

In Memoriam: Janis H Audin

Janis H Audin, editor-in-chief at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) from 1995 to 2009, died on 22 April 2009 at age 58. She had been contending with pancreatic cancer for 3 years.

Audin studied art history and biology as an undergraduate and went on to obtain a master's degree in reproductive physiology and a DVM. She then practiced small-animal medicine before becoming an assistant editor at AVMA in 1985. She was promoted to associate editor in 1989, editor in 1994, and editor-in-chief and director of the publications division in 1995. Her responsibilities in this dual role included providing leadership for the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA)* and the *American Journal of Veterinary Research*.

Contributions of Audin to AVMA publications included leading the move from print-only to electronic formats and instituting computer technology to improve various aspects of journal operations. She also mentored many editors and others.

Audin joined what was then the Council of Biology Editors in 1985. Her contributions to the Council included chairing the Information Management Committee in 1998–1999.

Despite her illness, Audin continued working, doing so from home when no longer able to go to the office. A month



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before her death, she was named editor-in-chief emeritus.

Audin asked that memorial donations be made to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and designated for animal health studies. Donations can be made online at www.avmf.org or sent to the AVMF, Suite 100, 1931 N Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Further information about Audin appears in an obituary in *JAVMA*, available at www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/may09/090515ff.asp.