

Editorial

Recognizing promising authors: Congratulations to the recipients of our inaugural AVMA Journal Awards

It is my sincere pleasure to announce the recipients of our first awards for the best papers in *JAVMA* and *AJVR* authored by a student, intern, and resident. Manuscripts were nominated primarily by senior authors on the same manuscript, but support of a nomination was also received from many other wonderful, often unanticipated sources. Mentorship is alive and well in veterinary medicine! Nominated manuscripts were reviewed by a 6-member panel from our Associate Editor Board and ranked based on potential impact and clinical relevance.

The 2021-2022 winners are:

JAVMA Students

Briana Domenegato, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. Effects of handling and storage on potassium concentration in plasma and serum samples obtained from cats.
doi.org/10.2460/javma.20.09.0530

Brendan Nagler, Michigan State University. ATP7A, ATP7B, and RETN genotypes in Labrador Retrievers with and without copper-associated hepatopathy.
doi.org/10.2460/javma.21.12.0541

JAVMA Interns

Ashley Iodence, University of Georgia. Dogs undergoing surgical excision of mast cell tumors are not at increased risk of incisional complications.
doi.org/10.2460/javma.20.09.0488

Tyler Sugerman-McGiffin, Western University of Health Sciences. Clients' attitudes toward veterinarian's attire in the small animal emergency medicine setting.
doi.org/10.2460/javma.253.3.355

JAVMA Residents

Christina De Armond, University of Florida. Accuracy of virtual surgical planning and custom three-dimensionally printed osteotomy and reduction guides for acute uni- and biapical correction of antebrachial deformities in dogs.
doi.org/10.2460/javma.21.09.0419

Melissa Moya, Michigan State University. Investigation of the urine cortisol to creatinine ratio for the diagnosis of hypoadrenocorticism in dogs.
doi.org/10.2460/javma.21.12.0538



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AJVR Students

Corey Fisher, University of Florida. Effects of a flotation vest and water flow rate on limb kinematics of Siberian Huskies swimming against a current.
doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.21.02.0021

J. Blake Everett, University of Tennessee. Effects of stacked wedge pads and chains applied to the forefeet of Tennessee Walking Horses for a five-day period on behavioral and biochemical indicators of pain, stress, and inflammation.
doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.79.1.21

AJVR Interns

Brenna Pugliese, AO Research Institute, Switzerland. Biochemical and wearability testing of novel legwear for variably limiting extension of the metacarpophalangeal joint of horses.
doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.82.1.39

AJVR Residents

Nicole Alessia Mikoni, University of California-Davis. Evaluation of weight-bearing, locomotion, thermal antinociception, and footpad size in a carrageenan-induced inflammatory model in the cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*).
doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.22.02.0020

Paula Rodriguez, University of California-Davis. Pharmacokinetics of grapiprant administered to red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*) after food was withheld for 24 hours.
doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.82.11.912

As you can see, there is tremendous diversity in the species and subject matter from clinical medicine and surgery to welfare topics in dogs, horses, and birds. What is also wonderful to see is the wide geographic distribution of alma maters where the awardees performed the work of their winning manuscripts.

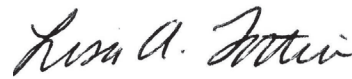
Winners were announced at the AVMA convention in July, earning profession-wide recognition. Recipients received a Certificate of Achievement *and* a cash prize of \$500.00. Winners will also benefit from our unmatched social media exposure including upcoming interviews for our podcast, "Veterinary Vertex," that launches this month. We are also waiving the Open Access fee (\$1600.00 value) for their next manuscript published in *JAVMA* or *AJVR*! That means free access for readers anywhere in the world.

These awards are just one of the many commitments from the AVMA to support our early career colleagues and give them the recognition they deserve. For instance, we are proud to announce in this issue a new feature in collaboration with SAVMA called “Did You Know?”—brief, fun veterinary facts submitted by veterinary students and published in the journals with full recognition of the contributor. (See below for our first “Did You Know?”) This is just one more visible sign of our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion of veterinarians at all stages of training. I reiterate that we welcome diverse opinions and approaches to clinical and research-based authorship—the very foundation of these awards. For instructions on how to submit to “Did You Know?” please visit this link: <https://avmajournals.avma.org/page/Did-You-Know>.

You might be wondering how you can nominate a student, intern, or resident author for next year’s awards? We will be updating the websites of *JAVMA* and *AJVR* so that nominations can be submitted year-round. If you would like to volunteer to be a manuscript award reviewer, or a reviewer of all manuscripts for that matter, please let me know! We are striving to make all things *JAVMA* and *AJVR* as reviewer (as well as author) friendly as possible.

We at *JAVMA* and *AJVR* recognize that seeing a manuscript through to publication is a lot of work on top of your already busy veterinary schedule, and that authors have many choices as to where to submit their manuscripts. We are deeply honored that the authors of these awarded manuscripts entrusted us with their valuable work. I hope you will follow our new “Veterinary Vertex” Podcast to hear our interviews with each of them to gain a behind-the-scenes insight into the inspiration behind the manuscripts.

Respectfully,



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DID YOU KNOW?

Fun facts about veterinary medicine from veterinary medical students.

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Jacqueline Chevalier from the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2023, was wondering if you knew:

More than **95%** of camelid pregnancies are in the left horn of the uterus

Bravo PW, Varela MH. Prenatal development of the alpaca. *Animal Reproduction Science*. 1993; 32(3): 245-252.
 DOI: [doi.org/10.1016/0378-4320\(93\)90096-A](https://doi.org/10.1016/0378-4320(93)90096-A)