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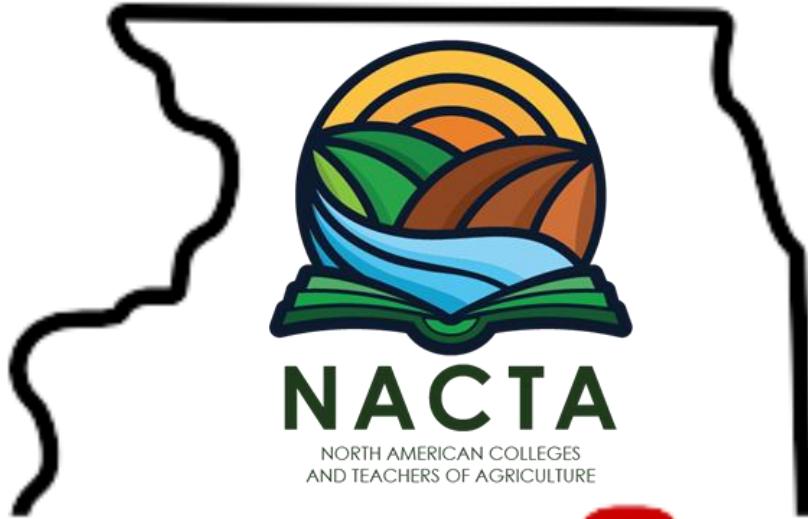
ILLINOIS STATE *Agriculture*

Vet Science

Contest Official Rules

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GENERAL RULES

1. Teams will consist of two to four members, each member of the team will compete individually, with all members' scores counting toward the total team score.
    - Individuals and all members of each team will automatically be included in the individual competition.
        - Individual participants will not be considered in the team contest
2. This event will be limited to a total of 75 participants, with a maximum of one team per institution.
3. The event committee reserves the flexibility to add or remove elements, scoring mechanisms, tools lists, etc., allowing events to adapt and evolve.
4. Any participant possessing an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification.

ITEMS ALLOWED – each team member

- Pencils
- Calculators
- Clipboards

EVENT FORMAT

- INDIVIDUAL TOTAL POINTS – 175 points
    - Participant scores will be ranked based on their total score.
- TEAM TOTAL POINTS – 175 points
    - Team scores will be averaged to account for teams between 2-4 participants and ranked based on the teams' average scores.
- POINT DISTRIBUTION
    - General Veterinary Knowledge - 50 points
    - Identification – 50 points
    - Case Study – 75 points

CONTEST SECTIONS

GENERAL VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

Questions will cover the foundational aspects of veterinary medicine in a multiple choice or true/false exam. Each question will be worth 1 pt, for a total of 50 pt. Participants will have 30 minutes to complete this exam. Topics in this exam may include:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Pathology
- Microbiology
- Parasitology
- Pharmacology
- Animal Husbandry
- Public Health

IDENTIFICATION

Participants will identify veterinary science images which may include anatomical structures, pathological samples (gross or microscopic), parasitology specimens, diagnostic images. This exam will be in the form of a matching exam, where participants will match the images with the correct identification label. Each correct identification will be worth 1 pt for a total of up to 50 pt. Participants will have 30 minutes to complete this exam.

CASE STUDY

Participants will evaluate a clinical scenario and response to affiliated questions. These questions may include an explanation of key findings, diagnostic methodology, and/or determination of a final diagnosis and treatment plan. This exam will include three scenarios of varied species and conditions, each worth a total of 25 pt for a total of 75 pt.

TIEBREAKERS

Teams

- Team tiebreakers will be settled in the combined individual case study total
  - If still tied random questions selected from examination by ISU contest supervisor and the combined score total will determine team placement

Individuals

- Individual tiebreakers will be settled in the case study score
  - If still tied random questions selected by ISU contest supervisor and the final score on those questions will determine the placement