

Editorial

This issue of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine (IJVM) offers some interesting articles both to the small and large animal practitioner. For small animal practitioners, Drs. Avner and Herrtage have presented an original first publication on the use of Computerized Tomography in the diagnosis and prognosis of spirocercosis in dogs. This is an important enzootic and emerging disease in dogs in Israel and publications on this subject are welcome.

In the field of hematology and avian medicine, Prof. Aroch and his colleagues from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have written an interesting research article on their endeavors to find an accurate and reliable method for counting leukocytes in birds. This subject presents many pitfalls and the article adds important information.

On the topic of "Ureteral Obstruction in Dogs and Cats" Drs. Shipov and Segev have presented an informative review which will be of interest to small animal practitioners. Dr. Dong and his colleagues from China have written a review on vaccine development for Classical Swine Fever. This disease is enzootic in our area as demonstrated by a recent outbreak in the north of Israel, and therefore this article is important.

Dr. Tal, a specialist in small animal reproduction and Dr. Grinberg have written an interesting case report on pyometra in a bitch. The subject of reproduction in our pet animals has not been adequately covered by the journal to date and I am pleased that we are introducing this area of veterinary practice to the journal.

A unique case report on Milk Fat Depression in an Israeli dairy herd written by Drs. Gild and Mesnik should be of interest to all. This article is to my mind a publication especially appropriate for the IJVM, which describes and documents a special circumstance that may occur among dairy cattle in Israel, especially in preparation for the Jewish Passover festival.

Of the 10 articles in this issue, seven originate from the area of the Mediterranean Basin and six from Israel. A significant achievement.

Thanks to all the authors for your contributions which has made this issue of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine interesting and enlightening.

Our application to Medline is presently being considered. I have been notified that all the relevant material has been received in the USA. Over the past years the journal has taken on an encouraging direction, and I hope for a positive response which will allow us to develop further.

Wishing all our readers a healthy and pleasant summer.

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