. BMC Veterinary Research
6. Veterinary Record
7. PLOS One
8. Veterinary Journal

ACVIM Consensus Statements

All published ACVIM Consensus Statements.

Note: ACVIM Forum Proceedings are no longer considered appropriate allowable literature resources for the ACVIM General or Specialty Examinations.

Seminal Articles

Seminal articles drawn from outside the aforementioned publications and journal date limits.

1. Euler CC, Lee JH, Kim HY, Raj K, Mizukami K, Giger U. Survey of Two New (Kai 1 and Kai 2) and Other Blood Groups in Dogs of North America. *J Vet Intern Med*. 2016 Sep;30(5):1642-1647. doi: 10.1111/jvim.14572. Epub 2016 Sep 14. PMID: 27627791; PMCID: PMC5032879.
2. Garraway, et al. "Relationship of the mucosal microbiota to gastrointestinal inflammation and small cell intestinal lymphoma in cats" *J Vet Internal Med*. 2018 Sep;32(5):1692-1702. doi: 10.1111/jvim.15291. Epub 2018 Aug 7. PMID: 30084202 PMCID: PMC6189339
3. Gest J, Langston C, Eatroff A. Iron Status of Cats with Chronic Kidney Disease. *J Vet Intern Med*. 2015 Nov-Dec;29(6):1488-93. doi: 10.1111/jvim.13630. Epub 2015 Sep 29. PMID: 26417695; PMCID: PMC4895665.
4. Giaretta et al. "Comparison of intestinal expression of the apical sodium-dependent bile acid transporter between dogs with and without chronic inflammatory enteropathy" *J Vet Intern Med*. 2018 Nov;32(6):1918-1926. doi: 10.1111/jvim.15332. Epub 2018 Oct 12. PMID: 30315593 PMCID: PMC6271328
5. Hatch, Alex et al. "Incidence of Chyloabdomen Diagnosis in Dogs and Cats and Corresponding Clinical Signs, Clinicopathologic Test Results, and Outcomes: 53 Cases (1984-2014)." *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 253.7 (2018): 886–892. Web.
6. Heilmann RM, Steiner JM. Clinical utility of currently available biomarkers in inflammatory enteropathies of dogs. *J Vet Intern Med*. 2018 Sep;32(5):1495-1508. doi: 10.1111/jvim.15247. Epub 2018 Sep 17. PMID: 30222209; PMCID: PMC6189362. Page 1501
7. Keir I, Kellum JA. Acute kidney injury in severe sepsis: pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations. *J Vet Emerg Crit Care (San Antonio)*. 2015 Mar-Apr;25(2):200-9. doi: 10.1111/vec.12297. PMID: 25845505.
8. Lester, C., Cooper, J., Peters, R. M., & Webster, C. R. L. (2016). Retrospective evaluation of acute liver failure in dogs (1995-2012): 49 cases. *Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (San Antonio, Te : 2000)*, 26(4), 559–567. <https://doi.org/10.1111/vec.12482>

9. Summers et al. "The fecal microbiome and serum concentrations of indoxyl sulfate and p-cresol sulfate in cats with chronic kidney disease" J Vet Intern Med. 2019 Mar;33(2):662-669. doi: 10.1111/jvim.15389. Epub 2018 Dec 18. PMID: 30561098 PMCID: PMC6430892
10. Troia R, Gruarin M, Grisetti C, Serafini F, Magna L, Monari E, Giunti M, Dondi F. Fractional excretion of electrolytes in volume-responsive and intrinsic acute kidney injury in dogs: Diagnostic and prognostic implications. J Vet Intern Med. 2018 Jul;32(4):1372-1382. doi: 10.1111/jvim.15146. Epub 2018 May 17. PMID: 29770972; PMCID: PMC6060310.