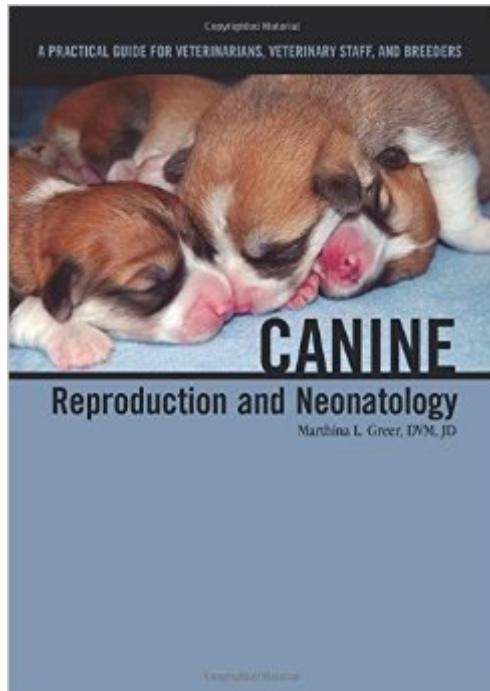


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# Canine Reproduction And Neonatology



## **Synopsis**

Winner of Dog Writers Association of America's Dogwise Best Book Award Canine Reproduction is a practical guide for veterinarians and an information source for breeders, kennel operators and others with a financial or humane interest in the breeding and maintenance of dogs. The book focuses on the veterinarian's responsibilities for managing the problem pregnancy, insemination, collecting, storing and shipping semen, and all of the diseases and vaccination protocols that may involve the bitch and the stud dog. It is also a very practical guide for the non veterinarian breeder and kennel owner. The book provides step by step guidelines for husbandry and nutrition as they relate to the bitch and her puppies, an excellent and concise description of breeding genetics and the implications of that knowledge for long term preservation of the breed line, and it focuses squarely on the relationship that must exist between the veterinarian and breeder clients.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I bought this book through the publisher rather than but I am compelled as a both a breeder and former editor of an award-winning national breed club magazine to write a review. The Greer book is like no other canine reproduction book that I have seen or read. As a breeder, I have often been frustrated by the lack of depth and detail in canine reproduction books targeting average breeders. While these general books cover the basics of breeding and whelping in narrative form, they are often dated and do not adequately answer deeper questions involving both knowledge and technique. They are great introductions but if you need something deeper for an emergency, they don't provide it. Similarly, academic text books on reproduction or veterinary pediatrics (e.g.,

Johnston, Root-Kustriz, & Olson; Feldman & Nelson; Hoskins) are long on information (indeed excellent) but short on procedural step-by-step descriptions for the practicing vet or breeder. While the Greer book clearly targets practicing veterinarians and vet tech staffs, it offers plenty not found elsewhere to the serious breeder who is willing to read for a deeper understanding of clinical and scientific aspects of canine reproduction, from the preparation for breeding to diagnosing and treating infertility in stud dogs and bitches or problems in neonates. I see Greer's book as occupying a space between the more theoretical academic text and the basic general breeder book, a space that until now was largely empty. What I find particularly useful over other alternatives is Greer's focus on how to execute various veterinary procedures (e.g., details on safely tube feeding a neonate; alternative insemination techniques). Greer offers a deeper discussion of both the issues in breeding and treatments or corrective measures. Furthermore, she combines both traditional veterinary science and alternative approaches that are derived from her empirical observation in canine obstetrics and experience in canine semen bank operation. The various appendices are also quite helpful. If I had had the Greer book earlier, I probably would not have invested in many of the more technical (and expensive) academic veterinary theriogenology, pediatric, and drug reference texts that I own now. Likewise, my collection of general breeder books (most of which show their age although they are still being sold) would be much smaller. My use of the Greer book will be primarily as a direct reference for addressing and preventing reproductive problems as well as to help me improve the quality of my discussions with my reproductive specialist. Topics are easy to find quickly so it lends itself to use as a reference text in emergencies as well. My theriogenologist lives nearly 3 hours away from me in another state. To offer myself and my prospective litters a form of insurance for local emergencies, I intend to give my local general veterinary practice a copy of Greer's practical, authoritative, and up to date book. While pricey (but worth it), the Greer book is a great resource for both vets and serious breeders.

I think that the previous reviewer who says that Dr. Greer's book fills the space between books geared toward the dog-oriented public and veterinary texts on reproduction is right on the mark. It is true, there was nothing in this particular niche for the serious breeder. And it is my opinion that nothing else is needed. Dr. Greer's book is logically organized, very well illustrated and covers the things that so many of us have been learning piecemeal from various vets and seminars over years and years of trial and error. I am not sure how we survived so long without it! The end!

This book is, quite simple, an excellent compendium of information from start to finish on dog

breeding. Written in a style that is meaningful for both the veterinary community and the breeder can understand, it covers care and health testing of the bitch pre-breeding, all the way through delivery and health issues for the neonate puppies. With excellent diagrams and discussion, this book is a 'must have' for anyone considering breeding their bitch or stud dog. A companion CD/thumb drive with video of procedures would be a welcome addition! I saw some of the video they have at a seminar, and it would be a wonderful resource on "how to" for breeders and Veterinarians alike.

Excellent reference book, loaded with very thorough information. This book is a valuable addition to any library....breeder, owner or veterinarian/veterinary staff. The only thing I disagreed with was the blanket statement that breeders use limited registration for dogs that are not breeding quality...most breeders I know use limited to make sure appropriate health clearances are done before they will change the registration to full and allow breeding. It has little to do with the quality of the dog....just a way to make sure the lines are bred forward responsibly.

This book is an absolute MUST for anyone who is or wants to be a breeder. Dr. Marty Greer has done an amazing job writing and illustrating this book. There is a wealth of information and such an easy read. I assure you that once you get it, you will NOT want to put the book down. Thank you Dr. Greer for sharing your knowledge with all of us. I have already shared this "MUST HAVE" with many of my friends and encourage all that are looking at it to make the purchase! You will not be disappointed!!!!

I freed up a whole shelf on my book case by replacing all my canine breeding/reproduction books with this one! It is a one stop shop reference for the serious dog breeder. I am also getting one for my vet so the clinic has it as a reference! The book is organized so well, from start to finish, and it is quite "technical", but it is also written in a way that can be understood without having to have a PhD! There are many pictures included in the book that truly help you get a visual of what you are reading. I bought the book at a dog show where the Author's vet clinic had a booth. The staff at the booth were so knowledgeable and helpful! Later, I even called the clinic with a question about something I read in the book, and the Author, Dr Greer, even came to the phone to answer my question! What a class act! I only wish I lived in Wisconsin so my dogs could go to her clinic. HIGHLY recommend this book!!! Worth every penny and more!!

I purchased this book directly from the author. I was pleasantly surprised by the book! There are

many photos included with the extensive information. This isn't a breeder's little handbook--it is an awesome combination of material that every breeder needs to have on hand. You will love it! SO glad I made the purchase.

Amazing information for breeders especially. Great book to have in your library as a reference.

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