



Call for Scientific Abstracts

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Abstract submission for the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists Science Week July 24-26 2025: Multiple Chapter Sessions

Key Dates

Call for Abstracts Opens: January 2025

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 2025

Notification of Review Outcome: April 2025

Chapter	Chapter
Emergency Critical Care	Veterinary Pharmacology
Epidemiology	Veterinary Public Health
Equine	
Feline	
Radiology	
Small Animal Medicine	
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	

General Information

The College defines a scientific abstract as an overview of a novel scientific research project that provides a scientific audience with a concise but comprehensive representation of the entire project. Case series and case studies with high educational value may also fit this definition. Word count is limited to 250 words.

Previously published or submitted work may be considered but this need to be clearly stated in the declaration/acknowledgments section. Authors may submit more than one abstract for consideration.

How to submit

All abstracts are to be submitted using the instructions found at the Vet Science Week website: [Abstract Submission | ANZCVS Vet Science Week](#). The presenting author **MUST** be the author who submits the abstract. **Please complete the submission procession through the Abstract portal and attach abstract (template in Appendix A or B).**

Acknowledgment of receipt of submission

The submitting author of an abstract will ALWAYS receive email confirmation of receipt of the abstract. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours (2 working days) it may mean the abstract has not been received. In this circumstance, please email vetscienceweek@arinexgroup.com.au to follow up.

The deadline for abstract submission is 5:00pm AEST, Sunday 2 March 2025.

Abstract publishing and presentation

Oral abstract presentations will be up to 15 minutes in length followed by a 5-minute question and answer segment. They will be delivered in-person by the Author with a question and answer (Q/A) session moderated by a Chapter representative. An optional ANZCVS PowerPoint template in 16:9 ratio format has been included.

Abstracts submitted and presented at this event will satisfy the requirements for Fellowship credentialling.

Abstract Format Guide

Please ensure that your abstract follows the guidelines below before submitting. Abstracts not following the guidelines will be rejected.

- The abstract should be submitted as a single document Word (.doc). Formatting guidelines are provided in detail below.
- The submitted document should include the Title, Abstract Text including Tables and Figures if necessary, and References. The Abstract Text must not exceed 250 words. This word count does not include the Title, Authors, Institutional Affiliations, Ethical Approval Statement, Acknowledgements or References, but does include any Tables or Figures. Please note requirements for spaces (e.g., $P = 0.001$ not $P=0.001$ and 45 ± 3.2 not 45 ± 3.2). All abstracts must be written in English.

Abstract Format

All scientific abstracts must consist of an Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and a Conclusion. Titles prior to each section **are not required**. An abstract template is included in Appendix A of this document.

- *Title – less than 10 words to accurately represent the study*
- *Introduction (maximum three lines in word) should concisely summarise the background for the study.*
- *Materials and Methods must provide sufficient information to allow the quality of the study to be evaluated. Specific details of the number of animals studied and doses of drugs given must be recorded. Generic names should be used for all drugs. Statistical methods should be included.*
- *Results **must include data**. Individual P values for results are not necessary in the abstract text, but authors must make clear which results were statistically significant.*
- *Conclusions should be drawn from the data presented in the abstract without repetition of results.*
- *A maximum of three references may be listed as per the Australian Veterinary Journal Guidelines. Further details are provided below.*

Case series/studies (Appendix B Template) may also be considered and should consist of an Introduction/background, Case Series Summary and Relevance and Novel Information.

- *Title – less than 10 words to accurately represent the study.*
- *Introduction (maximum three lines in word) should concisely summarise the background and context of the case.*
- *Case series summary: describes history, examination, results and working diagnosis. The management and outcome of the case should also be included.*
- *Relevance and Novel Information: Describes the lessons learned and how the study offers novel insight/innovation regarding clinical case management or adds significantly to existing knowledge.*
- *A maximum of three references may be listed as per the Australian Veterinary Journal Guidelines. Further details are provided below.*

Formatting

Please format body of the document using the following settings:

- Font: Calibri, 12 pt
- Spacing After: 10 pt
- Line spacing: 1.5, no indenting
- General alignment: document justified
- Margins: normal (2.5 cm top/bottom/left/right)
- Spelling: Australian English

Each section (Introduction, Materials and Methods etc.) should be a separate paragraph with no subheadings and no spacing between paragraphs.

Units:

Use SI basic or derived units or declared units of the Australian metric system (e.g., hr, min, °C) where applicable. Use negative indices, not solidus e.g., mg kg⁻¹ not mg/kg.

Abbreviations:

Abbreviations should be written out in full the first time they appear in the text, followed by the abbreviation in brackets. Use abbreviations if the term is used twice or more.

Numbers:

Numbers under 10 are spelt out, except if used with an SI unit (5 ml, 3 mg kg⁻¹) or as an identifier (e.g., group 4).

References:

References formatted as per the Australian Veterinary Journal Guidelines (Vancouver styling) using an Endnote style and can be downloaded from: <http://authorservices.wiley.com/jendnotes/> Number text references consecutively with superscript Arabic numerals that follow any punctuation marks, with no spaces between consecutive references. Construct the reference list in the same numerical sequence of the references in the text. Reference examples below adapted from <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/17510813/homepage/forauthors.html>

Journal article

1. Goggs R, Dennis SG, Di Bella A et al. Predicting outcome in dogs with primary immune-mediated hemolytic anemia: results of a multicenter case registry. *J Vet Intern Med* 2015;29:1603–1610.

Book

2. Day MJ. Immune-mediated haemolytic anaemia. In: Day MJ, Kohn B, editors. *BSAVA manual of canine and feline haematology and transfusion medicine*. 2nd edn. British Small Animal Veterinary Association, Gloucester, 2012;59–73.

Electronic Material

3. World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). *Classical swine fever*. 2018. Available at: <http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/classical-swine-fever>. Accessed 19 June 2018.

Appendix A: Abstract Format Template – Research Abstract

ABSTRACT TITLE OF LESS THAN 10 WORDS

Introduction: Maximum three lines in word and should concisely summarise the background for the study.

Materials and Methods: Must provide sufficient information to allow the quality of the study to be evaluated. Specific details of the number of animals studied and doses of drugs given must be recorded. Generic names should be used for all drugs. Statistical methods should be included.

Results: Must include data. Individual P values for results are not necessary in the abstract text, but authors must make clear which results were statistically significant.

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References

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Appendix B: Abstract Format Template – Case Study/Series

ABSTRACT TITLE OF LESS THAN 10 WORDS

Introduction: Maximum three lines in word and should concisely summarise the background and context of the case.

Case series summary: Describes history, examination, results and working diagnosis. The management and outcome of the case should also be included.

Relevance and Novel Information: Describes the lessons learned and how the study offers novel insight/innovation regarding clinical case management or adds significantly to existing knowledge.

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