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ANATOMY

For a veterinary technician to be able to accurately complete many of his or her daily tasks, a clear understanding of the anatomy of the canine and feline body is needed. The following diagrams show the basic layout of the body systems, highlighting the areas of interest that are most commonly accessed in daily medicine practices ranging from the correctly positioned radiograph to a single-stick venipuncture.

Overall

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See Table 5.7, Directional Terms, page 256.
Figure 1.2  Palpation landmarks.
**Skeletal**

See Skill Box 2.7, Orthopedic Examination, page 39. See Figure 13.1, Figure 13.2, Figure 13.3, and Figure 13.4, pages 689–691.

**Musculature**

See Figure 1.3, Regional lymph nodes. Figure 1.4, Musculature: lateral view.
Internal Organs

See Skill Box 2.3, Abdominal Examination, page 34.
See Figure 12.2, Endotracheal intubation, page 634.

Figure 1.6  Skeletal: dorsal view.

Figure 1.7  Internal organs: left lateral view. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-1.

Figure 1.8  Internal organs: right lateral view. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-1.
Figure 1.9  Internal organs: ventral view. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-1.

Figure 1.10  Internal organs: liver and kidney.
Circulatory System

See Skill Box 2.1, Cardiac Examination, page 31.

Figure 1.11 Circulatory: dorsal view of the heart. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-2.
Figure 1.12  Circulatory: internal view of the heart. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-2.
Figure 1.13  Circulatory: heart valves.

Figure 1.14  Circulatory: lateral view. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-3.

Nervous System

Figure 1.15  Nervous system: lateral view of the brain.
Figure 1.16  Nervous system: lateral view. For color detail, see color plate section, CP-3.

Figure 1.17  Urogenital: ventral view, female.

Urogenital System
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Figure 1.18  Urogenital: ventral view, male.

Figure 1.19  Urogenital: lateral view, male.
Eye

Figure 1.20 Eye.

Ear

See Skill Box 2.4, Otoscopic Examination, page 34.
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Figure 1.21 Ear.