

EDITORIAL

Since my last editorial a lot has happened: Firstly, I am pleased to announce that the Histadrut has given the go-ahead to prepare a new internet site for the journal. The site will have its own internet address and promises to be user friendly with the ability to search within the site and print articles which have been published. The Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine is already been indexed by a number of organizations including The Web of Knowledge, Google Scholar, CAB, Zoological record and Biosis Review. A dedicated internet site should help us to become more "visible". I will announce when the site is running and I will ask you please to check it out and give me your suggestions and criticism for any additional improvements. The implementation of a dedicated internet site for the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine will be a big step forward for the journal.

On the index page of each journal appears the name and office bearers of the organization the "American Veterinarians for Israel". Although I have seen the name of the organization in journals for many years the nature of the group was unknown to me. After making some enquires I contacted the President, Dr. Bill Bender. I discovered that this organization of veterinarians supports Israel in many ways and that they are willing to assist and promote the journal. I found Dr. Bender enthusiastic about our journal and willing to help. I pointed out that the level of veterinary medicine was high in Israel and stressed my view that the journal should reflect this level. I am sure that we have found a partner in our endeavors and hopefully this collaboration will bear fruit. The organization has given me the opportunity to address a letter to their members.

In this edition I am proud to see the presence of many articles from Israeli veterinarians, from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, the Veterinary Institute and from private practice. The articles from Turkey and Austria are most welcome and give the journal an international flavor with novel veterinary research.

In the Hebrew section I have included a newspaper article on the achievements of Dr. Roni Ozeri of the Kimron Institute: Dr. Ozeri together with Dr. Avshalom Horwitz have been awarded the "Ordre National du Mérite Agricole" by the French Government for their achievements in the field of agriculture. This is the first time that such an award has been made to Israeli citizens. Congratulations!

Wishing all our readers a Happy Passover – Chag Pesach Samach.

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Cover image: Golden Retriever

The Golden Retriever is one of the most popular breeds in Israel. Its good-nature and pleasant disposition make it popular especially as a family pet. The size of Golden Retrievers is medium to large. They are usually active dogs who love to play. They are mostly not aggressive and non territorial, and are therefore not very good guard dogs. Due to their very tolerant nature and the fact that they are easy to train, they are often used as guide dogs. Because of these characteristics, as well as their highly developed sense of smell, they are also used by the police.

Dogs of this breed are known for their love of humans and their warm fondness of children. For this reason they are very popular as pets, in dog shows and on TV and movie shows. Another prominent characteristic of Golden Retrievers is their love of water.