HOW TO USE
THIS BOOK

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Read the list of CONTENTS at the beginning. This tells you what each chapter is about and gives the page numbers for the different subjects discussed.

TO LOOK UP A DISEASE OR OTHER HEALTH PROBLEM:
1. Look at pages 371–380 at the end of the book. This is an INDEX that lists, in the order of the alphabet, all the subjects in this book. Under many subjects there will be other things to do with the subject (for example, under birth are listed: normal, problems in, signs of, etc.).
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Always look at pages 311–352 for information on uses, dosage, risks, and precautions. An A-Z of medicines is also included on medicines for particular problems.

TO BE READY FOR EMERGENCIES:
1. Keep the basic equipment listed on pages 9–13 handy in the house or in the village.
2. Study this book before it is needed, especially Section 4, Chapter 9, Emergencies and first aid and Section 6 on Signs of disease.

TO HELP KEEP YOUR ANIMALS HEALTHY:
Carefully study Section 3 on Healthy animals and how to keep animals healthy at different stages in their life.

TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF ANIMALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY:
Organise a meeting of your neighbours, to study this book and discuss the health problems of animals in the community. Use Section 2 of the book to share your knowledge and give training sessions. Study Section 5 on How to prevent and control disease. Discuss with your neighbours how everyone in the community can help to control things such as parasites and infections to make all the animals healthy.
Where There is No Vet

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