

Sadly I must inscribe this editorial in memory of two veterinarians and associates who passed away during the last few months.

Dr. Rita Trainin was a pioneer in the field of small animal veterinary medicine in Israel. She started a veterinary clinic in Ramat Chen in the early 1960's, a brave and pioneering undertaking when small animal clinics were not yet popular in Israel. Rita became a well-known clinician. She introduced an X-ray screening program in Israel in order aid in eliminating Hip Dysplasia among German Shepard dogs together with the late Prof Uri Bargai. She published the first articles about *Spirocerca lupi* infestation in dogs in Israel.

Besides her professional activities, Rita was very active in the dog-show world. She was a well-known breeder of standard schnauzer and greyhounds and an international all breed judge. She was undoubtedly the most prominent "canine" figure in the Israeli dog world since the late 1960's.

Dr. Gila Tzur was a young veterinary dermatologist who played an important role in the development of the science of veterinary dermatology in Israel. She was sympathetic, modest person and always willing to give a helping hand. It was a great honor to be acquainted with Gila and I will personally miss her. She was a great asset to our profession and showed the way for future generations of veterinarians in how to practice our profession in a compassionate and caring manner.

The Editorial Board of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine sends its condolences and sympathies to the families of Gila and Rita. May they rest in peace.

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