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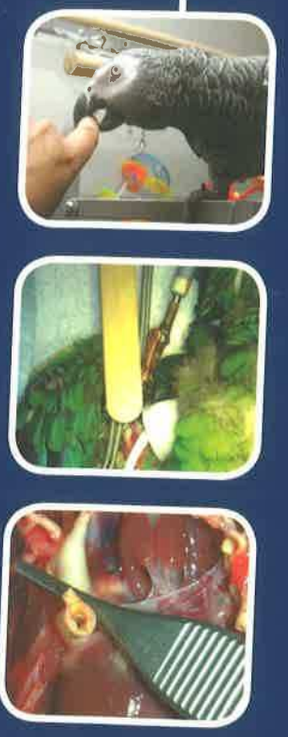

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Preface

The first edition of *Avian Medicine SACR* was published in 1998 and has proven to not only have been popular, but many current key workers in the field have reported that this was the text that inspired their careers in avian medicine.

Since the first edition, the whole movement of 'evidence-based medicine', advancing recognition of 'specialization in avian medicine' and improved training in exotic medicine at an undergraduate level in many veterinary schools has thankfully advanced the discipline further. Concurrently, owners now have a greater understanding of diagnostics and potential treatments, which in turn fuels a greater expectation in respect of outcomes. So the time has come to update and renew this fun and simulating text.

There are many quality reference texts on avian medicine and surgery that offer detailed in-depth information; however, accessing this information can be laborious and time consuming. This book, along with others in the self-assessment color review series, is designed to assess one's level of knowledge and offers comprehensive, clinically-oriented information that can be quickly accessed, easily understood, and applied. The book covers a wide range of disciplines, organ systems, and species, but is not as all-inclusive as a text would be. The questions are presented in the same way clinical cases would be presented on a daily basis, challenging the reader to real clinical situations and, in most cases, offering a comprehensive solution to the question.

In this edition we have attempted to cover all the currently important and salient clinical conditions. In comparison with the first edition, greater emphasis is paid to recent diseases, techniques and treatments (e.g. endoscopy, cardiology, therapeutics, virology, PCR testing, and new surgical techniques). Whilst many readers found the previous format with questions on one page and answers on the next easy to follow and use, this newer format has questions at the beginning and answers at the end. This new format has removed any 'answer length restraints', enabling us to provide more complete and thorough answers, which we believe will be appreciated by readers. In addition, many of the answers are now referenced, giving readers the opportunity to follow up with further investigation and reading on specific topics.

The book is designed to be fun to read while at the same time being instructive. This type of learning has proven to be most effective for neophyte avian practitioners as well as experienced clinicians by guiding the reader through the main decision-making processes.

In compiling this book we have enlisted contributions from leading international authorities with diverse fields of expertise. We are sure that there will be varying opinions on some of the material presented and that products discussed will not be available in all countries. References are included at the end of most of the answers.

We hope that the reader will find this book a useful learning tool and at the same time enjoy the learning process.

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