In This Issue:

One Health

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For thousands of years, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, and First Nation peoples in the rest of the Americas have understood innately, and honored consistently, the concepts of One Health that many people today are just coming to grasp and apply. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

“One Health is an approach that recognizes that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals and our shared environment. One Health is not new, but it has become more important in recent years. This is because many factors have changed interactions between people, animals, plants, and our environment.”

Past issues of the Journal have touched on aspects linked to One Health, including Climate and Health, Nutrition, Creating Healthy Communities, Cancer, and Communicable Disease. In reality, virtually every issue of the Journal has some component with linkage to One Health.

For this issue, we engaged Karen Lopez, DVM, MPH, Delaware’s Deputy State Veterinarian as our guest editor, and we thank her for her connections and hard work that led to this issue’s culmination.

For many readers, One Health will initially conjure up thoughts of rescue animals, such as those (both canine and feline) who will soon be in the White House with President-Elect Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden. For those of us old enough, we might recall the massive mosquito spraying efforts of our childhood when we chased after the mist from the planes (clearly not an advisable practice). Still others will think of our poultry industry, or the periodic scare from a potential rabies-carrying animal. And it goes much deeper than all of those combined.

As a side note, we are very pleased to announce that the Delaware Journal of Public Health is now included, at an article level, in CrossRef; we’ll have more exciting news to share with you in our spring issue.

As always, we hope that you enjoy this issue of the Journal, and we welcome your feedback.