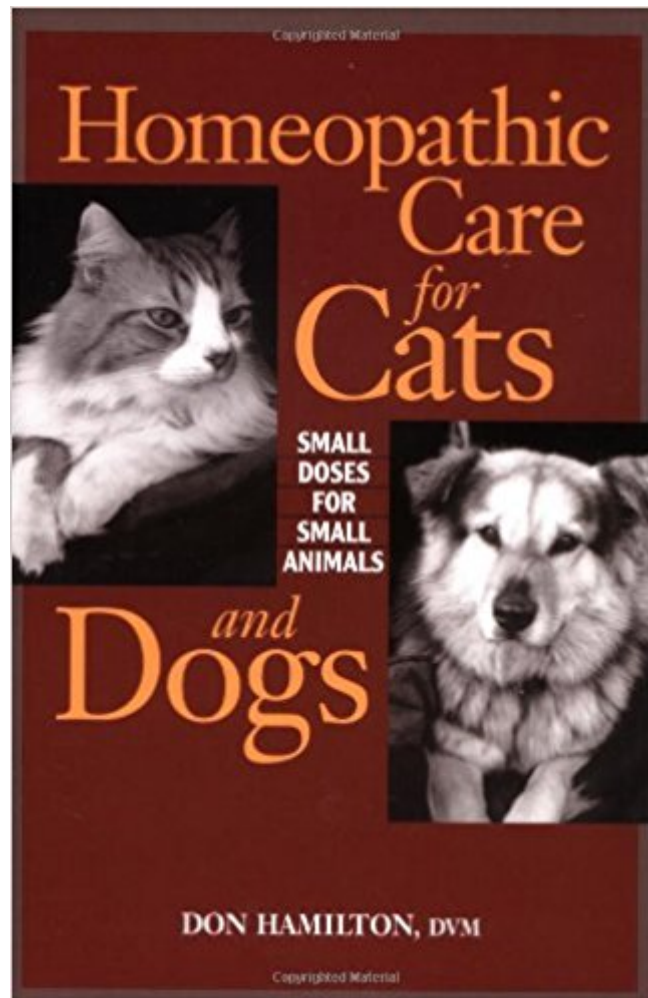




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Synopsis

In this book, Dr. Hamilton carefully and clearly lays down the essential knowledge needed to use homeopathy successfully. To read this book is to prepare you to help your animal with the many day to day vicissitudes of life...take some time, read this book carefully, and learn of one of the greatest discoveries in the history of medicine. We are fortunate to have a healer of Dr. Hamilton's stature take us on this journey.-From the Foreword by Richard Pitcairn D.V.M., PhD

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Customer Reviews

"This wonderful, compassionate book convinced me to use only veterinarians who use only homeopathy. Read it. You'll see. You will agree."-Jeffrey Mousaieff Masson
"Dr. Hamilton offers a clear, comprehensive, solid foundation in veterinary homeopathy that allows it to be accessible to animal guardians. It is an extremely valuable contribution to the field of veterinary homeopathy."-Allen Schoen, D.V.M., M.S.

Don Hamilton, D.V.M., is a conventionally-trained veterinarian who has been practicing medicine for twenty years. He has been practicing veterinary homeopathy for thirteen years and as taught in the professional homeopathic veterinary course sponsored by the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy. Hamilton did his early training in homeopathic veterinary care with Dr. Richard Pitcairn; he has studied with world-renowned homeopaths such as Francisco Eizayaga of Argentina, Rajan Sankaran of India, Alize Timmerman of the Netherlands, and Jungian homeopath Edward C.

Whitmont of the U.S. He maintains a practice in New Mexico.

I have read just about every book on veterinary homeopathy and this one is the best! In fact, because of the excellent chapters on the nature of disease and vaccinations, I recommend this book even for dog and cat lovers who have no interest in homeopathy. This book is an absolute must-read for anyone interested in treating their dog or cat with homeopathic remedies.

Unfortunately too many people, being unaccustomed to a holistic concept of health, use homeopathic remedies in a decidedly allopathic manner; i.e., they choose a homeopathic remedy the way they would choose a drug, without taking into account the totality of the patient's symptoms and conditions. Dr. Hamilton tells you what you need to know to treat acute and minor health problems homeopathically (chronic illness needs to be treated by an experienced veterinary homeopath): how to take a case, choose a remedy, handle and administer remedies, select potency and repetitions, and recognize signs of a cure or partial cure as well as the signs of suppression or a noncurative aggravation (contrary to popular belief, not every aggravation signals a positive healing crisis). He also covers the very important subject of eliminating obstacles to a cure (e.g., low-quality processed foods, vaccinations, unnecessary stress). Dr. Hamilton also includes a *Materia Medica* that, while brief, is very accurate. Those with a serious interest in homeopathy will probably want to invest in at least one comprehensive materia medica and repertory though. Like the previous reviewer, I disagree with Dr. Hamilton's views on purebred dogs. IME, it's simply a myth that mixed breeds today are inherently healthier than purebred dogs. Our German Wirehaired Pointers are naturally reared and in excellent health!

My family's first means of addressing medical problems is with homeopathy. For some time now, I've been looking for a text book I can use to treat my own pets acute conditions using homeopathy. This book is the one! If you are not familiar with homeopathy, you'll like the first chapters which give an overview. I especially appreciated the chapter on how to administer the remedies to pets. With humans, it's a simple matter of placing the pellets, untouched by hands, under the tongue to dissolve. With pets, I really needed this chapter. With homeopathy, it's important to differentiate under what conditions a remedy is chosen. The book has a substantial portion devoted to this critical aspect of homeopathy. Finally, I did not want to purchase a book that addressed all animals, so I appreciate the focus (as does my dog) on cats and dogs. I noticed a lot of the reviewers were highlighting the sections on why not to vaccinate. I rescued my dog from the shelter, so vaccination was a done deed. I have used homeopathy to keep my dog much healthier than the average 15 year old senior

dog citizen.

review by Cor van der Meij, homeopath ISBN number: 978-55643-295-8 Publisher: North Atlantic Books Price: \$20-\$25 incl. Shipping (available through: Homeopathic Educational Services, [...]) Number of pages: 482 The American vet, and later homeopath/vet, Don Hamilton, wrote, in my opinion, a wonderful book about the homeopathic treatment of pets, named: homeopathic care for cats and dogs. Unfortunately, this book has not yet been translated into Dutch. Why exactly is it such a wonderful book? Because it does not only describe the regular and homeopathic treatment, but also the results of these treatments. Besides, and this is probably the most wonderful aspect of this book, it is based on his own practical experience, both as a regular vet and as a vet with only homeopathic treatments for animals. It has resulted in a pretty voluminous book, 482 pages to be exactly, but it gives the reader value for money. The theoretical part of the book is captivating, sharp and well-aimed. In one of the chapters he describes the aspects of vaccination, quite a controversial subject these days. It takes him 31 pages to come to the conclusion that, based on his own practical experiences with vaccinations, vaccinating does not contribute in a positive way to the well-being of animals. With the use of statistics, Hamilton demonstrates that a drastic decrease of cases with measles, whooping cough and polio had already begun, before they actually started vaccinating human beings. His final conclusion is therefore: don't vaccinate, because it is harmful. I think this is quite a thing to say for a former veterinarian, especially when I look at the ease with which many of those vets pump all these pets (and livestock) full with vaccines. In the United States, the subject of vaccination is up for discussion. In the Netherlands it is not (yet), but it definitely will. Can vaccination cause problems?, he asks himself. It might prevent certain disease at short notice, but the meaning of this prevention method is unclear. Might these diseases not be necessary for some reason, do they have certain advantages we do not understand? And furthermore: it is a fact that vaccination leads to weakening of the genes and therefore of the common resistance of a whole group. A bit further in the book he draws the following, strong conclusion: "vaccination is the replacement of an acute disease by a chronic disease". In a chapter with a similar kind of dimension, or better grandeur, he makes an analysis of the objections to regular medication, again based on a couple of years of experience. He relates this to the way regular medical science looks at a disease. Conventional medicine searches the cause of a disease outside the body of the human organism: bacteria's, viruses, moulds, fleas, worms, etc.. With the use of clear examples he explains how the conventional method does not cure a disease, but at best stops it for a while, whereupon the disease aggravates or a disease of deeper located organs originates. This eventually made

Hamilton so disappointed with the conventional method that he decided to turn to homeopathy. Further in the book he pays attention to good nutrition: raw meat, preferably organic, and bad nutrition: dog biscuits that in some cases contain the most horrible ingredients, like pieces of the flea collars of the dead cats and dogs that were processed in the food. Subsequently he gives a description of the homeopathic treatment of several ailments. At the end he gives a description of a number of important homeopathic medicines. Isn't there a single remark to make with regard to this solid book, that basically describes the treatment of mammals (and therefore human beings), with the only difference that mammals always have an "honest" response to homeopathic treatment. Well, there is a comment to make. He lacks knowledge of Hahnemann's *Organon* and *Chronic Diseases*. He blames this on the fact that there wasn't a clear English translation available until recently.. Here he must have overlooked Robin Murphy's "Commentary on *Organon of Medicine*", published in 2004, in which the full text of Hahnemann's "Organon of Medicine," 6th edition, is present. This must also be the reason why he attributes by mistake the most comprehensible argumentation about illness to Kent. The complexity of Hahnemann's *Organon* is not determined by a translation though, but by understanding. This is why he, unfortunately, misses the connection with Hahnemann's method of disease classification, although he comes close sometimes. In some cases his conclusions are a bit outrageous. At a certain point he explains the continuation of a tumour (dissemination to the kidneys) after the removal of a breast tumour, by the homeopathic principle of suppression, which I believe is questionable. For the last 15 years I have been interested in literature about the homeopathic treatment of pets, and I believe this book really stands out. Don Hamilton is a 'hardcore' colleague, who does not only treat animals with homeopathic remedies, but also links this to a clear and obvious understanding of the essence of homeopathy. He is a clear observer who draws conclusions from his bad experiences with conventional veterinary science. And that is something I have not encountered very often. Most veterinary homeopaths treat animals with the so called double-method: both a regular medicine and a homeopathic medicine, which leads nowhere with regard to your own comprehension, I mean. Although I am not a veterinary homeopath, I believe it is easy to conclude that "Homeopathic care for cats and dogs" is an absolute must-read. All we need now is the Dutch translation. Cor van der Meij, classic homeopath With questions and remarks, you can send an e-mail to the author, Cor van der Meij: cmey@hetnet.nl.

Dr. Hamilton is preaching to the converted with this reader, as I long ago joined the ever-growing mass of people who are seeking elsewhere than our modern American health providers for the medical needs of ourselves as well as our pets. His theories of how illness occurs and how we can

approach curing dis-ease are quite thought provoking. In an age where most doctors are specialists who only provide medications that kill off a symptom and call it a "cure" , Dr. Hamilton provides information on a much needed alternative way of achieving health. I learned the hard way, almost killing my beloved dog with Prednisone, which stopped her alarming symptoms but caused much damage elsewhere in her body. His theories of illness and wellness are relevant to both our pets and ourselves. Open your head to it. It will start you asking questions of your medical support system, and that at least is a place to start.

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