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If you only need the buying answer, the 120-day rental is still the cheapest short-term route. The print copy has a real case because it stays well below the sampled new-print and digital alternatives, which matters for a shelter-medicine title that can remain useful in real intake, housing, and handling work after the course ends.

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This is not a case where print is the absolute cheapest answer. Rental still wins on immediate spend. But the gap between rental and ownership is not large, while the sampled print copy is far below the rest of the ownership market. For a practical shelter text, that changes the decision because the book may keep paying off once the course is over.

## **What this book actually teaches**

*Animal Behavior for Shelter Veterinarians and Staff* matters because it treats behavior in the actual shelter setting rather than as a detached academic subject. It deals with intake, housing, handling, behavior assessment, species-specific welfare, and the institutional decisions that affect animal outcomes. That makes it a practical reference for real shelter work, not just a one-pass behavior text.

That practical afterlife is the strongest argument for ownership. If you expect to keep working in shelter medicine, welfare, or policy, the book can remain useful when behavior questions reappear in daily operations. If your need is only a short academic window, rental is still the cleaner financial choice.

## Who should buy print and who should not

Rent if you only need temporary access for one course or training block. Buy print if you expect continued shelter work and want a keepable reference for behavior, handling, housing, and intake-related decision making. In the current market, ownership is priced reasonably enough to take seriously.

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