

CASE REPORT AND SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACVB RESIDENTS

- For both case reports/case series and scientific research requirements, a list of acceptable journals is available on the ACVB website in the Resident/Candidate section.
- Please note that the journal lists for case reports and scientific publications are not identical, as some journals do not accept case reports, and some are exclusively case reports. Please check carefully.
- If the candidate wishes to use a journal not on the approved list, they must contact the ACVB Executive Director 3 months before submitting to the proposed journal, so the Credentials Committee can determine whether the journal is acceptable. If the journal is acceptable, the ACVB Executive Director will inform the candidate in writing. That approval must be submitted to the ACVB electronic platform as a PDF with the Application for Examination.
- A change in the journal in which the manuscript is published or in the core of the manuscript submitted may result in disqualification of the Exam Application unless prior permission from the Credentials Committee is included with the application
- All resident documentation should be submitted as required based on the current ACVB Residency Documents which can be found online

Case Reports and Case Series

- The Candidate must have seen the case(s) during or after their residency.
- The case(s) must be seen after the first seventy-five (75) cases in any supervised training program approved by ACVB.
- The Candidate must have had primary responsibility for the case(s).
- The Candidate may receive assistance from their Supervising Diplomate (SD) and additional specialists if indicated for the case(s), but the Candidate must be the first author, corresponding author, and primary contributor to the case report. If the SD assisted with the case report, they should be listed as the second author or last author if multiple authors are included.
- The Candidate should follow the case report/series formatting guidelines as described in their chosen journal's Guide for Authors.
- The case report or case series must be published in an accepted peer-reviewed academic

journal.

- The Candidate must submit proof in the form of the journal acceptance letter and the assigned DOI that the case report/case series has been accepted for publication by an accepted journal, in compliance with the guidelines outlined in the ACVB Residency Documents available online.
- It is strongly recommended that the Candidate complete and submit their case report as early as possible, as peer review can be time-consuming (e.g., 9-12 months).

Scientific Paper Publication Guidelines

- The Candidate must be the first author of at least one peer-reviewed paper of original, data-based scientific research whose focus is some aspect of animal behavior, veterinary behavior, or behavioral medicine.
- This first-authored publication must be in an acceptable peer-reviewed academic journal, written in English or fully translated into English. The candidate does not need to be the corresponding author for scientific research papers, but must be the primary contributor to the research and manuscript.
- The following are **not** acceptable for meeting the scientific publication requirement:
 - Case reports, case series, review papers
 - Manuscripts submitted to a journal as brief or short communications
 - Book chapters, conference proceedings, clinical vignettes, and serial features (e.g., Behavior case of the month, drug topic of the month)
- The date of publication must be within seven (7) years of the submission of the Application for Examination.
- The Candidate must submit proof, in the form of the journal acceptance letter and the assigned DOI, that the scientific publication has been accepted for publication by a peer-reviewed journal, in compliance with the guidelines outlined in the ACVB Residency Documents available online.
- It is strongly recommended that the Candidate complete and submit their scientific paper to the journal as early as possible, as peer review can be time-consuming (e.g., 9-12 months).