

# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF VETERINARY NUTRITION

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

21st ANNUAL CLINICAL NUTRITION AND RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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**JUNE 9th-10th, 2021**

**Submissions will be accepted for both oral and poster presentations beginning January 4th 2021. All interested presenters are required to submit their abstracts by February 12th, 2021.** Abstract submissions for the AAVN Symposium should be high level, cutting-edge, new-to-the-field, technical topics that meet the education criteria of our members in any area related to basic, applied, or clinical nutrition in companion animals (dogs, cats, exotics), horses, livestock, or wildlife. Research studies, individual or population case reports, and novel investigations or findings are welcome. The program is open to all veterinarians, researchers, graduate students, residents, interns, and college students studying veterinary or animal sciences.

Our review committee considers all completed applications received prior to the deadline of **February 12, 2021**. Applicants will be notified of the status of their submission via email in March. Upon submission, please ensure you are available to participate in the conference in June and tentatively hold the dates of June 9th-10th, 2021.

Two types of research abstract communications will be available:

- **Oral presentation**, strictly limited to 15-minutes
  - 12 minutes to present, 3 minutes for questions
- **Poster presentation**, available for viewing throughout the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

**Active AAVN Membership is REQUIRED for presentation consideration.**

- Students, Residents, and Interns **MUST** have a co-author or sponsor who is an active member of AAVN in addition to being a member themselves.
- A new membership application and dues payment, if applicable, should be submitted prior to the deadline of February 12th, 2021 if you are not a current member. Forms and instructions are available at [www.aavnutrition.org](http://www.aavnutrition.org). It is strongly encouraged to submit renewals or new membership applications, if applicable, *prior to January*.

## DEADLINE

- The deadline for submitting an abstract is **Friday, February 12th, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**
- All submissions must be emailed to [aavnsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:aavnsymposium@gmail.com).
  - Email heading must state the following in the subject line: **2021 AAVN Abstract Submission**

## GUIDELINES

**All submissions must adhere to the requirements outlined in these guidelines.**

- Abstracts must be submitted by emailing [aavnsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:aavnsymposium@gmail.com) with the appropriate subject line (see above).
- Abstracts **ACCEPTED** as a full-length publication at the time of abstract submission are not acceptable.
- All submissions will be reviewed anonymously and scored on multiple criteria by an independent review committee comprised of a minimum of 3 active AAVN members.\* In order to be accepted for presentation, the abstracts must meet minimum criteria of acceptability by 2 of 3 reviewers.
- Submissions will be reviewed according to subject categories for scientific content, experimental design and statistical analysis where appropriate, animal welfare, relevance to veterinary nutrition and strict adherence to abstract formatting guidelines.
- The highest scoring abstract submissions will be selected for oral presentation. All other accepted abstracts will be recommended for poster presentation.
  - If you do not wish to do an oral presentation of your abstract if accepted, then please indicate “poster only” in the submission portal.
  - You may select the option of “oral only” if you would like your abstract **ONLY** considered for oral presentation. By selecting this option, your abstract will be rejected if not recommended by the reviewers for oral presentation. **DO NOT**

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\* Reviewers will be blinded to the authors as well as their institutions during the review process. The reviewers will not be affiliated with any of the abstracts submitted and no member of the Executive Board of AAVN or sponsoring organization will serve as a reviewers.

select this option if you would like your abstract considered for both poster and oral presentation.

- Excessively poor grammar or clarity of writing is not acceptable.
- Animals used in the described study are expected to have received humane care, i.e. according to the principles outlined in the NIH Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and/or the humane care guidelines found at the author's institution.
  - All abstracts involving animals **MUST** include a statement confirming that an institutional animal care and use protocol was approved and followed.
  - Abstracts describing studies deemed to include unethical treatment of animals, even if approved by the author's institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) are not acceptable and subject to immediate rejection.
  - Case reports for client-owned animals must include a release statement that owner approval was granted for presentation and publication. Abstracts will be rejected if these are not included.
- Authors are encouraged to verify guidelines with editors of specific journals if the authors intend to subsequently publish the abstract material or the full manuscript separately.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Animal Physiology and Animal Nutrition*. As a result, the maximum word count is 250 words, not including title or authors. Abstracts not adhering to the word count, guidelines provided above, and instructions provided below regarding formatting are not acceptable and subject to immediate rejection.

## CONTENT AND FORMATTING

**Abstracts that do not fit within these guidelines can be rejected based on formatting.**

- Abstracts should be submitted as a Microsoft Word or rich text format (RTF) using template below.
- Author(s):
  - Enter each author's name, credentials, and institutional affiliations (including city and state). If no institution is involved, give the city and state.
- Title:
  - 15 word maximum using mixed case formatting (e.g. My Abstract Title) that clearly describes the nature of the investigation.
  - Avoid using abbreviations.
- Do NOT mention support of work for a research grant, conflict of interest or copyright permission. These disclosures are required at time of presentation in a Conflict of Interest Declaration statement/slide.
- Do not use subheadings (e.g. Methods, Results).
  - Organize the body of the abstract as follows:

- A statement of the purpose of the study.
  - A statement of the methods used.
  - A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions. Statements that data is pending are not acceptable.
  - A statement of the conclusions reached (it is not satisfactory to state “the results will be discussed” or “other data will be presented”).
- Abbreviations and Drug Names:
    - Abbreviations accepted by *JAVMA* and *JAPAN* are suggested.
    - Abbreviations otherwise not defined must be defined by the author by placing them in parenthesis after the full word the first time they appear.
    - Abbreviations should be avoided in titles.
    - Non-proprietary (generic) names are required the first time a drug is mentioned, written in small letters.
      - Proprietary names are always capitalized, e.g. maropitant (Cerenia).
  - **Proof your submission carefully as the abstract will appear EXACTLY as submitted to the review committee and in print, if accepted.\***

## QUESTIONS?

Please contact Dr. Angela Rollins at [aavnsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:aavnsymposium@gmail.com).

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\* Institution names and/or identifying text will be removed during the review process to maintain anonymity.

## 2021 AAVN Symposium Abstract Template

**Instructions:** Fill out each field completely using Times New Roman 12-point type and 1.5 line spacing. Do not exceed 250 words in the body of the abstract. Save the file using the full title as .doc, .docx, or .rtf. For more information, please see the Call for Abstracts.

Please indicate if you would like this abstract considered for an oral and/or poster presentation. Place an “X” next to the one that applies:

POSTER ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ POSTER or ORAL \_\_\_\_\_ ORAL ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE (15 word maximum):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**NAME OF MAIN AUTHOR/PRESENTER (First, middle initial, last, degrees/certifications; Please also indicate if you are one of the following – ACVN or ECVCN resident, veterinary student, or graduate student):**

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**NAMES OF CO-AUTHORS (Please indicate with \* if the co-author is a member of AAVN):**

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**NAME OF INSTITUTION (if more than one, use superscript numerals after each author name above and before institution name):**

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**ABSTRACT BODY (250 words maximum; no titles or headings; include purpose, methods, results, conclusions, and animal care and use protocol statement if applicable):**

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