Award Information

The American College of Veterinary Behaviourists (ACVB; www.dacvb.org) is pleased to be hosting the 2019 International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting in Washington DC preceding the annual conference of the American Veterinary Medical Association. This meeting will take the place of the Annual ACVB Veterinary Behavior Symposium in 2019. The meeting is intended to provide a forum for sharing cutting-edge, original research in the field of animal behaviour. Veterinarians, applied animal behaviourists and scientists from related disciplines are welcome and encouraged to submit abstracts. Clinical case reports will also be considered for presentation and discussion.

Three monetary research awards ranging from $1000.00-$1500.00 (see below) are available for outstanding papers submitted by researchers or veterinarians.

Important Dates:
- January 12, 2019 – All Abstract Submissions Due
- March 18, 2019 - Program Selections Announced
- April 15, 2019 – Speakers Confirm Acceptance/Attendance
- May 13, 2019- Final Proceedings Due
- July 30 to August 1, 2019 – IVBM in Washington, DC

Meeting Content:
- Please see the full Call for Papers for other details regarding the meeting

Presenter Benefits
- Reward recipients receive complimentary registration.
- There is no travel stipend or other compensation provided.

Submission and review procedure:
- ALL SUBMISSIONS should be emailed to IVBMCallForPapers@dacvb.org.
- Abstracts must be submitted electronically (MS Word attachment). Two copies of each abstract must be submitted, one with the authors’ names and affiliations removed.
- If submitting more than one abstract, each must be submitted in a separate email.
- In the subject line of each email please include the words “IVBM Submission” and the presenters last name.
- You may also contact IVBMCallForPapers@dacvb.org with specific questions regarding the application process.
The R.K. Anderson ACVB Resident Award was established in 2005 to recognize outstanding research by those in ACVB residencies. It was created to honour ACVB Founding Member, Dr. R.K. Anderson.

- **Eligibility**
  - Applicant must meet the general submission deadlines.
  - Applicant must be a veterinarian in an ACVB approved residency or within one year of having completed an ACVB residency.
  - Papers for consideration must be in the area of applied animal behaviour.
  - Research on any species will be considered.
  - Previous award winners are ineligible.

- **Submission Requirements**
  - The submission abstract must be between 2-3 pages in length. (Proceedings published abstract can be shorter to avoid risk of jeopardizing publication).
  - Note: Applicants for the Resident award may include a shorter 500-word abstract for inclusion in the final proceedings if there is a concern that future publication might be jeopardized.
  - The abstract must contain sufficient information regarding the hypothesis, materials and methods, data, data analysis, results, discussion and pertinent references to permit evaluation of the scientific merit of the research. Final data, data analysis, conclusions and discussion are not required in the original submission but these will be required for the final proceedings.

- **Presentations**
  - The award recipient will have an extended oral presentation at the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting.

- **Award**
  - $1000 check.
  - Complimentary registration to the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting.
  - The award does NOT cover travel or other meeting related expenses.

The Whitney Joy Engler Memorial Veterinary Student Research Award recognizes exceptional research performed by veterinary students in the field of animal behaviour.

- **Eligibility**
  - Applicant must be a veterinary student currently enrolled in an AVMA Accredited Veterinary School.
  - Applicant must be the first author of original research in the area of applied animal behaviour conducted while in veterinary school.

- **Submission Requirements**
  - Submission is to be a full paper, written in the format of Journal of the Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA; www.avmajournals.avma.org).

- **Presentation**
  - The 1st place award recipient will have an extended oral presentation at the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting.

- **Award**
  - 1st Place: $1000 check.
  - Complimentary registration to the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting.
  - The award does NOT cover travel or other meeting related expenses.
The **Fear Free Research Award** recognizes exceptional research investigating the prevention or reduction of fear, anxiety and stress in dogs and cats during veterinary visits or in the home.

- **Eligibility**
  - Applicant must meet the general submission deadlines.
  - Papers for consideration must directly relate to “the prevention or reduction of fear, anxiety and stress in dogs and cats during veterinary visits (including transit, procedures and hospitalization) OR through techniques or strategies that prevent or reduce fear, anxiety and stress through home enrichment.”

- **Submission Requirements**
  - The abstract must contain sufficient information regarding the hypothesis, materials and methods, data, data analysis, results, discussion and pertinent references to permit evaluation of the scientific merit of the research. Final data, data analysis, conclusions and discussion are not required in the original submission but these will be required for the final proceedings.

- **Presentations**
  - The award recipient will have an opportunity for an extended oral presentation at the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting.

- **Award**
  - $1500 check.
  - The award does NOT cover travel or other meeting related expenses.
  - Complementary registration to the International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting.