

Editorial

In memory of Dr. Kimberly Coyner



It is with heavy hearts that the *Veterinary Dermatology* editorial family reports the loss of one of the stalwarts of the dermatology community and our esteemed colleague in publishing, Dr. Kimberly S. Coyner. Kim and her beloved husband Marc were taken from us by a tragic car collision while on holiday this past January.

Dr. Coyner graduated from the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and completed her dermatology residency at the University of Georgia. She was a Diplomate and active member of the American

College of Veterinary Dermatology. Over a 20-year career in private dermatology practice, Kim touched the lives of countless colleagues, trainees, pets and their people. Kim's educational influence was global, as a dedicated contributor to the Veterinary Information Network, Editor of her own textbook,¹ and an author of book chapters and many original research reports. Kim published her work in esteemed journals such as the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery*, the *Journal of Small Animal Practice*, *Veterinary Clinics of North America – Small Animal Practice*, and *Veterinary Dermatology*. These vital contributions spanned several subject areas, and one of my personal favorites was a study which debunked a widely circulated social media claim that a commercially available hair and saliva test could properly identify allergic diseases in dogs.² But perhaps it will be Kim's role in advancing the standard of care in the treatment of dermatophytosis that is best remembered, including the crown jewel of these efforts, which is the clinical consensus guidelines on the treatment of dermatophytosis, developed for the World Association of Veterinary Dermatology.³

For many years, Dr. Coyner was an indispensable reviewer for the *Veterinary Dermatology* journal, where she assisted scores of authors in honing their scientific articles for publication. Then, in 2016, she joined the journal as a Co-Editor, overseeing the review, editing and publication of up to 34 manuscripts per year at her peak. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have shared this responsibility with Kim – as the gate keepers of our specialty's journal – remember her tireless commitment to scientific rigor and precision of the written word. Kim had an uncanny ability to unearth information, and her ability to research a topic was legendary, her letter on dexamethasone use in cats included in this issue being a prime example of those skills. Her sense of fairness, commitment to clinical excellence and scientific advancement, and her all-around good nature and dry wit will be missed for all time.

Respectfully,

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