

The March edition of the IJVM has some interesting and enlightening articles. I want to highly recommend to all small animal practitioners the review written by Chen *et al.* on “Biomarkers of Acute Kidney Injury”. This is important information for all of us dealing with biomarkers which will be the acceptable practice mode in the following years to help us define and understand kidney injury in dogs and cats.

On the subject of dogs, the article on the seroprevalence of Canine Coronavirus in Kars Shepherd dogs is a good example of a study which is crucial in the conservation of dogs of this special breed. I came across a related breed of this dog in South Africa in Namaqualand on the South West coast of the Cape, where they help to protect sheep and their lambs. This dog, the Anatolian shepherd dog, is extremely protective of the sheep in its care and if the flock is threatened it will defend them ferociously. They serve as a great help to the sheep farmers of this area, as the Kars Shepherd dog does in Turkey.

In all, the journal has some interesting articles and I hope our readers will enjoy and gain knowledge from their contents.

Wishing our readers an enjoyable spring and a Happy Passover.

This is the ideal time to tour the country and see the wonderful blooming of the wild flowers all over the country.

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