Dear DVM 2019,

The VetText staff would like to welcome you to veterinary school! As fellow students, we are aware of the mountain of information you have been bombarded with and we would like to make your textbook and supply purchasing as simple as possible. If you have any questions about ANYTHING, please send us an e-mail to vettext@colostate.edu and we will do our very best to answer your questions.

Here are a few key points regarding our most frequently asked questions:

**What is VetText?**
VetText is a student run, non-profit veterinary bookstore located on the 2nd floor of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Our staff members manage the book, clothing and e-commerce departments at VetText in order to serve the needs of the DVM student body as well as CVMBS faculty and staff. We are students just like you, and VetText employees in each class (first, second and third years) are a great information resource. Finally, as a non-profit organization, we are able to offer peer-nominated student scholarships each year. Please consider shopping with us as a way to support a local business and student-run organization.

**Book Department:**
The book department carries many, if not all of the recommended and required books for first year students. We also carry electronic versions of the textbooks that can be downloaded onto your personal computers (they are called Pageburst and Kno). The electronic version Kno is designed to be most compatible with tablets while the Pageburst works best with both Macs and PCs.

**Does the radiology CD work on Macs?**
Only if you have a parallels program or something similar; however, many Mac users
still purchase this CD to use on school computers as it's really the only way to study high quality images for the radiology courses. You will use this CD both first and second year.

**Should I purchase textbooks now or just wait until I need them?**

If you haven't been to VetText yet, you may have the impression that we are similar to any other campus bookstore. We are not. Our store is cozy (which is a pleasant way to say TINY) and we are stocked to the rafters with clothing, books, CDs, instruments, and ourselves. The reason we have people pre-order their books and supplies is because we don't have the space for 140 copies of a book. While we try to keep 2-3 copies of popular titles in stock at all times, we can't accommodate a rush of textbook buyers the night before an exam.

**What do I buy?**

Everyone has a different learning style. We suggest assessing the strength of your own background in various subjects to decide which books will be most necessary. While advice from upperclassmen is useful, we recommend getting a variety of advice and opinions from multiple people; your big sib might also be a good resource.

No, you should not buy everything on the list. Yes, you should consider buying books that cover topics in which you have had no previous exposure. Keep in mind that many of the books you buy during veterinary school will become reference materials for you as a practicing clinician.

Finally, we encourage you to talk to us if you have any questions. You are welcome to email the book manager, Sarah Tucker, with any questions, concerns, complaints, etc that you might have. She is very knowledgeable about veterinary textbooks and she will be happy to give you her advice, opinions and suggestions about books you might need.

**Do I need coveralls, overboots and clinic smocks right away?**

Yes. The Dean’s Office has asked us to provide these items at the beginning of the semester so first year students could begin immediate use.

**When are book and supply orders due by?**

*July 18th is the deadline to order your books and supplies at VetText* if you want them to be available for pickup the weekend before class starts. As a bonus, anyone who submits their order on time will be entered into a drawing. One lucky student will win a FREE CSU Vet Med Scrub Top of their choice!

**How do I get my SCAVMA discount?**

When you join the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA), you will receive **10% off any purchase** made at VetText for that entire
school year. You must register for SCAVMA online; you will receive information on how to do this from the Dean's Office. To apply the discount, enter SCAVMA15CSU in the Coupon Code field at checkout. After doing this, you will see your discount price for any item that you shop for. **SCAVMA registration may not be open this year before you want to purchase your books** – if that’s the case, go ahead and enter the coupon code and register with SCAVMA later. In order for us to honor the discount, just bring in your receipt from SCAVMA registration at book pickup.

**When do I pick up my books/supplies?**
The weekend after orientation (August 22nd & 23rd). We will have your order bagged and ready for you, so all you need to do is come by the store (Room A219) on Saturday, August 22 between 9am-3pm or Sunday, August 23 between 9am-12pm to pick up your books and supplies.

**Since I am picking my order up at the store, what shipping option do I choose when I order online?**
VetText In Store Pick Up

**If you don’t yet have a Fort Collins address, please put:**
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Fort Collins, CO 80523.

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