Call for Abstracts (Posters and Presentations)
2014 AVMA Animal Welfare Symposium

Humane Endings: In Search of Best Practices for Euthanasia, Humane Slaughter and the Depopulation of Animals

The AVMA invites submission of abstracts for review for presentations and posters to be delivered at this symposium, which will be held on November 2-5, 2014 at the Westin O’Hare, Rosemont, Illinois.

Abstracts should clearly relate to euthanasia, humane slaughter, or depopulation, or the harmonization of voluntary guidance and regulations for these activities. Examples of submissions of interest include recent research findings; reviews of research in a defined area; discussions of voluntary or regulatory oversight; and efforts or methods for harmonizing recommendations, nationally and internationally. Abstracts must include a clear statement of purpose; indicate the scope of the research, review, program, or voluntary/regulatory effort; explain methods used; and convey key findings. Length should not exceed 300 words and abstracts must be submitted in English. Figures and tables should not be included. All contributing authors and their affiliations should be listed (using full first names, not simply initials), and the presenting author’s name must be underlined. Full contact details for the presenting author must be provided.

All research studies involving animals must have been performed in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and use of animals must be consistent with guidance contained within the US Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, NRC Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (8th edition), or Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching (2010 edition).

Please complete the form below and submit it with your abstract. Completed forms and abstracts may be submitted electronically (humaneendingsabstracts@avma.org) or via surface mail (Humane Endings, Animal Welfare Division, American Veterinary Medical Association, 1931 North Meacham Rd, Suite 100, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173). Submission of an abstract carries with it the obligation that, if selected, the work will be presented during the symposium by the author or one of the co-authors of the abstract. Registration will be waived for presenting authors, subject to acceptance of their abstract and provision of a scheduled presentation time and/or poster location.

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  Food Animal or Equine

The work represented in this abstract substantively addresses the following topics:
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Closing date for submission of abstracts is July 15, 2014. An acknowledgement of receipt of abstract will be sent within 48 hours of receipt and authors will be notified as to whether their abstract has been accepted by August 15, 2014. For clarification or additional information, please e-mail humaneendingsabstracts@avma.org.