

# Editorial

Dear Readers,

I hope you are enjoying the new *JAVMA* experience. There are many more strategic improvements in the works! All these new features are designed to ensure that *JAVMA* brings you both a superb reading experience and the clinical information you need to enhance your practice and professional development. Everything we are doing, both on the web and in print, will ensure *JAVMA* remains the trusted voice of our veterinary profession, while enhancing the value of your membership in the AVMA. The entire AVMA team is working to develop and implement these improvements for members and authors, allowing our editorial team to deliver to you in a timely manner clinically impactful articles as well as current news and information.

Have you had a chance to explore the brand-new website for our journals [avmajournals.avma.org](http://avmajournals.avma.org)?



This new platform allows us to deliver articles to you online or on your mobile device before you receive the print issue of *JAVMA* and will significantly decrease time to publication for our authors. When you visit the website, you will see that the December *JAVMA* (and *AJVR*) issues are available online ahead of print (AOP). This move to an AOP-publishing model will allow all articles to be published AOP, after which only certain articles will be selected to appear in the print issue. This will allow us to select the most clinically important informa-



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tion for our readers to receive in print format, with the opportunity to view other articles online only. It will also allow us to develop virtual collections of articles including the popular “What Is Your Diagnosis?” and “Pathology in Practice” that will appear online only.

On the website, you will also find our revised instructions for authors and newly developed manuscript categories [avmajournals.avma.org/page/JAVMA-instructions-for-authors](http://avmajournals.avma.org/page/JAVMA-instructions-for-authors).



We have extensively simplified the instructions for authors to improve the submission process for our authors and streamline our editorial workflow to decrease the time to publication.

Finally, I’m also excited to announce that the inaugural Supplemental Issue of *JAVMA*—titled “Surgery in Your Practice”—is coming soon. It will appear online as the first of its kind special digital edition on December 15, 2021 and then will be delivered in print bundled with your January 15, 2022 issue of *JAVMA*. Additionally, we will simultaneously launch our first ever virtual collections of “Pathology in Practice” and “What Is Your Diagnosis?”

I hope you enjoy these innovative journal initiatives and I look forward to your feedback.

Respectfully,

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