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This is the third volume in the *CRC Handbook of Laboratory Animal Science Series*.
Subjects covered in the two previous volumes are:

Volume I — Legislation, Housing Requirements, Parameters of Reproduction, Gnotobiotics, Teratogenic Techniques and Agents and Mutagenicity, Biohazard Control, Epidemiology, Surgery of Laboratory Animals, Radiobiology and Nuclear Medicine, Reptiles in Laboratory Animal Science, Veterinary Medical Specialization and Specialty Organizations, and Laboratory Animal Technician Training Programs.

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PREFACE

This book represents the completion of 6 years of work by the editors and many contributors toward establishing a broad-based series covering laboratory animal science. The Preface in Volumes I and II outlined our general intentions for this series. Our basic concepts and objectives have not changed, and we respectfully suggest reading the Preface which appears in both books.

We gratefully acknowledge the efforts and thank each contributor who has taken time out of his busy schedule to participate in this project. Our efforts to develop this series have had their rewards and frustrations. The initial chapter sequence had to be altered and unfortunately some important material had to be omitted.

We believe it important not to further delay the publication of the subjects contained in Volume III. At the same time, being the dynamic field that it is, laboratory animal science continues to rapidly change. We recognize the need to correct inadequacies that may be found in the current series, as well as to introduce other subject areas. With this in mind, a second edition of the entire series will soon be underway. New areas will be added, and some may be deleted or undergo significant change in an effort to keep abreast with changes as they occur or to correct inadequacies found in the original contributions. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

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