



Searching for articles:

The best three services for searching approximately the same 70-90 core veterinary journals are listed below. Two are free; one is available for an annual fee.

CONSULTANT is free:

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/consultant/consult.asp>

Covers 7,000 diseases of 8 species. Avian is the only exotic. Very easy to search either by diagnosis or by sign. Links to PubMed and full-text if available. A guide to searching CONSULTANT is at

<http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/pract.html>

PubMed is free: <http://www.PubMed.gov>

Indexes 4000 journals total; about 80 are veterinary. A guide to searching PubMed for veterinarians is at: <http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/pract.html>

NEW! Compendium is indexed in PubMed from July 2007 forward. Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery is indexed in PubMed from Sept. 2007 forward.

A **tutorial** (highly recommended) is available on the blue sidebar to the left on the PubMed homepage.

VIN (\$600/year) <http://www.vin.com>

VIN, the Veterinary Information Network, for an annual fee, has a database that can be searched for articles or conference proceedings, CE, a bookstore, message boards, rounds, Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook and more. Check it out using the free trial option. To ensure you're getting the most from VIN, Look under "Get More from VIN" in the right-hand column for VINTips and a video "How to Get Around on VIN."

How to get copies of articles:

1. Practice in TN? **No charge for in-state veterinarians.** Contact Tracy Luna, Lending Supervisor, UT Libraries Interlibrary Services Dept. (ilslend@utk.edu) or 865-974-2798. See page at <https://www.lib.utk.edu/ils/LendingIndex.html>
2. Not in TN? The veterinary library in your state, your alma mater, or an independent service are options. Fees vary.
3. In CONSULTANT click on VetAccess (for a fee).
4. The VIN Document Delivery service is found by clicking on Library, then Journal Library under Reference Library Collection (for a fee).

More about CONSULTANT:

CONSULTANT is viewed by its creator, Dr. Pete White, as a very current extension of the textbook Large Animal Internal Medicine by Smith. Dr. White wrote that "Cooperation such as that between CONSULTANT and Large Animal Internal Medicine allows the practitioner and student to benefit from the linkage between the tireless memory and ease of retrieval of the computer and the convenience of expert knowledge in book form." (page xxiii of the 3rd ed, 2002).

In 2007, about 350,000 sessions on CONSULTANT produced around 1.2 million hits. Online diagnostic assistance in veterinary medicine, at no cost, is alive and well. Dr. Pete White, response to "Googling for a diagnosis" by Tang H and Ing JH BMJ 2006 Dec 2, 1143-5. Accessed 2/27/07.

PubMed, VIN, & CONSULTANT plus other selected sources are at:
<http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/>

Article Search and Photocopy tips

To find articles, search CONSULTANT first; if your research topic is a disease, then PubMed (MEDLINE) or VIN. Copies of articles cited that are not in the practice collection can be obtained by contacting your state veterinary library or commercial vendor.

Database and coverage	Source	Total Journals Indexed	Veterinary Journals Indexed
CONSULTANT depends on disease; 7000 diseases of 8 species Guide to Consultant	Cornell CVM	70	70; List
MEDLINE/Pub Med 1966-current PubMed Tutorial (highly recommended)	NIH/National Library of Medicine	4000	68; List

How to start searching the veterinary journal literature to improve practice quality:

CONSULTANT is the easiest to use. Read the CONSULTANT guide. Links to the guide and to the PubMed Tutorial are on the webpage above. PubMed also has Help and FAQs. VIN has online and phone support and a nifty interface. Look under "Get More from VIN" in the right-hand column for VINTips and a video "How to Get Around on VIN."

Need additional training? At meetings and conferences: look for training opportunities at state and national conferences (the National Library of Medicine exhibits at AVMA regularly). Invite the veterinary librarian in your state to a regional or local meeting.

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<http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/pract.html>

Quality Pet Health Info

www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/pethealth.html

New! Quality Health web sites brochure
in .PDF format at:

[http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/
veterinary/PetHealth3.pdf](http://www.lib.utk.edu/agvet/veterinary/PetHealth3.pdf)

Can be customized

Refer clients to the Pendergrass Library website on pet health with confidence. Your name and practice contact info. can be added to the brochure at the URL above. Copies can be printed out as needed. Enhance the practice brand by making clients aware of the pet health web site and MedlinePlus for people.

Quality Human Health Info

www.medlineplus.gov

Veterinarians, when asked to consult on the health conditions of clients, friends, and relatives may refer them to **MEDLINE-plus** with confidence for routine health information.

If the condition is serious, refer the person to the nearest health sciences library with a professional medical librarian. Medlineplus has a list by state at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/libraries.html>. It is listed under Other Resources.

Clinic staff should know about Medlineplus in order to refer clients to it and/or as a benefit of working at your clinic.

A Spanish language version of Medlineplus is available.

Questions? Please call or write.

Examples of questions answered:

- How to value a practice
- How to improve staff-client communication
- Find a DVD of a surgical technique
- The date a surgical technique in cats was 1st reported in the veterinary literature
- Salary or fee ranges by geographic area
- Science fair projects
- Information for talks to school, community, or professional groups
- What programs are available for overweight pets and owners?

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