

Dear Readers,

Abstracts from the First Israel National Conference on Animal Welfare (Oct 2021)

This is the last edition for 2021, a year in which we continued to be troubled with the corona pandemic. Never the less, the journal has continued to function, albeit under difficult conditions. I thank our readers for their continued support.

The year, 2022 is an important year for the Israeli veterinarians. This landmark, is the centenary of the founding of the Israel Veterinary Medical Association.

The current journal features in addition to the articles presented, scientific abstracts presented at the First Israel National Conference on Animal Welfare. The lectures presented were of a high standard, dealing with issues of relevance to the field of Animal Welfare. Subjects that were covered included homeless cats in the urban environment; Effects of visitors on the welfare of Zoo animals; Scope of brain plasticity in laying chickens under stress and the effect of artificial light on dairy welfare. Especially, research results were presented which promises to save the culling of millions of male chicks annually throughout the world. I recommend reading these items.

Thanks to the organizers of the Animal Welfare meeting for choosing the IJVM to publish the scientific welfare lectures. The journal holds great importance in this field and is honored to be a vehicle for continued dissemination of this valuable and relevant information. We look forward to publishing further articles meetings on Animal Welfare.

Furthermore, the December journal has further articles some of which also contribute to the field of animal welfare. In all, a varied presentation of article have been published which should be of interest to our readers.

Wishing our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I hope that we can put the corona pandemic behind us in 2022.

Sincerely,

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