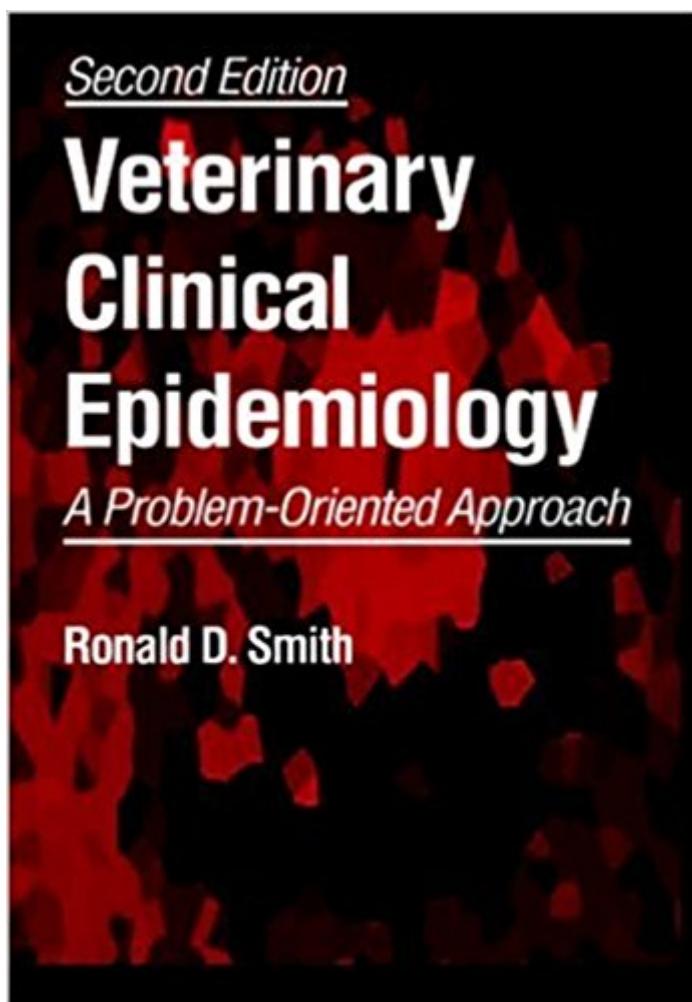


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"Smith has put together a 259 page book titled to imply a study of epidemiology, but also addresses biostatistics and the inevitable merging of these two disciplines. The book is a nice combination of these disciplines and is written in easy to understand language for those being introduced to the study. Reader beware; however, this is a theoretical textbook of the study of epidemiology (and to a

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