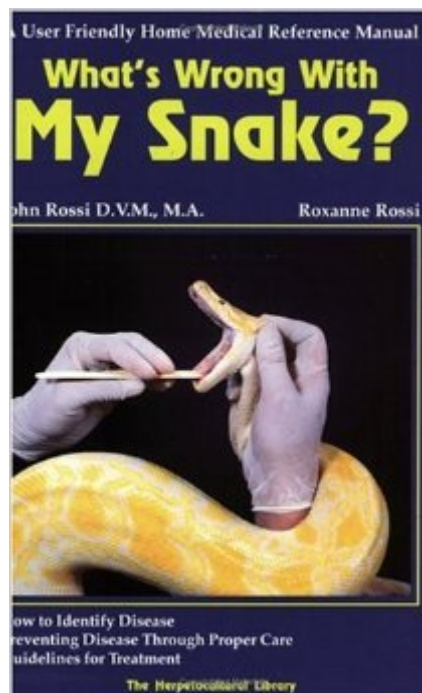


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A user friendly home medical reference. This invaluable guide identifies and explains existing and potential problems. Find out how location of a cage can affect your snake's appetite, or how a snake can become "mouse shy". Learn how to identify and correct problems associated with maladaptation, burns, constipation, dehydration, skin lesions, diarrhea, improper shedding, lack of appetite, feeding frequency, overheating, parasites, mouth rot, reproductive failure, rodent injuries, respiratory problems, vomiting, weight loss, seizures, tremors, incoordination and just about anything else that may be commonly found with the captive care of snakes.

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Customer Reviews

Anyone who owns a snake should own a copy of this book. Period. We've been using this book for two years. During that time it has been an invaluable reference for our collection. Any time we suspect something may be wrong with one of our snakes, the very first thing we do is consult this book. If the problem is included (and it usually is), there will be a chapter outlining what the possible causes might be and what we can do to help prevent it or correct it. It also helps us figure out when we need to take the animal to a veterinarian -- and, for that matter, when we don't, and can look after the situation by ourselves. But its real value is showing you how to keep your snake healthy and prevent medical conditions from arising in the first place. That means fewer snake deaths and fewer expensive trips to the vet, which makes this book an excellent investment. If you keep

snakes, buy it if you don't already own a copy -- you owe it to them.

The author should be commended for this book. Throughout the book the author demonstrates why an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Some of the photos of sick or injured snakes were difficult to view. I will take better care of my snake, based on what I learned from this book. I was very impressed with the authors extensive coverage of medicines and dosage charts. If I ever take my snake to the vet, this book will go with me.

This book contains a great deal of information for the identification and treatment of problems in captive-kept snakes. Sections range from feeding problems to medicating. Very well organized and easy to understand. A must for all snake owners.

I bought this book on a whim. I was trying to find something that addressed all the problems that snake owners encounter. This book is wonderful with very clear descriptions of illnesses and injuries. You are able to look at your snake, and then immediately look it up in the book. It gives you immediate treatment, whether you need a vet's help or not. It covers all the most common antibiotics, their doses, and purpose. This is a MUST have for anyone with a snake, or an entire collection. This is the only book I found that covered just about everything I have ever needed to know about snake care and preventative care.

I have been raising and breeding snakes for over 30 years and I found this book to be very helpful for most ailments and has good suggestions for treatment. I would have really liked more color pictures, but for the price it will be hard to beat.

Very Detailed But If Your Vet Isn't That Up To Date On Snakes, It Makes A Great Aid For Them To Properly Diagnose/Dose Your Snake Properly. It's a bit older than I realized but still, a great source of reputable information.

Very thorough with lots of insight and information that you can't always find on the internet; things you wouldn't even know to look for. This book helped me troubleshoot quite a few problems with my snakes, from respiratory infections to excessive roaming. The problem-solution chart is a wonderful tool and is a page you'll want to bookmark (I did.) The only thing I didn't find useful was the antibiotics and medication chart. This would be a Godsend for a vet, but not for your average

keeper/breeder as we probably don't have access to a lot of those medications, nor have needles on hand to administer them. The other thing is the pictures are pretty gory---they seem like more of a scare factor than informational at times. Quite a few made me cringe and I've got a pretty strong stomach. However, any time my snakes act even a little strange, I grab this book and I usually find an answer.

I enjoy having this book. I wish I had stumbled upon it sooner. It would have helped me to solve some of my more puzzling predicaments that I had to figure out on my own. That having been said - this book contains mostly medical problems that can be avoided by proper husbandry, and doesn't get too specific. I have used this book several times, although it never really told me much I didn't know or suspect. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who is thinking of getting a snake, or lizard too really. I have kept herps for a decade now and only got the book a year or so ago, so I'd already read about and learned a lot through experience and other herp reading, but this does give more information than care sheets, or generalized herp books. I would have liked it better if it had more problems covered, as several times I have thought to check the book, only to find no mention of my specific problem. But for the most common problems the book covers prevention, home treatment, and vet treatment. It is a must-have for any reptile owner, or prospective reptile owner.

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