

The Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine holds in the highest regard the standards of welfare for animals. In this regard, the journal has published several articles over the last few years on analgesia in pet and farm animals, welfare and standards of management for farm animals and aspects of welfare in regard to slaughter with emphasis on “shechita” (Kosher slaughter) (1).

Dr. Shaul Pozzi is a member of the editorial board of our journal and has written numerous articles on the above subjects. He is an European Diplomat in Swine Medicine (ECPHM). His attitude to animal welfare is clearly proclaimed in a recent article where he writes (2): “Despite the fact that the swine population in Israel may be considered small in respect to other western countries (only 200,000 slaughtered heads per year), nevertheless this animal population also deserves minimal legal standards of living, especially in terms of crowding reduction, freedom of movement for sows, environmental and air quality, pain relief in the course of necessary interventions on live tissues and the avoidance of unnecessary mutilations.”

Recently Dr. Pozzi has received recognition as a Diplomat of the European College for Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law (ECAWBM). This makes Shaul the first Israeli Veterinarian to receive this status. Furthermore it makes him the first, and at present the only Israeli Veterinarian to hold both the two European Diplomas, that of Swine Medicine and that of Animal Welfare.

I am proud to have such a qualified and skilled member on the editorial board of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine. On behalf of the board I wish Dr. Shaul Pozzi “*Yishar ko'ach*” and congratulations.

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