

## Editorial Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine December 2023

Dear Readers,

**T**his journal has been prepared in the midst of an ongoing war in Gaza. This has been a difficult task.

It is with great sorrow that two Israeli Veterinarians and their families respectively, have lost sons in this war. We stand together with our colleagues and their families during this very difficult time and wish them strength and courage.

The group “American Veterinarians for Israel” has decided to close after many years of assistance to the Veterinary Profession in Israel. Besides helping the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine, they have provided bursaries for veterinary students and also support of the Veterinary School. They have been a great support in the development of the profession in Israel and their generous help has been an example of assistance and encouragement to our calling and mission. They can be satisfied of a mission well done and we sincerely appreciate their support.

Thank you to all the members of the “American Veterinarians for Israel” for your contribution in building Veterinary Medicine in Israel.

A special thanks to the efforts of Dr. Bill Bender and Dr. Gerry Buchoff for enabling their generous financial gift on behalf of the organization.

On behalf of the Journal and the Israel Veterinary Medical Association we thank you and wish you all the very best.

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Trevor (Tuvia) Waner*

Editor-in-Chief, Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine