

ANZCVS examinations: Radiology Chapter Resources

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Some general advice with respect to the examinations:

It is vital that the examination candidate uses a logical and systematic approach to answering the written exam questions, the written film reading and the oral film reading. With respect to the written papers marks are given for answering the question, extraneous information is not rewarded.

For the practical examination the radiology report should be a clear and logical description and interpretation. Demonstrating that the candidate has identified all abnormalities and is aware of the normal structures is important. Avoid the term “there appears to be” if something actually is. For example: “The heart appears to be enlarged” should be avoided if on the radiograph the trachea is elevated from the sternum, the heart is 4 intercostal spaces with, the caudal border is straightened and there is a left atrial wedge present.

The oral examination is often intimidating. Please remember that the examiners just want to find out if the candidate can communicate the radiographic findings in a clear and logical manner. It is essential to practice oral film reading. Do this with colleagues or your mentor. Filming yourself reading a radiograph, and reviewing this, is a good way to practice and improve.

Recommended Reading

There is an extensive recommended reading list attached to the Radiology Chapter Membership Guidelines. However here is a starting list of recommended texts and papers:

Radiology:

Thrall, DE (2017) “Textbook of Veterinary Radiology”, 7th Ed. Saunders Elsevier, Missouri.

Ultrasound:

Mattoon, JS and Nyland, TG and, (2015), 3rd Ed. “Small Animal Diagnostic Ultrasound”, Saunders Elsevier, Philadelphia

Penninck D and d’Anjou MA (2015) 2nd ed *Atlas of Small Animal Ultrasonography*
Blackwell Publishing Iowa

Equine Radiology:

Butler, JA, Colles, CM, Dyson, SJ, Kold, SE, Poulos, PW, (2016), 4th ed “Clinical Radiology of the Horse”. Blackwell Science, Malden, Mass.

Relevant Papers:

Veterinary Radiology and Ultrasound: V49 Issue 1supplement – digital radiography.

Mattoon JS. "Digital Radiography" *Vet Comp Orthop Traumatol*. 2006;19(3):123-32.