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EDITOR'S LETTER

Lifelong Learning Keeps Us Young

At age 87, Michelangelo famously stated, "I am still learning." I love this quote, as I and many of my colleagues are lifelong learners. Learning keeps us young. I believe we should never stop learning because life never stops teaching. The science of medicine and the practice of nursing are always evolving, and each year finds our profession implementing innovative medical advances and nursing strategies to help strengthen the lives of our patients. In this issue of *Today's Veterinary Nurse*, we see this evolution in our Trends in Veterinary Nursing article exploring [alternative protein sources for companion animals](#) (p. 10). Our Q&A: Emerging Topics article outlines the use of [radiation in osteoarthritis management](#) (p. 32). Additionally, in our feature article on the different [imaging modalities used in emergent thoracic cases](#) (p. 76), we see the advancement of digital imaging for our patients. Wow—when I first started in veterinary medicine, ultrasonography was performed at veterinary teaching hospitals only, and even fewer had computed tomography (and radiographs were processed using dip tanks!). But the science of medicine moved forward and, as stated, lifelong learning keeps us young.

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For the first time in decades, the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) approved substantial amendments to its model pet food label regulations in 2023. These amendments are intended to help pet owners better understand what they are feeding their pets. AAFCO suggests a 6-year transition period for state regulatory bodies to implement and begin enforcement of the amended rules. During that period, companies will need to alter their labels to meet the requirements, and products with new labels will gradually appear in stores and online. This review in *Today's Veterinary Practice* explains the implications and limitations of these major pet food label changes. Scan the QR code to read this article.



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CORRECTION

The article titled "Protein-Losing Diseases and Anesthesia" in the Spring 2024 issue inaccurately described methadone's mechanism of action. Methadone is an opioid agonist and *N*-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) antagonist. We regret the error.