

FOREWORD

This work is authored by a paediatric cardiologist with vast experience and a deep interest in comparative cardiology, in collaboration with an internationally recognised expert in cardiac morphology. It is an extremely thorough and informative presentation of congenital heart malformations in mammals and, to our knowledge, unique. Previously published works are reviewed and presented together with the authors' own observations of new findings in the normal heart and many new cases of malformed hearts. The section describing a method of sequential segmental analysis provides a very useful tool for clarifying anomalies in the cardiovascular system. The last chapter on comparative aspects of malformations in different species is especially valuable. The illustrations, of high quality and accompanied by lucid descriptions, make a didactic presentation. In summary, this work is of great interest to anyone active in the field of cardiology and it provides an excellent aid in clinical work, teaching and research.

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