Preface

We readily accepted the task of editing this book when approached by the editorial staff at Elsevier. We were grateful for the opportunity to work with our colleagues from the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists and other experts from veterinary colleges and industry. We have asked our authors to compose useful reviews of the important parasites of dogs and cats. They have complied and produced reviews that emphasize the biology, diagnosis, and treatment of parasites found in small animals. New material in these areas is presented to keep the clinician current, while other basic material is provided as a current review. Parasites of emerging importance, such as *Tritrichomonas fetus*, *Trypanosoma cruzi*, and *Leishmania infantum*, are discussed with recent advances in our knowledge presented. Common and familiar parasites (fleas, heartworms, *Giardia* spp) of dogs and cats are discussed in detail with new ideas or options for treatment and control presented. We thank Elsevier for encouraging the use of color pictures in the reviews. These color photographs will enhance the use of the information presented in the text. We believe that this issue of *Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice* will be helpful to the practicing veterinarian and will serve as a source of information upon which to base practical prevention and treatment programs.

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