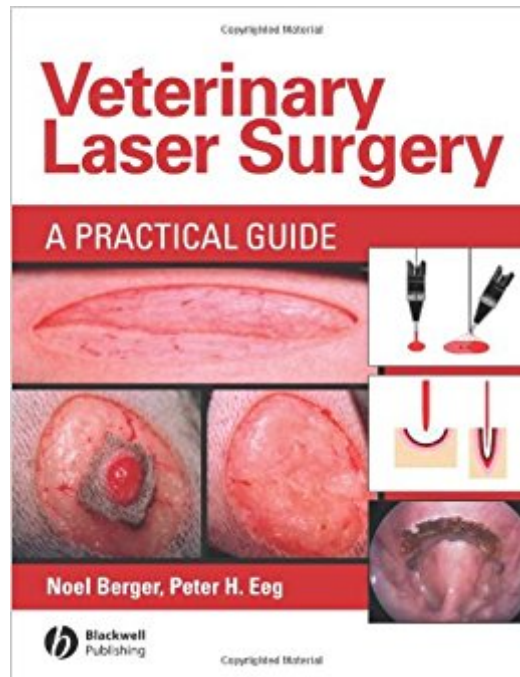


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# Veterinary Laser Surgery: A Practical Guide



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I've been practicing veterinary laser surgery for over 4 years now, and this is one of my most frequently consulted texts. The in-depth passages cover laser physics, interaction with tissues, and safety, using color diagrams and figures which surpass texts I've seen previously and since on the subject. The section providing guidelines and recommendations for individual procedures is accompanied by detailed pictures, and are very complete and informative. There is not much in the way of this type of information available to veterinarians exclusively in this field, and I'm happy to say I've been extremely pleased with this definitive text on the subject. I'd very much like to shake these authors' hands one day. Thank you!

This textbook is perfect for the beginner to intermediate veterinary laser surgeon. After a fast read, the user will be able to accomplish most any laser surgical procedure. For the advanced surgeon, its information will be helpful for technical details of laser physics and safety. The color atlas may need an update, but the description of the techniques were thorough and complete. I am so glad I have a copy. It helps to sell veterinary care to pet owners.

Overall the book was a little too simplistic with not enough description of techniques and laser settings. I was looking for a more advanced text. Might be good for a beginner, but not enough pertinent info, diagrams, etc for those looking for a more in-depth and advanced study.

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