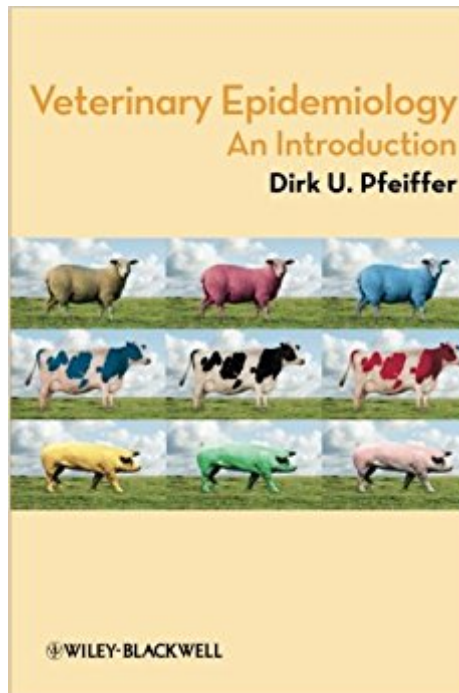




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- Understanding and designing epidemiological studies
- Measuring cause-effect relationships
- Statistical analysis and bias
- Sampling methodology
- Interpreting diagnostic tests
- The basic concepts of disease control and eradication

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