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Veterinary medicine is a dynamic profession that continually advances the body of scientific knowledge, diagnostics, therapeutics, and patient care in all species, even the one species for which we leave clinical care to those single animal specialists, the physicians. This issue of Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice continues the dissemination of knowledge in Common Toxicologic Issues in Small Animals. The articles herein provide updates on the toxicants to which dogs and cats are exposed, the latest understanding of pathophysiology of those toxicants, and current diagnostics and treatments. Since the previous issue in 2012, the sale of marijuana and products containing marijuana has been legalized in several states. Not surprisingly, exposure to, and intoxication by, marijuana has also increased in dogs. The addition of a new article on marijuana provides basic information to help identify, diagnose, and treat marijuana intoxication. Another new article offers background information concerning response to incidents involving exposure of small animals to nuclear radiation. Through updates such as this issue of Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice, we continue augmenting our pool of knowledge so that rather than becoming Masters of Mediocrity, we continue to learn and progress throughout our careers in this ever-rewarding profession.

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