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## EDITOR'S LETTER

# A Season of Empowerment

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." This quote by St. Francis of Assisi, paired with the strengthening sun, reminds us that we have made it through another winter and the promise of the summer season is here to lend warmth, sunshine, and rejuvenation. The summer brings a feeling of empowerment—to improve our skills, to enhance our knowledge, and to try new things. This issue of *Today's Veterinary Nurse* has education aimed at all of these! Long summer days are the perfect time to revive, so why not use this season to check our skills when it comes to **soft tissue imaging positioning** (p. 38)? We all love math, so let's refresh our **important nutrition calculations** (p. 32). And don't let summer slip away without exploring **ways to manage pain in companion animals without the use of opioids** (p. 64). The arrival of summer enables us to break out of the shadows, take some time to develop ourselves, and feel rejuvenated in our work—we deserve it, and our patients benefit as well. Let's make this summer unforgettable!

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### CORRECTION

The article titled "Noninvasive Blood Pressure Monitoring in the Canine and Feline Patient" in the Spring 2023 issue incorrectly pictured a blood pressure cuff on a limb in Figure 4. We regret the error.