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EDITOR'S LETTER

New Content and New Knowledge for a New Year

Wait, where did the time go? Was it just me or did 2023 fly by? Whether we are ready or not, it's already time for 2024. We welcome you with our Winter 2024 issue of *Today's Veterinary Nurse*. The team at TVN received valuable feedback and is kicking off the new year by continuing articles aimed at improving skillsets to elevate each individual veterinary nurse's utilization along with implementing several new article formats. **Q&A: Emerging Topics** (p. 28) looks at what is new in disease management. **Zoonotic Risks** (p. 22) examines the importance of interspecies zoonoses, how to manage these, and how to communicate this important focus with pet owners. Regardless of the practice, an emergency can and will come through the door. The new **In Case of Emergency** feature (p. 56) offers education and tips to prepare for urgent situations and avoid unexpected mishaps. We hear a great deal about the culture of veterinary hospitals; thus, the new column **Enhancing Workplace Culture** (p. 84) offers ideas and methods to enhance the culture of your hospital. Veterinary nurses recognize the importance of personal finances. The new **Dollars and Sense** column (p. 96) tackles some of the more pressing challenges to make ends meet. As we know, veterinary nurses are lifelong learners. The Winter 2024 issue offers new knowledge and skills allowing us to practice at the top of our credential and skillset. Enjoy this issue and allow yourself to move and shake up your hospital, your community, and your profession!

The Bridge Club Names Kara M. Burns Its 2024 ICON Award Winner

Today's Veterinary Nurse Editor-in-Chief Kara M. Burns has been recognized by The Bridge Club as the first veterinary nurse/technician to win its Industry ICON Award. The honor recognizes a veterinary professional who "consistently demonstrates leadership, innovation, and a commitment to elevating and advancing veterinary care," according to the organization's website.

"Honored, shocked, humbled," Burns said of receiving the award. "There are so many vet techs that have done so much for the profession for so

long. For me to have been nominated would have been a great honor; to be named the winner is just incredibly humbling."

This year, Burns was unanimously selected from a pool of nearly 50 candidates. The Industry ICON Award is bestowed annually by The Bridge Club, an organization dedicated to facilitating meaningful conversations in veterinary medicine to help elevate the field. To date, the organization has held more than 300 discussions. Read the full article at bit.ly/3FxrKzQ.

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