This issue of The Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice is devoted to the management of orthopedic emergencies. Topics ranging from the initial management of the trauma patient to treatment of specific types of orthopedic trauma are addressed. In trauma cases involving orthopedic injury, a successful outcome is often predicated on appropriate decision making and proper early care. We hope that this issue will provide our colleagues with useful information that will allow them to make sound decisions and initiate prompt and appropriate therapy for their patients.

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