

Sharing knowledge...

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Dear Colleagues,

In our electronic era, evidence based treatments are what we should daily look for in order to provide the best possible services to our patients. So it is critical to develop a reliable evidence base and make possible for every veterinarian to look for it and be informed and up to date with current scientific information.

To accomplish that we must publish our work and let everybody know about it. Many veterinarians are in the way to obtain Diplomas or Board Certifications and to do that it is almost mandatory to publish their work. This is the most common reason for publication now-a-days. Of course there are other reasons too. We are living in a competitive world and keeping that in mind probably we have to assume that many journal submissions are driven by author's desire for peer recognition. I do believe though that huge data exist in veterinary practices and we have to bring it in front of a wider audience.

The relationship between editors and authors works both ways. Whatever the motivation for publishing, authors need the journal editors to get their work published and editors want several authors to submit papers for publication for their journals and what they provide as an exchange is the audience that authors need. The success of a scientific journal is fully attached to the ability of the editor to provide what its readers want. So it is very important and key to success to publish high quality research.

No one can denied that the vast majority of published data in veterinary science derives from academia. On the other hand general practitioners deal with an extremely big case load and of course they should be motivated to share their data and knowledge in the veterinary community. So they should be encouraged to prepare papers and for those that have tried that even once, it is well known that publishing a paper is not a simple process.

From the authors perspective it is very important from the very beginning to set up a well controlled study carefully. This step is essential and can provide data suitable for publication. First timers ideally should seek help from more experienced colleagues, even before starting their study. From the editors point of view it is essential to provide high quality papers to their readers. In order to achieve that it is more than critical to ensure that quality of science is not compromised, so scientific journals have established a peer-review process before publication is achieved.

This interaction between editors, authors and reviewers guarantees that finally a high quality paper will be published and everybody will be happy for the result. Veterinary community believes that reports published in peer-reviewed journals are more highly valued because the process of peer-review ensures that methodology and conclusions are valid.

The *EC Veterinary Science* Journal is a new launched journal seeking for papers in order to interest and educate veterinarians around the world. We do welcome your papers in all aspects of veterinary science and hope that you will give it a try.

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