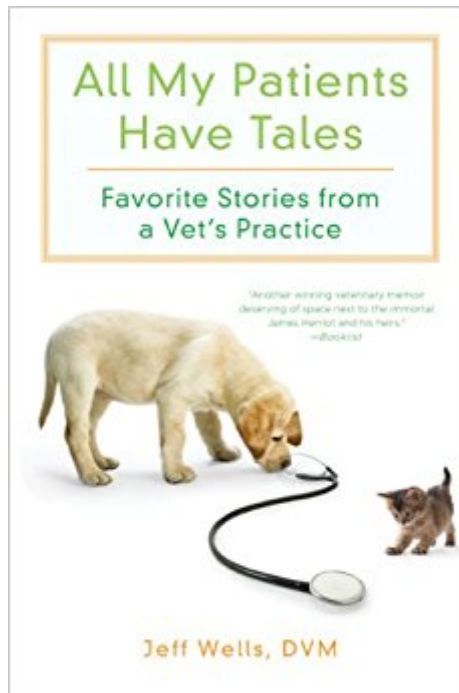




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# All My Patients Have Tales: Favorite Stories From A Vet's Practice



## Synopsis

All My Patients Have Tales is a charming, funny, and engaging collection of stories in the great tradition of All Creatures Great and Small by the late James Herriot. Jeff Wells works in a mixed practice where he treats both farm animals and house pets, with the occasional exotic thrown in. Among the many uplifting, life-altering, life-threatening, and hilarious episodes Wells relates are stories featuring a turkey attack, porcupine-quill covered terriers, a pregnant male cat, a heavy-metal Chihuahua with road burn, an ornery pygmy donkey, a giant hog, a constipated cow, and many others. This perfect little gem of a book will appeal to anyone who has pets, all animal lovers, and anyone who has ever toyed with the idea of becoming a vet.

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## Customer Reviews

Adult/High School  
Wells recounts his rigorous education and on-the-job training as a vet in rural South Dakota and then in a Rocky Mountain community in Colorado. As the junior member of a practice, it was Wells who had to answer the late-night emergency calls. His 36 stories range from treating circus animals to miniature pigs to yaks, along with a host of cat, dog, and horse anecdotes. Wells writes with compassion, humor, and wonder, and does a compelling job of engaging readers. No amount of education prepared him for the kinds of situations he faced, many of which were challenging, frightening, and often dangerous. Difficult situations that include euthanasia are included and yet, throughout his memoir, Wells's love of animals and the personal satisfaction he feels shine through. Because mixed-animal practices are hard to find, readers learn

of an almost lost profession. Teens who love animals or have enjoyed James Herriot's books are the obvious candidates for this one. The short, down-home stories filled with heartfelt emotion and laugh-out-loud incidents will resonate with reluctant readers as well. --Jane Ritter, Mill Valley School District, CA END --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Newly minted veterinarian Wells is on one of his first calls -- a cow trying to deliver a dead calf -- when after two hours of unceasing labor, he decides to try another approach, and one of the onlooking farmers says, "That's what you should have done to begin with!" So begins the education of a young vet, the on-the-job training that no amount of schooling can provide. Chasing a calving cow around a pasture with no assistance from his technician (she was embarrassed to move -- she laughed so hard she wet her pants), fending off the attacks of three "watch turkeys," frightening truckers with his blood-soaked hands after stitching up a horse, or easing the passing of a cancer-ridden cat, Wells began to hone his skills. A move to Colorado didn't immediately improve his finances but did improve his buffalo-wrangling skills and his ability to remove porcupine quills from overzealous dogs and donkeys. Another winning veterinary memoir deserving of space next to the immortal James Herriot and his heirs. --Nancy Bent --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have read so many books about animals, dogs are a real favorite for me and there are many wonderful books about dogs. I had recently read a book by another vet and did not find it all that interesting, thought it was written by a professional for other professionals instead of a book for pet lovers. Knowing all that I almost did not read Jeff Wells book thinking it was probably very much the same. I am so glad I went ahead and read the book as it was very different. There was much to be learned in the book about the medical of animals but Mr. Wells also made the reading a lot of fun while learning about the pets and their antics. Anyone who has owned a pet knows how wonderful they are and how much they can add to your life. My husband and I got a late start when it comes to pet ownership. We got our first two dogs, a brother and sister from the same Maltese litter. They were about 11 weeks old when we brought them home. We started out even, none of us having experience but we quickly got acquainted. It was love at first sight. Myron & Babydoll were with us for many years. Myron crossed the Rainbow Bridge when he was ten and Babydoll when she was eleven. Our years with them are still looked at as wonderful and though they have been gone now for about five years we miss them every day. Now we have Taz our little three year old Maltese. He

was six months old when we got him. He is very different from our other little loves. I would say that his six months before moving in with us were not good ones and that he was abused and not well cared for. It has left a mark on him but after almost three years he has come to know that he is loved and cared for and he is safe with us. If I had a wish for pets here in the USA and other places it would be that every animal would have a Forever Home and would always be cared for. Donations to local organizations in your area has got to be a win-win for all. If you cannot donate your time to help with the care of homeless animals then perhaps your donations will be there for solid groups that are both non-kill as well as spaying and neutering which if done, will help with the over population and homelessness of animals. Jeff Wells, DVM wrote an interesting and informative book about animal care, I would highly recommend it to anyone who is looking for a book about pets.

I am in love with this book. Being a third year vet student this book was just what I needed. It was nice reading about the adventures of a new grad. It was nice to hear someone say: Not everything is going to go perfectly, they don't teach you everything in school and EVERYTHING WILL BE OK! All vet students should read this book and even if you aren't a vet student, animal lovers will love this book as well. It was funny, heartwarming and all around a great and entertaining read.

A wonderful storyteller and a Veterinarian to boot...my favourite combination for a good story. This book kept me engaged through all the pages. I enjoyed all the characters, some scary and some spectacular. A good book to read to relax and who doesn't love animal stories?

I read this book and immediately followed it with Dr. Well's second book. He is a very good writer and tells wonderful short essays about his adventures as a large and small animal veterinarian. A wonderful person who has shared a wonderful life with his readers. You will get to feel as if you know him and his patients. Great read.

Well written easy read. Take a trip into animal healing in Colorado Enjoy riding shotgun with the doc. Read on.

I love the stories in these books. The author manages to see the humor in his veterinarian practices and takes in stride the things that can (and do) go wrong since he's dealing with animals! I am biased though - I love animals and their antics! I wish I could find a veterinarian like him (that cares so much about the animals while keeping in mind their human owners)!

I love this book. It was exactly what I hoped it would be. Again is the BEST company to do business with. Happy New Year.

I read every animal book I can get my hands on. RARELY does one make me laugh out loud--but this one did. It is fantastic. I highly recommend it--it is insightful; and not just in regard to the medical care of animals, but also the people skills required of the vets who treat them and have to deal with the owners. It is well written and just a wonderful read--animal lover or not it is a good read.

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