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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY ANESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA

2027-2028 ACVAA READING LIST

This reading list is intended to serve as a guide for both ACVAA resident training and preparation for the ACVAA Certifying Examination. It is not a comprehensive list of everything a minimally qualified candidate is expected to know, nor is it exclusive – residents and exam candidates are encouraged to consult additional references (e.g., in subject areas such as anatomy, physiology, human anesthesia, internal medicine, critical care, pharmacology, and other related disciplines) when they need to review background material in greater depth or examine the current literature and evidence related to a particular topic. The most recent version of the listed textbooks should be referenced as they become available, though previous editions may contain relevant information.

The majority of the exam's content can be answered using the references below, along with articles published in the listed journals within the preceding five years (e.g., 2022–2026 for the 2027 exam). However, questions may also draw on other relevant references not listed here.

CORE TEXTBOOKS

Title	Author(s)	Edition	Year
Zoo Animal and Wildlife Immobilization and Anesthesia	West, Heard, Caulkett	3rd	2025
Pharmacology and Physiology in Anesthetic Practice	Stoelting, Hillier	6th	2025
Lumb and Jones' Veterinary Anesthesia	Lamont, Grimm, Robertson, Love, Schroeder	6th	2024
Small Animal Regional Anesthesia and Analgesia	Read, Campoy, Fischer	2nd	2024
Chronic Pain in Small Animal Medicine	Fox	2nd	2023
Manual of Equine Anesthesia and Analgesia	Doherty, Valverde, Reed	2nd	2022
Canine and Feline Anesthesia and Co-existing Disease	Snyder, Johnson	2nd	2022
Equine Anesthesia and Co-existing Disease	Clark-Price, Mama	1st	2022
Anesthesia Equipment: Principles and Applications	Ehrenwerth, Eisenkraft, Berry	3rd	2021
Respiratory Physiology: The Essentials	West	11th	2020
Cardiovascular Physiology	Pappano, Wier	11th	2019
Veterinary Anesthetic and Monitoring Equipment	Cooley, Johnson	1st	2018
Veterinary Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Riviere, Papich	10th	2018
Fluid, Electrolyte and Acid-Base Disorders in Small Animal Practice	DiBartola	4th	2011
Equine Anesthesia: Monitoring and Emergency Therapy	Muir, Hubbell	2nd	2009
Understanding Anesthesia Equipment	Dorsch, Dorsch	4th / 5th	1999 / 2007
Basic Physics and Measurements in Anaesthesia	Davis, Kenny	5th	2003

GUIDELINES & POSITION STATEMENTS

Title	Source	Year
Advances in Fluid, Electrolyte, and Acid-Base Disorders	Veterinary Clinics: Small Animal Practice (de Morais et al.)	2026
ACVAA Small Animal Monitoring Guidelines	—	2025
RECOVER CPR Guidelines	—	2024
AAHA Pain Management Guidelines for Dogs and Cats	—	2022
AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals	—	2020

JOURNALS

Candidates should be familiar with relevant articles published in the last five years.

American Journal of Veterinary Research OPEN ACCESS
Animals OPEN ACCESS
Canadian Veterinary Journal
Equine Veterinary Journal
Frontiers in Veterinary Science OPEN ACCESS
Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery OPEN ACCESS
Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association
Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine OPEN ACCESS
Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Lab Animal
Laboratory Animals
PLOS One OPEN ACCESS
Research in Veterinary Science
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia OPEN ACCESS
Veterinary Clinics of North America
Veterinary Record
Veterinary Sciences (MDPI) OPEN ACCESS
Veterinary Surgery