

How to Examine a Wolverine: More Tales from the Accidental Veterinarian

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The deep, heartfelt essays of veterinarian Philipp Schott's *How to Examine a Wolverine* read like rewarding animal memes. Drawing on years of experience, Schott's bite-sized, real-life stories are organized by animal type, from everyday to exotic, though they showcase love for all kinds of animals (including humans). Together, they are an engaging study of the behaviors of pets and the people who care for them.

Fun facts, as about the proper ways to care for and feed African lion cubs, couple with sage advice, such as to make sure your dog never swallows chicken bones. But the book is far more than its interesting tidbits; it contains many stories of animals, from heartwarming to harrowing, featuring the enduring, sometimes irrational, love of humans and the wide problem solving of the doctors who care for them. It includes furry characters like a cat with herpes (no, not that kind!) and Benji the lion cub. Schott's tone is warm, friendly, and folksy in his storytelling and his conversations with pet owners; even in the most stressful times, he's a compassionate and level-headed guide.

How to Examine a Wolverine is an essay collection that celebrates the love of animals.

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