Preface

Hot Topics in Small Animal Veterinary Medicine: 2010–2018

This issue of Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice contains the most read articles from 2010 to 2018. It is notable that 3 of the 12 articles are on the topic of fluid therapy, illustrating the importance of this treatment modality in our small animal patients. All topics have been updated, including a discussion about novel high-flow oxygen therapy, new therapies for the treatment of asymptomatic canine degenerative valve disease, and updated recommendations for the treatment of urinary infections.

As we continue to navigate the ever-changing veterinary world, especially as impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is refreshing to have new and updated content to help us continue to provide exceptional care to emergent and ill dogs and cats. Increasing and overwhelming veterinary caseloads during the pandemic have caused daily emergency clinic pauses and closures, and appointments, in both general practice and specialty medicine, are booked out for many weeks. At this time in veterinary medicine, I feel it is important to remember why we chose to be involved in this great profession and give ourselves grace as we continue to do our best to provide high-quality medical and surgical care to our small animal patients.

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