

# Editorial

## 2022—A very good year for your journals!

Dear members and readers,

As we close out 2022, let's review some of the many positive changes and improvements we've made this year to *AJVR* and *JAVMA*, resulting in *JAVMA*'s consistent ranking in the top 3 veterinary journals and *AJVR*'s elevation to a top destination for high-impact research.

### January

- *JAVMA*'s first supplemental issue, *Surgery in Your Practice*, published with the regular January 15 issue—12 articles on practical topics to enhance your surgical practice, with article narration on the digital edition.

### February

- Associate Editor Board of key opinion leaders and innovators announced for *AJVR* and *JAVMA* and new Editorial Manager, Karen Dodson, hired to streamline author service.

### March

- AVMA selects Dr. Sarah Wright as Social Media Editor for *JAVMA* and *AJVR*, with extraordinary results in engagement on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook, as well as downloads and readers.

### April

- AVMA introduces *Currents in One Health*, feature articles with a focus on cross-species, cross-discipline approaches at the intersection of veterinary medicine, human medicine, and the environment in *AJVR* and *JAVMA*. The inaugural articles in the monthly series are authored by Dr. Nicole Ehrhart in *JAVMA* and Dr. Boaz Arzi in *AJVR*.
- *JAVMA* moved to once-monthly publication, with additional content only online, and with 2 supplemental issues annually.

### May

- Journal Awards for students, interns, and residents announced for both *AJVR* and *JAVMA*, with winners honored during Convention.
- New Senior Administrative Coordinator, Stacey Geelan, hired to provide operational support to the Publications Division.

### June

- *AJVR* converts to a fully open access model, online only, with no print issues. Open access provides unlimited free access to veterinarians around the world and is known to increase significantly downloads, citations, and social engagement.
- *JAVMA* publishes the supplemental issue *Urogenital Health in Your Patients*.

### July

- *JAVMA* and *AJVR* introduce *Spotlight*, a new regular feature that spotlights a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the Council on Education. The first *Spotlights* feature North Carolina State University, Cornell University,

Colorado State University, and Iowa State University.

- *JAVMA* switches to eco-friendly paper—lighter and less glossy, with high postconsumer recycled stock.

### August

- The Journal Award winners—our up-and-coming young authors—are announced in *JAVMA* and *AJVR*. Each of the 11 receive \$500 and a certificate, unmistakable evidence of our commitment to early-career professionals.
- *JAVMA* runs its first *Did You Know* feature—fun facts about veterinary medicine developed by SAVMA members.

### September

- AVMA launches *Veterinary Vertex*, a weekly podcast in which Dr. Wright and I interview authors of high-impact *AJVR* and *JAVMA* papers.
- My editorial documents the incredible progress both journals have made in improving author services, readership, ranking for research output mentions online, and delivering much faster turnaround times in the submission-to-publication process.
- *AJVR* experiences a 15% increase in article submissions since moving to online only, delivering fast publication, and converting to open access.

### October

- A call goes out for submissions of high-quality randomized control trials to *AJVR* and *JAVMA*, with a 50% discount on open access fees through 2022.
- New Publishing Editor position created for *JAVMA* and *AJVR* to further improve our commitment to author customer service and enhance our quality control.

### November

- A collection of *AJVR* and *JAVMA Currents in One Health* manuscripts is curated to coincide with Global One Health Day.

### December

- *JAVMA* publishes the supplemental issue *Emerging Topics in Nutrition*.

And now here we are as winter settles in—time to thank all of you for your amazing support throughout 2022, and to wish everyone a relaxing, joyful holiday season!

Respectfully,

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