Books

Bovine Radiology

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Bovine Radiology is a concise publication of both technical and interpretive aspects of bovine radiology. The first three chapters are devoted to technical consideration. The remaining chapters present a wide variety of bovine skeletal, soft tissue, and thoracic abnormalities that can be evaluated radiographically. These range from very common lesions to diseases that are of rare occurrence.

The technical discussions are accompanied by photos of actual radiology set ups. It is disconcerting that some of these depict a disregard for radiation safety. The limitations of portable radiographic equipment are discussed. A good feature of the interpretive sections is the inclusion of normal radiographic images accompanied by line drawings of the anatomy. The majority of the radiographic images have reproduced very well and show what the authors have described. The table of contents is very well itemized and allows for rapid use of the book to find specific information.

The scope of the book would seem to be best suited to the production animal or mixed animal practitioner. Veterinary students should find this to be a useful reference. The cost of the book reflects the quality of paper required for good photographic reproduction.

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