

General Guidelines for All Papers

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All papers must be submitted online by the posted deadline. Late submissions will not be considered or reviewed. All deadlines must be strictly followed to ensure the Proceedings are available at the Convention.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in **non-acceptance**. It is the author's responsibility to demonstrate the scientific value of the submission and to present the material clearly for the reader.

Specific submission instructions for **Scientific Papers**, **How-To Papers**, **Review Papers**, **≤300 Word Abstracts**, and **Business Papers** are provided in their respective sections. All submissions must conform to these **General Guidelines**.

Formatting and Style

- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point
- **Spacing:** Double-spaced
- **Margins:** 1 inch

Proceedings must be written in the **third person**. Avoid using first-person pronouns (I, we, my, mine, us, our, ours).

- ☒ **Example (Third Person):** "The results of the study indicated that A plus B did not equal C."
- ☒ **Incorrect (First Person):** "We concluded from our results that A plus B did not equal C."

Use **generic names** for all medications, supplies, and equipment.

- Trade names may be footnoted when the product is critical to the procedure.
- Provide manufacturer's full name and address in the footnote.

Express all dosages, weights, and measurements in **metric units** with specific time intervals.

- ☒ **Correct:** 22 mg/kg, q 12 h, IV
- ☒ **Incorrect:** 10 mg/lb, BID, IV

Follow **Nomina Anatomica Veterinaria** nomenclature for anatomical references. (https://www.wava-amav.org/downloads/nav_6_2017.zip)

Section Headings

Please refer to the specific guidelines for your submission type, as required section headings vary depending on the category of paper.

Paper Title Guidelines

Titles should be:

- **Concise, informative, and written in title case**
- Formatted as **headlines**, not as complete sentences
- Free of unnecessary punctuation
- ☒ **Good:** Intra-Articular Therapies for Managing Coxofemoral Osteoarthritis in Horses
- ☒ **Not Ideal:** This paper explores how intra-articular therapies can help manage coxofemoral osteoarthritis in horses

The goal is to clearly convey the topic without reading like the first line of the abstract.

Acknowledgments

Include the following, if applicable:

- Declaration of Ethics
- Conflicts of Interest
- Funding/Material/Technical Support

Refer to the **specific paper type guidelines** for Acknowledgment formatting.

Declaration of Ethics

- Authors must declare adherence to the **Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA**. <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Principles-of-Veterinary-Medical-Ethics-of-the-AVMA.aspx>
- Ethical considerations must also be discussed during the oral presentation.

Conflicts of Interest

- Authors must disclose any potential or actual financial or personal conflicts related to companies or products featured in the submission or their competitors.
- It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure all listed authors comply with this policy.

☒ **Example:**

Dr. John Doe has no conflicts of interest. Dr. Jane Doe served as a paid consultant and board member for Company ABC, which manufactures Product XYZ discussed in this paper.

Funding Sources

- All **financial support or sponsorship** relevant to the work described in the paper must be disclosed.
- This includes, but is not limited to:
 - **Research funding or grants**
 - **Material or technical support**
 - **Clinical trial sponsorship**
- Authors must also disclose any **financial interests** they or their co-authors hold in companies associated with:
 - Products or services featured prominently in the submission
 - Competing products or companies
- Types of financial interest that require disclosure:
 - **Ownership** or equity stake
 - **Employment** (current or past)
 - **Consulting relationships**
 - **Advisory board membership**
 - **Service as an officer or board member**
- These disclosures must be included in the **Acknowledgments section** of the paper.
- Disclosure of financial interests **does not automatically exclude** a paper from acceptance but is required for transparency during the review process.

References

- References must conform to **Vancouver style**, following **JAVMA guidelines**.
- Only include references that are **relevant and necessary**.
- Number references **consecutively** in the **order they are first cited** in the text.
- Use **superscript numbers** for in-text citations.
 - ☒ *In-text example:* This method has been validated.¹
- In the reference list:
 - List **all authors** when there are three or fewer.
 - For four or more authors, list the **first three followed by “et al.”**
 - ☒ *Reference example:*
 1. Smith AB, Johnson CD, Lee EF. Regional limb perfusion in equine practice. *Equine Vet J*. 2021;53(2):123–129.
- Authors are responsible for the **accuracy and formatting** of all reference citations. Improper citations may delay or prevent publication.
- Use **standard journal abbreviations** (e.g., *J Am Vet Med Assoc*, *Equine Vet J*). Abbreviate all others per the **National Library of Medicine** or **Index Medicus**.

Examples by Source Type

- **Journal Articles:**
 1. Auer JA, Martens RJ, Williams EH. Periosteal deformities in foals. *Am J Vet Res*. 1982;181:459–466.
 2. Murphy CJ, Lavoie JP, Groff J, et al. Bilateral eyelid swelling attributable to lymphosarcoma in a horse. *J Am Vet Med Assoc*. 1989;194:939–942.
- **Books:**
 1. Turner AS, McIlwraith CW. *Techniques in Large Animal Surgery*. Philadelphia: Lea and Febiger; 1982: 186–191.
 2. Devlin TM, ed. *Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations*. New York: John Wiley & Sons; 1982:14–36.
- **Chapters in Books:**
 3. Axelrod B. Glycolysis. In: Greenberg DM, ed. *Metabolic Pathways*, vol 1. 3rd ed. New York: Academic Press; 1967:112–145.
 4. Kainer RA. Functional anatomy of equine locomotor organs. In: Stashak TS, ed. *Adams' Lameness in Horses*. 4th ed. Philadelphia: Lea and Febiger; 1987:12–18.
- **Proceedings:**
 5. Divers TJ. Acute renal failure in horses and cattle. In: *Proceedings*. 3rd Am Coll Vet Intern Med Forum; 1985:93–95.
 6. Lamb CR, Koblik PD, O'Callaghan MW, et al. Comparison of bone scintigraphy and radiography in equine lameness. In: *Proc Am Assoc Equine Pract*. 1989;35:359–368.
- **Footnotes/Other Sources:**
 - **Thesis:**
 - a. Jones CD. The selective advantage of the ABO blood groups [thesis]. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University; 1990.
 - **Personal Communication:**
 - b. Bramlage LR. Lexington, KY. (personal communication) 1996.
 - **Unpublished Data:**
 - c. Smith AB. Unpublished data. January 1990.

☒ For help with reference formatting please google “Vancouver citation tutorial” or check this link with a roughly 3-minute video: Bing Videos.

Product and Equipment Names

- Identify all products by **generic names**.

- Include manufacturer's full name and address in footnotes when critical to the outcome.
- ☒ *Example:*

All horses were sedated with detomidine HCLa (10-20 mg/kg IV) and butorphanol tartrateb (0.01-0.02 mg/kg IV).
a Orion Corporation, Espoo, Finland.
b Torbugesic®, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

Figures and Tables

- Figures must be cited in the text (e.g., Fig. 1, Fig. 2., etc) in order of appearance.
- Number all figures to correspond with in-text citations.
- Include figure legends (≤40 words).
- Tables should be self-explanatory with concise, descriptive titles.
- All figures, tables, and text must be submitted in the same document.

Permissions

If previously published material is used, **written permission from the copyright holder must accompany the submission**.

IACUC Approval

All animal use must comply with **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)** standards.

When citing IACUC approvals, omit institution names and approval numbers. Starting in 2026, you may be required to provide these as part of your paper submission process.

Compounded Medications and Medical Devices

- Submissions must comply with **AAEP Equine Veterinary Compounding Guidelines (2024)**. [AAEP-Drug-Compounding-Guidelines-revision-Final-2025.pdf](#)
- Compounded products or veterinary medical devices cannot be used in place of FDA-approved drugs if an approved product exists for the intended use.
- Submissions using compounded products or veterinary medical devices will be reviewed by experts prior to consideration for the program.

Blinded Review Policy

To ensure an unbiased review process:

- Do **not** include author names, institutional affiliations, or identifying details in the manuscript body.
- Avoid references to specific facilities, IACUC or institutional approval numbers, and loaning institutions.
- If required, state generically that “IACUC (or equivalent) approval was obtained.”
- Remove identifying information from **file properties** (e.g., Word or PDF metadata) prior to submission.

Scientific Papers: Guidelines for Authors

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2026, Midnight EST
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Purpose of Scientific Papers

Scientific Papers present original research, clinical investigations, or data-driven case studies relevant to equine veterinary practice. Submissions are welcome from all areas of equine medicine and surgery. Priority will be given to papers that offer **practical application** or present **new information**.

Submissions must contain **complete data and analysis**. Incomplete studies, proposed methods without results, or preliminary findings are not eligible for acceptance. At least one

author must be a veterinarian for any report involving diagnosis, treatment, or medical interpretation.

For those intending to publish in a peer-reviewed journal, use the Abbreviated Abstract submission process.

Presentation Format

- Presentations are limited to **15 minutes**, followed by **5 minutes for Q&A**.
- Manuscripts must be a **minimum of 600 words**.
- There is **no maximum word count**.
- Papers must follow the formatting requirements outlined in the **General Guidelines**.

Required Section Headings

Scientific Papers should include the following core sections:

- **Paper Title**
 - Title should be **concise, descriptive**, and formatted in **title case** (capitalize key words).
 - Avoid unnecessary punctuation or sentence-style phrasing.
 - ☒ **Good:** Intra-Articular Therapies for Managing Coxofemoral Osteoarthritis in Horses
 - ☒ **Not Ideal:** This paper explores how intra-articular therapies can help manage coxofemoral osteoarthritis in horses
- **Take-Home Message**
 - A short summary (1–3 sentences; approximately 50 words) that communicates the practical application or significance of the findings.
 - Should clearly express practical application for the equine practitioner.
 - **Take-Home Message Example:**
There are multiple upper respiratory conditions that impact performance during high-speed exercise. Differentiating between these allows for targeted treatment and improved outcomes.
 - This section is **included in the word count**.
- **Introduction**
 - Briefly introduce the topic, referencing relevant prior research.
 - Include the clinical significance and rationale for the study.
 - End with a clear statement of objectives or hypotheses.
- **Materials and Methods**
 - Describe the study design, animal population, inclusion criteria, procedures, and data collection methods.
 - Include detailed descriptions of statistical analysis: methods, normality testing, and parametric or non-parametric choices.
 - Use **metric units** for all dosages, weights, and measurements.
 - ☒ **Correct:** 22 mg/kg, q 12 h, IV
 - ☒ **Incorrect:** 10 mg/lb, BID, IV
- **Results**
 - Present actual findings, including numerical data.
 - State number of horses included.
 - Provide descriptive statistics (mean, median, SD, SE, confidence intervals) and hypothesis test results.
 - Tables or figures may be used if they aid interpretation.
- **Discussion**
 - Interpret results and compare with existing literature.
 - Discuss potential reasons for agreement or discrepancy.

- Clearly define clinical relevance, including estimated population affected and safety and efficacy if applicable.
- End with a summary that reflects and reinforces the Take-Home Message.

Acknowledgments

- i. **Declaration of Ethics**
- ii. **Conflicts of Interest**
- iii. **Funding/Material/Technical Support**
(See *General Guidelines* for formatting requirements.)

References

- Use **Vancouver style**, as per **JAVMA** citation standards.
- Number citations in the text using **superscripts**, in the order they appear.
- See *General Guidelines* for detailed formatting requirements.
- Authors are responsible for ensuring formatting and accuracy of all citations.
- ☒ For help with reference formatting please google “Vancouver citation tutorial” or check this link with a roughly 3-minute video: **Bing Videos**.

Blinded Review Policy

To ensure an unbiased review process, **all submitted papers must be blinded**. See *General Guidelines* for detailed blinding requirements. Submissions will be reviewed by a blinded team from the Scientific Review & Editorial Committee (SREC) for relevance, clarity, and value to equine practitioners.

Please consult the **General Guidelines** for additional details on formatting, ethical disclosures, compounded medications, permissions, and submission policies.

How-To Paper: Guidelines for Authors

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2026, Midnight EST
Submit Online

Purpose of How-To Papers

How-To papers are designed to describe and explain a **technique or procedure** used in equine veterinary medicine or industry practice. The method presented should be either **novel**, not widely understood, or not commonly applied in daily clinical use.

Presentation Format

- Presentations are limited to **15 minutes**, with an additional **5 minutes for Q&A**.
- There is **no maximum word count**, but papers must be at least **600 words**.
- All How-To papers must conform to the **General Guidelines**, including formatting, style, references, and ethical declarations.

Required Section Headings

The paper should be organized under the following headings:

1. Paper Title

- Must begin with “How-To” and clearly identify the technique or procedure.
- Should be concise, informative, and written in title case (capitalize key words).
- Avoid sentence-style titles and unnecessary punctuation.
 - ☒ **Example:** How-To Perform Ultrasound-Guided Cervical Facet Injections

- **✗ Not Ideal:** This paper describes how to perform cervical facet injections under ultrasound guidance

2. Take-Home Message

- A concise summary (1–3 sentences; approximately 50 words) of the key clinical value or practical outcome.
- Should clearly express practical application for the equine practitioner.
- **Take-Home Message Example:**
There are multiple upper respiratory conditions that impact performance during high-speed exercise. Differentiating between these allows for targeted treatment and improved outcomes.

3. Introduction

- Briefly outline the rationale for the technique and its relevance to equine practice.
- Reference significant prior work or publications, if applicable.
- End with a clear statement of the paper's objective or purpose.

4. Description of Technique/Procedure

- Provide a step-by-step description of how the technique is performed.
- Include enough detail that a veterinarian familiar with the field could reproduce the procedure. Include: all medications, supplies, and equipment used.
- Use **generic names** for medications and equipment; trade names may be footnoted if critical to the technique.

5. Outcome

- Describe the outcome of applying the technique.
- Include the **number of horses** treated, how success was evaluated, and any **supporting data or observations**.
- Clearly explain how the technique's value was assessed (e.g., resolution of clinical signs, imaging outcomes, owner feedback).

6. Discussion

- Offer insights on why the technique is effective, based on experience or data.
- Discuss pros, cons, limitations, and appropriate case selection.
- Include follow-up information and summarize the clinical relevance in a final statement that reflects the Take-Home Message.

7. Acknowledgments

- Include the following as applicable:
 - i. **Declaration of Ethics**
 - ii. **Conflicts of Interest**
 - iii. **Funding/Material/Technical Support**
- See *General Guidelines* for detailed formatting requirements.

8. References

- Follow **Vancouver style**, per **JAVMA** standards.
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Review Paper: Guidelines for Authors

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Purpose of Review Papers

Review papers are designed to **update the membership** on emerging, evolving, or controversial topics in equine veterinary medicine. These papers do **not require original research data** but should demonstrate substantial clinical experience or subject matter expertise.

Review papers may:

- Synthesize and clarify current literature
- Highlight evolving consensus or disagreements in practice
- Identify areas in need of further research or clarification

The presenter is expected to have **significant experience in the topic area**.

Presentation Format

- Review paper presentations are limited to **15 minutes**, plus **5 minutes for Q&A**.
- Manuscripts must be **at least 600 words**; there is **no upper word limit**.
- Format must follow the **General Guidelines** for submission.

Required Section Headings

The paper should be organized under the following headings. Subheadings may be used to enhance readability and logical flow:

- **Paper Title**
 - The title should begin with "**Review of**" and clearly identify the subject matter.
 - Use **title case**, avoid punctuation and full-sentence phrasing.
 - ☑ **Good:** Review of Diagnostic Imaging for Equine Stifle Injuries
 - ✗ **Not Ideal:** This paper reviews different ways to image stifle injuries in horses
- **Take-Home Message**
 - A brief summary (1–3 sentences, ~50 words) that conveys the most relevant conclusion or clinical message.
 - Should clearly express practical application for the equine practitioner.
 - **Take-Home Message Example:**
There are multiple upper respiratory conditions that impact performance during high-speed exercise. Differentiating between these allows for targeted treatment and improved outcomes.
- **Introduction**
 - Define the subject matter and its clinical importance.
 - Explain the need for a review and state the paper's objective or scope.
 - The last sentence should typically state the objective or intent of the review.
- **Review of Topic/Information**
 - Summarize key published literature relevant to the topic.
 - Identify areas of agreement, conflict, or controversy.
 - Discuss the **strengths and limitations** of available data.
 - Subheadings may be used to organize complex topics.

- Attribute viewpoints appropriately and cite supporting authors.
 - **Discussion**
 - Offer interpretation of the reviewed material and its implications for clinical practice.
 - Include the author's perspective when appropriate, especially if it differs from previously published opinions.
 - Conclude with a clear summary that synthesizes the key takeaways from the review.
 - **Acknowledgments**
 - i. **Declaration of Ethics**
 - ii. **Conflicts of Interest**
 - iii. **Funding/Material/Technical Support**
(Refer to *General Guidelines* for complete formatting and disclosure requirements.)
 - **References**
 - Follow **Vancouver style**, per **JAVMA** standards.
 - Number references in-text using **superscripts** in the order of appearance.
 - See *General Guidelines* for detailed formatting requirements.
 - Authors are responsible for ensuring formatting and accuracy of all citations.
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Abstracts ≤300 Words: Guidelines for Authors

For those who intend to publish in a refereed journal

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To encourage the inclusion of new and timely research while preserving the ability to publish in refereed journals, the AAEP allows for the submission of **abbreviated abstracts**. These abstracts will be published in the *AAEP Proceedings*, while a corresponding full (minimum 600 word) paper **MUST BE** submitted solely for peer review.

Authors are responsible for ensuring that submission to AAEP will not jeopardize future publication of their work. Please contact your target journal in advance to confirm its policy on prior publication.

Abstract Format and Length

- Abstracts should be **approximately 300 words**. Word length is determined by what is allowed by the journal that is intended to publish the full manuscript.
- The word count includes the **Take-Home Message**.
- References are **not required** in the abstract but must be included in the full paper.
- Abbreviated abstracts must follow the same **structured format** as the full paper (see section headings below).
- Abstract presentations are limited to **15 minutes plus 5 minutes for Q&A**.

Note: These guidelines apply only to Scientific Paper abstracts. Review, How-To, and In-Depth papers are not required to follow this abbreviated format.

Full-Length Paper Requirement (For Abstracts)

A corresponding **600-word** full paper must also be submitted with the abstract. This manuscript will not be published but will be used to assess:

- Study design
- Materials and methods
- Statistical analysis
- Results (including tables, figures, charts)
- Interpretation and conclusions

The submitting author must include a statement that **only the abstract** is to be published in the *AAEP Proceedings*.

Section Headings (Required for Both Abstract and Full Paper)

1. Paper Title

- The title should be concise, informative, and written in **title case**.
- Avoid punctuation and sentence-style phrasing.
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- **Special Identification for Abstracts**
To indicate intention to publish in a refereed journal, please add **"RESEARCH ABSTRACT"** at the end of your paper title (e.g., *Efficacy of Novel Antimicrobial Agents in Equine Pneumonia: RESEARCH ABSTRACT*).

2. Take-Home Message

- A brief summary (1–3 sentences, ~50 words) of the most important practical conclusion. **Included in word count**.
- Should clearly express practical application for the equine practitioner.
- **Take-Home Message Example:**
There are multiple upper respiratory conditions that impact performance during high-speed exercise. Differentiating between these allows for targeted treatment and improved outcomes.

3. Introduction

- Significant published work should be cited in full paper.
- Provide context, rationale, and a clear statement of the objective or hypothesis (usually found in the last sentence of the introduction).

4. Materials and Methods

- Describe study design and methodology.
- Include animal selection criteria (population selected from, how selected, etc.) and data collection methods.
- Detail statistical analyses, including methods for assessing normality and appropriate tests (parametric or non-parametric).
- Use metric units for all measurements and drug dosages.
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5. Results

- Present findings using numerical data.
- Include measures of central tendency (e.g., mean, median) and variability (e.g., standard deviation [SD], standard error [SE], confidence intervals [CI]).
- Report results of hypothesis testing where applicable.
- Use figures or tables to enhance clarity, if their inclusion does not interfere with future journal publication.
- If data cannot be fully disclosed, provide relative differences (e.g., % change, odds ratios, significance levels) in the text.

6. Discussion

- Interpret key results and compare with relevant literature.
- Explain any differences from published data.
- Reiterate and expand on the practical Take-Home Message in the final summarizing statement.

7. Acknowledgments

- i. Declaration of Ethics
- ii. Conflicts of Interest
- iii. Funding/Material/Technical Support
(See *General Guidelines* for detailed formatting.)

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Business and Practice Life Papers

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2026 Business & Practice Life Theme:

*The Business of Transitions:
From Start-Up to Step-Back*

We invite submissions for the Business & Practice Lifestyle track, focused on the real-world, professional, and personal aspects of equine veterinary careers. Papers in this category explore the operational, financial, cultural, and transitional elements of practice and career management.

Suggested Topics Include (but are not limited to):

- Managing student debt and personal finance
- Transitioning into or out of practice ownership
- Retirement planning and exit strategies
- Navigating corporate acquisitions or ownership shifts
- Leading and managing through change
- Healthy practice culture and team dynamics
- Implementing AI in business operations
- Practice growth, downsizing, or asset management
- Staffing transitions (hiring, firing, and social media implications)
- Promoting inclusion and diversity during career transitions

Additionally, we especially encourage submissions that address **diversity, inclusion**, or strategies to support **healthy practice environments**—particularly as they relate to the 2026 theme.

Presentation Format

Accepted papers will be presented in **20-minute sessions** (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes Q&A).

Submission Requirements

Business & Practice papers must follow the *General Guidelines* in addition to the following track-specific instructions:

- **Minimum length:** 600 words (no maximum)
- **Format:** Microsoft Word or PDF with clearly labeled section headings
- **Blinded submission:** Do not include author names, institutions, or other identifying information in the body of the paper or file metadata
- **References:** Must conform to **Vancouver (JAVMA)** style

Required Paper Sections

1. Title

- Concise, informative, and formatted as a headline using title case
- Avoid full sentences or punctuation
 - ☑ *Good:* “Succession Planning for Equine Practice Owners”
 - ✗ *Not Ideal:* “This paper explores how to plan for succession in equine practice”

2. Take-Home Message

- A 1–3 sentence summary of the primary conclusion (approx. 50 words)
- Should clearly express practical application for the equine practitioner.
- **Take-Home Message Example:**
In cases involving medical error, a thoughtful and transparent response by the veterinary team strengthens client trust and minimizes reputational harm. This paper outlines communication strategies for these challenging situations.

3. Introduction

- Significant published work should be mentioned here.
- Define the problem or challenge and state the objective clearly
- The statement of objectives is usually found in the last sentence of the Introduction.

4. Solutions

- Detail strategies or approaches used to address the identified issue

5. Results

- Present outcomes, data, or metrics; use tables or figures where appropriate

6. Discussion

- Important findings documented in the results should be stated.
- Interpret results and describe relevance and differences to equine practitioners
- Reinforce your Take-Home Message with a clear final summary that should be similar in content to the take home message at the beginning of the paper.

7. Acknowledgments

- Include declaration of ethics, conflicts of interest, and any funding or support received (per *General Guidelines*)

8. References

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