

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The scope of veterinary services has been extended to cover animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health to address the challenges of animal, human and environmental health. Veterinarians play key role to ensure the availability of high-quality animal protein to ensure food security by curbing the malnutrition in our society. In addition, veterinarians play central role in ensuring food safety. Accordingly, veterinarian's role and responsibilities together with the competency has been increased manifold along with the conventional clinical services. It is, therefore, necessary to strengthen the knowledge and skill of veterinarians to address the issues of animal and human health.

Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) is a scientific professional organization of Nepalese veterinarians aimed at strengthening the technical capabilities of member veterinarians and safeguarding the veterinary profession in Nepal. NVA publishes the Nepalese Veterinary Journal (NVJ), an on-line accessible scientific journal archived in Nepjol, comprising original scientific peer-reviewed research and review articles in the field of veterinary science and allied subjects. The publication aims to share scientific knowledge and technology among members and stakeholders within home and abroad.

It is our pleasure to present our readers the 36th volume of NVJ in the eve of New Year 2020. The current issue of NVJ includes articles on various aspects of animal husbandry including breeding, nutrition, health and management of livestock, pets and wildlife. It also includes scientific articles on the effect of climate change on animal husbandry; epidemiology, prevention and control of parasitic and infectious animal disease including zoonoses; food safety, laboratory techniques in veterinary medical science, animal welfare, antimicrobial resistance pattern, and drug efficacy trial. We believe that the information will be useful to the concerned stakeholders.

NVJ welcomes original scientific research and review articles preferably focusing on the issues faced by farmers in the field. The guidelines for authors can be accessed through: <https://www.nepjol.info/index.php/nvj/about>.

On behalf of Editorial Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the respected authors and reviewers for their hard work and very valuable volunteer contribution to the veterinary profession. I would like to express my very sincere thanks to all the members of Editorial Board and especially to Dr. Surendra Karki, for their valuable contribution. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs. Pramina Shrestha for her secretarial and computer services. I am also indebted to executive committee of NVA for their support and encouragement.

I apologize for errors, if any, despite of our effort to correct the technical and grammatical mistakes as far as possible. We respect and welcome the constructive suggestions from our readers.

Editor-in-Chief