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EDITOR'S LETTER

Embrace the Season of Growth and Renewal

Welcome to spring—the season of renewal, hope, and regrowth. As I look at the spring issue of *Today's Veterinary Nurse*, I see parallels between the season and this issue's learnings. There are many skills that we can refresh throughout our careers, whether we are new graduates or seasoned technicians like myself. This issue offers a fresh look at [wound bandaging techniques](#) (p. 34) and a reminder of the importance of recognizing and educating clients about the [zoonotic risks of external parasites](#) (p. 23). We also know springtime to be kitten season! What better time to revisit the importance of [properly feeding neonatal kittens](#) (p. 16)? Spring also reminds us how beautiful change can be. Whether learning about [electrochemotherapy](#) (p. 28) or [large animal field service](#) (p. 74), we are opening ourselves to information that can change our everyday work experience.

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