

Preface

Physiology is one of the basic subjects of both veterinary and animal science. It covers knowledge of normal body functions at different levels. This includes the function of organ systems, individual organs, and detailed molecular processes of cells. A good understanding of physiology is the foundation for all clinical and para-clinical disciplines. While human physiology deals with only one species, comparative physiology of veterinary and animal science is a comprehensively demanding and challenging discipline.

This textbook is the first English version of the 6th edition (2022) of a German textbook, first published in 2000, by W. v. Engelhardt and G. Breves. Spanish, Polish and Turkish editions have been published in 2004, 2011 and 2019, respectively. Its main objective is to encompass the current state of knowledge of all aspects of physiology. In many chapters, the close relationship with pathophysiology is highlighted by including aspects of disturbed physiological functions. It is intended to offer students of veterinary medicine and related disciplines the opportunity to acquire a good understanding of physiology while at the same time indicating that physiology is not an isolated ba-

sic subject but is an indispensable basis for understanding the clinical disciplines. Thus, this book is not only addressed to veterinary and animal science students but is also intended as an aid in professional training and continued education for veterinarians working in clinics, industry or in the public health sector. In order to facilitate reading and understanding of this textbook, each chapter is introduced with "ESSENTIALS", smaller parts are summarized with "IN A NUTSHELL" and data for further in-depth knowledge is given under "MORE DETAILS". At the end of each chapter, you will find publications under "SUGGESTED READING".

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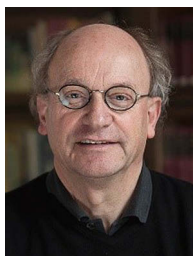
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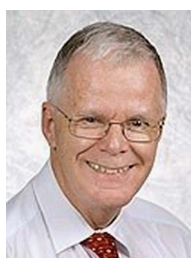
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