Dear readers,

In this month’s editorial, I want to focus on 2 important topics: how we ensure that the content we publish represents the most accurate information for veterinarians, and how you can use the journals to reach a wealth of related resources from the AVMA.

First, JAVMA and AJVR are edited by veterinarians, for veterinarians. Take a look at the Editorial Board: https://avmajournals.avma.org/page/Editorial-Board. You’ll see an amazing breadth of expertise among the Associate Editors (AEs), 3 of whom—Kristi Henderson, DVM; Gussie Tessier, DVM, PhD; and Sarah Wright, DVM—join me as full-time members of the AVMA staff. We all devote our professional lives to ensuring that you have access to the very best scientific and clinical articles to inform your daily work. We’re also privileged to have uniquely diverse AEs from institutions around the US as well as a member from the UK and 2 from Canada. Please get to know Turi K. Aarnes, DVM, MS, DACVAA; Gillian Angliss, DVM; Liara M. Gonzalez, DVM, PhD, DACVS; Ankita Gupta, PhD (a Student AE); Bradley T. Hogshead, BS, MS (a Student AE); Adrien-Maxence Hespel, DVM, MS, DACV; Yava L. Jones-Hall, DVM, PhD, DACVP; Frederick Kibenge, BVM, PhD, DACVIM; Jolle Kirpensteijn, DVM, PhD, DVM, DECVS, Karen Kline, DVM, MS, DACVIM; Andrew D. Miller, DVM, DACVP; Kristina A. Muise, MSc, BSc (a Student AE); Theresa Ollivett, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; Carlos O. Rodriguez Jr, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; Jason W. Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, DACV; and Constance N. White, DVM, MPH, PhD. Their academic credentials are your guarantee that what we select for publication in AJVR and JAVMA is truly worthy of your time and attention.

In addition to the AEs, the Scientific Review Board, consisting of 58 highly qualified veterinarians from the US, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Turkey, Germany, Japan, and Iran, each of whom acts as peer reviewer for up to 6 papers annually, further ensures the scientific quality of the papers selected for publication.

We are deeply grateful to both our AEs and Scientific Review Board members for their contributions to ensure that, above all, your journals stand for integrity, rigor, and relevance.

While we are on the topic of integrity, we have recently updated our Plagiarism Policy (https://avmajournals.avma.org/page/220). We previously checked for plagiarism or “text recycling” when a reviewer or AE suspected it. We now routinely check manuscripts using iThenticate at submission and return manuscripts to authors if there is more text recycling than our policy allows (typically duplication in the Methods and References sections). Authors can then take corrective action, and avoid such unintentional plagiarism in future manuscripts. Thus, iThenticate assures our manuscript reviewers that the papers we assign are original and have not been published previously in another journal.

Finally, I would encourage you to start using our redesigned journals website home page, https://avmajournals.avma.org, as your access point for a host of additional resources to keep you informed, entertained, and up to date. From the home page, you have 1-click access to many of our most-used features:

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Respectfully,

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