

CONSULTANT

from Cornell (Dr. Maurice White)

- Free <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/consultant/consult.asp>
 - 7,000 diseases of 8 species (avian is the only exotic)
 - Diagnostic support when searched by sign
 - Online textbook when searched by diagnosis
 - *Easy* to use, changes little
 - Updated weekly, filtered for quality
 - Indexes about 70 veterinary journals—older articles may be dropped
 - Links to PubMed and other relevant sites for each disease
 - Help page, brochure <http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/Consultant.pdf>
 - Obtain article copies from Cornell or from state vet library or alma mater
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PubMed (Public version of Medline)

NIH / National Library of Medicine

- Free <http://www.pubmed.gov>
 - The premier biomedical database -- 4000 journals back to 1960's
 - About 80 +/- are veterinary—access to both human and vet med articles
 - Easier and easier to search—new spell check and direct link to review articles
 - Updated weekly; My NCBI automatically alerts to new articles via email
 - Help, FAQ, Tutorial, brochure <http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/pubmed.pdf>
 - Links to full-text of articles – but not too likely in vet med in near future
 - If full-text not available, contact state vet library or alma mater
 - Medlineplus = self-defense for veterinarians: refer friends, family, clients to it
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VIN

(Veterinary Information Network) Dr. Paul Pion (Pie-on)

- Free to students <http://www.vin.com/VIN.plx?P=VetAcademia>
- VIN claims 18,000 members (includes 2,000 in academe, 10,000 students)
- Fee after graduation—New Grad \$158/year, 2nd year \$317, 3rd \$525
- Write it off on taxes? Include in employment contract
- Access to about 80 +/- journals via the Search function
- Update frequency? Unknown.
- Video on how to use <http://www.vin.com/Video/Student/Play.htm>
- Search tips within Search, plus monthly class on how to use VIN
- Includes CE, message boards, bookstore, Plumb's, mentoring, more...
- 8 of 20 CE hours in TN can be taken via distance learning (VIN)
- Buy articles using VIN service or contact state vet library or alma mater
- Veterinary Partner from VIN— health information for pets—one of the best

Ann Viera, Pendergrass AG-VET MED Library, April 2005 <http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/>
There are two other services available, Agricola (USDA—free) and VetMed Resource (CABI--\$100 per year). Neither compares favorably with the three above as of 2/07.