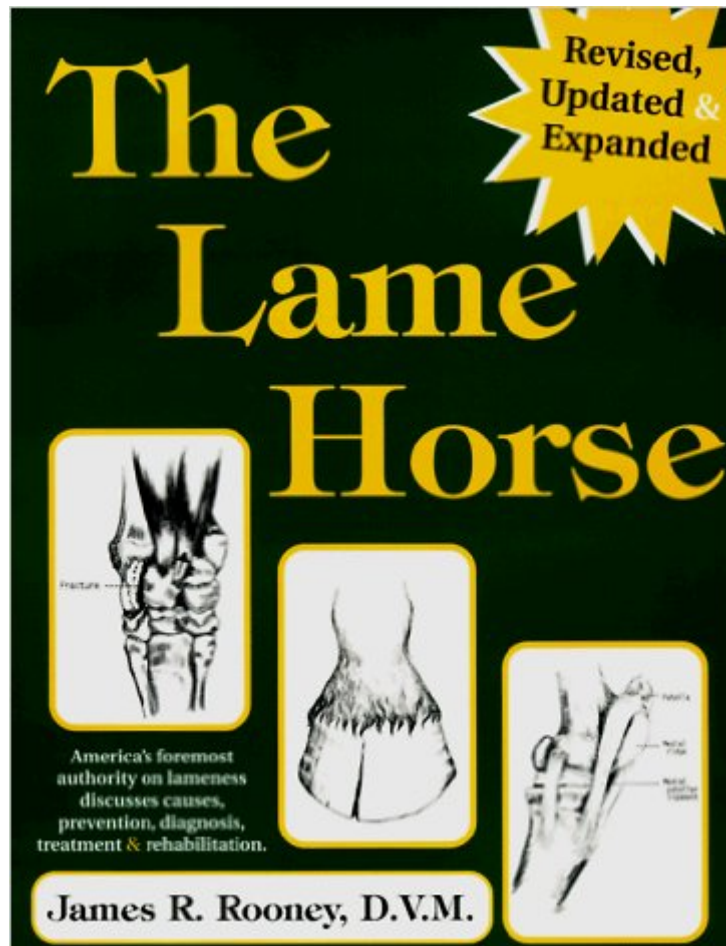


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# The Lame Horse



## Synopsis

This updated and expanded edition is packed with the knowledge about lameness Dr. Rooney has accumulated since he wrote the first edition in 1974. He explains the function and mechanics of the front and hind legs, and discusses what happens when things go wrong. He covers fractures, injuries to tendons and ligaments, muscles, the nervous system and much more. Dr. Rooney discusses the causes of lameness, how to diagnose every condition and the state-of-the-art methods of treatment. The book is full of illustrations and actual X-rays to help you understand what went wrong and what to do about it. Also featured are sections on gait analysis, biomechanics, and the horse's response to training to help you avoid problems.

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## Customer Reviews

I recently checked this book out from my library and have been thoroughly enjoying it. Many of the strange words often heard associated with the horse world are now coming together more firmly in my mind. The book explains the anatomy and physiology of the horse. It is divided into 3 sections: the front limbs, the rear limbs, and the back. The anatomy of each limb is described in detail and is sketched in simple drawings. The author then describes a list of problems that occur with that limb starting near the top and working down. Terms like "splints" "bucked shins" "sweeny" and "epiphysitis" are explained in the book. I highly recommend it for every horse owner so that they can have a basic working knowledge of their horse, to help figure out what is wrong with it shall it ever become lame (they all do at some point or another), and to be able to discuss the lameness more clearly with their vet. That being said this is not a "fun" read, it is not a novel, it reads like a

textbook so you will not be able to sit down and breeze right through it. The book requires careful thought and attention as the reader has to at least somewhat memorize the terms (bones, muscles, ligaments, and tendons) to have a clue what the author is describing or they will quickly find themselves skimming along and not learning much. Also there was a few parts of the book that I personally disagreed with that the author mentioned. For example saying that ringbone, navicular disease, and founder are chronic and untreatable conditions is just plain wrong. With today's modern medicine many horses with these problems are being successfully rehabilitated. (Then again I am reading the 1974 edition- perhaps modern renditions have been edited.

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