1998

Causerie

Elizabeth L. Carney

Iowa State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian

Part of the Higher Education Commons, and the Veterinary Medicine Commons

Recommended Citation

Available at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian/vol60/iss1/2

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Iowa State University Veterinarian by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
Greetings from the office of the ISU Veterinarian! As I sit and reflect on my time as editor of this unique publication, I am struck by how fast time seems to have gone since I took on this task a volume ago. At that time, I felt certain I was up to the job if only I could figure out exactly what I was supposed to do when! Three issues later, I have a clearer idea of what it takes to make this journal a reality, and perhaps I would be less apt to agree to the job had I known then what I know now!

All kidding aside, I truly have enjoyed this experience and have gained knowledge, skill, and friendships while doing it. I am indebted to Drs. John Greve and Mark Ackermann for their guidance as faculty advisors during my stint as editor. I am thankful for all the many students who have agreed to work on this journal, especially to Mark Troxel for getting me through the layout of the first issue. I am happy to announce that the fine legacy of the ISU Veterinarian will continue in the capable hands of Lisa De Nault and Travis Saveraid, my successors at the helm of the editorship.

I am also grateful to the handful of you, the readers, who have written to us, remarking on all the things you like and pointing out some of our weaknesses. Along those lines, I would like to make some amendments to two articles that appeared in the last issue. One of our readers has pointed out that the “Elk Ranching” article mentioned the use of brucellosis vaccine in elk. We should note that there is no legal provision for the use of this vaccine in many states and that there is no approved vaccine for use in this species. Also, many states have regulations regarding game farming (beside import or sale test requirements), and at least one state (WY) prohibits elk ranching. In the “Hedgehog” article, we incorrectly included snails in a list of insects to be fed to hedgehogs. Oops! Thank you to Dr. Palen in Wisconsin for having such sharp eyes and catching our mistakes!

I hope you enjoy this issue of the ISU Veterinarian. Our focus in this issue is “International Opportunities in Veterinary Medicine.” Several of our students have had rewarding opportunities abroad, and their stories are shared with you in the following pages. You will also find a wrap-up of the “Visions” conference held here in November, as well as all of our usual features. Read on, and keep us informed of how you think we are doing!*

*Elizabeth L. Carney is a third-year veterinary student at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.