**American College of Veterinary Surgeons**  
**Phase II Surgical Competency Examination, February 13–14, 2023**

**2023 ACVS Phase II Examination Reading List**

The following references and books are suggested reading in addition to the current Phase I reading list for preparation for the 2023 Phase II examination. Other textbooks and current references may be pertinent. A substantial understanding of basic and applied physiology and anatomy is assumed.

Unless otherwise indicated, all chapters apply.

**SELECTED REFERENCES FOR SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY**


Knowledge of basic and applied physiology, pharmacology, anesthesia, and basic applied anatomy is assumed and should be reviewed in an appropriate text; for example, from the Phase I reading list:


**SELECTED REFERENCES FOR LARGE ANIMAL SURGERY**


Knowledge of basic and applied physiology, pharmacology, anesthesia, and basic applied anatomy is assumed and should be reviewed in an appropriate text. The Phase I reading list can be used as a guide.
Many journals contain articles pertaining to surgery (both human and veterinary) and should be perused for current literature.

For the 2023 examination, article-based questions will **primarily** come from articles published in the range of August 1, 2017–July 31, 2022 (five years) and August 1, 2019–July 31, 2022 (three years). This date range is based on the publication of content in print rather than online publication date. Questions may also come from older publications considered landmark articles that are significant and essential to the knowledge of the veterinary surgeon.

A partial list of veterinary journals includes:

### JOURNALS FOR SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY CANDIDATES

#### FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS:

- *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*
- *Journal of Small Animal Practice*
- *Veterinary Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology*
- *Veterinary Surgery*

#### FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS:

- *Journal of Feline Medicine & Surgery*
- *Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care*
- *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine*
- *Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound*

### JOURNALS FOR LARGE ANIMAL SURGERY CANDIDATES

#### FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS:

- *Equine Veterinary Journal & Supplements*
- *Equine Veterinary Education*
- *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*
- *Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound*
- *Veterinary Surgery*

Revision
Small animal list divided into three- and five-year periods.

New
*Journal of Feline Medicine & Surgery* added.