Veterinary journals in the Nordic countries - a short overview

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The Finnish Veterinary Journal
Suomen Eläinlääkärilehti - Finsk Veterinärtidskrift

- Established in 1893
- Circulation: 2 600 copies/issue
- 10 issues per year, 700 pages
- Languages: Finnish, Swedish, sometimes English
- Editorial board: 8 vets, 1 information expert, 1 secretary (the managing editor)
The Finnish Veterinary Association

- 2 300 members
- 90 % of the Finnish vets are members, also students can be members.
- Webpage: www.sell.fi

Finland
- Population: 5.4 million
The Norwegian Veterinary Journal
Norsk veterinærtidsskrift

- Established in 1888
- Circulation: 2 700 copies
- Issues and pages per year: 9 issues, 720 pages
- Languages: Norwegian, occasionally Danish, English and Swedish
- Editorial board: 6 veterinarians, the editor, the veterinary science editor and the editorial assistant are also members of the board.
The Norwegian Veterinary Association

- Membership: 2,600, about 85% of Norwegian vets are members, membership also includes students.
- Webpage: www.vetnett.no

Norway
- Population: 4.9 million
The Danish Veterinary Journal
Dansk Veterinærtidsskrift

- Established: 1889
- Circulation: 3,950 copies.
- Issues and pages per year: 16, appr 770 pages.
- Languages: Danish (occasionally English)
- Connected writers: 7 veterinarians
- Editorial board: Only peer-reviewed articles – max one article/issue.
- Political- and editorial committee: 3 veterinarians (presidents of the association), the editor, 2 department managers.
The Danish Veterinary Association

- Membership: 3,900 vets. Approximately 2,600 practising vets.
- More than 90% of the Danish vets are members.
- Webpage: www.ddd.dk

Denmark
- 5.5 million citizens
The Swedish Veterinary Journal
Svensk Veterinärtidning

- Established: 1861
- Circulation: 3 300 copies
- Issues and pages per year: 15 issues, appr 1 000 pages
- Languages: Swedish with summaries in English.
- Editorial board: Five veterinarians, the editor and the editorial assistants.
- Referee-system for scientific articles.
The Swedish Veterinary Association

- Membership: 2,900 vets from private and public sectors, students and retired vets.
- More than 90% of the Swedish vets are members.
- Webpage: [www.svf.se](http://www.svf.se)

Sweden
- Population: 9.4 million
Differences

- Languages – to some extent
- Acquiring material
- Handling of review articles
- The role of the editorial boards
- Financing of the journals
- National competitors
Strengths

- Association owned journals
- Committed readers
The future:

- Journals on paper for many years yet
- A need for technical development as a complement to the paper publication
Thank you!