CALL FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACT FORMAT
PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

39th ANNUAL MEETING
VETERINARY ORTHOPEDIC SOCIETY

Crested Butte, Colorado, March 3-10, 2012

We invite practitioners, academicians, and researchers interested in large animal, small animal, and exotic species, to submit abstracts of novel studies in practical and scientific topics related to veterinary orthopedics and traumatology. **Preference will be given to abstracts that have clinical relevance or relevance to themes of the 2012 meeting including clinical applications of PRP, IRAP and MSCs.** Presentations should emphasize clinical application. Papers addressing results of controlled retrospective and prospective clinical studies are strongly encouraged. Clinician investigators should also consider submitting innovative surgical techniques, or case (series) reports describing unusual or difficult cases as these will be reviewed separate from the scientific abstracts and incorporated into the annual meeting. Presentations will be limited to **10 minutes** and followed by 5 minutes of discussion.

Notes from the Program Chair:

1. **There will only be one call for papers** that requires a **final, complete abstract** be submitted. **NO** subsequent changes to the abstract will be allowed. Please note that **ONLY** submissions that include **BOTH** the long and short versions of the abstract, **PROPERLY FORMATTED**, will be considered. Specific instructions follow below. Blinded abstracts will be scored based on the significance of the findings, originality, scientific quality and general interest. Case reports will be reviewed based on novelty, practical interest, and completeness.

2. The **Mark S. Bloomberg Memorial Resident Research Award** sponsored by the VOS was established to recognize outstanding abstracts submitted to the scientific program by residents. At least three awards will be conferred each year to provide funds (up to $1,500) to enable residents to attend and present their abstract at the annual meeting.
   To be eligible the applicant must be in a resident training program or within 2 years of completion of a formal residency program are eligible. The submission must reflect work conducted during the residency program. Resident status will be verified.

Instruction for Abstract Submission:

PLEASE READ COMPLETELY BEFORE PREPARING AND SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

1. ***Abstract deadline:*** **November 1, 2011**. Abstracts with complete data and statistical analysis, if applicable, must be received by this date. Abstracts **must** be submitted electronically via the online submission system **http://vos.confex.com/vos/2012/cfp.cgi**. The abstracts will be considered submitted when the following **checklist** has been completed:
   - Appropriately formatted short and long abstracts submitted, **note that proprietary interest and financial disclosure must be included in the acknowledgement section**
   - Presentation preference (podium or poster) ± award consideration received
   - Author affiliation and contact information appropriately submitted
   - Confirmation indicating materials were received, readable, and correctly formatted received by submitter. You should receive a confirmatory email message within 24 hours of submission.

2. **LONG (Blinded) abstract:** The abstract length is limited to **one page**. Single space between paragraphs, using Times New Roman or Arial 10-12 pt font. Do **NOT** include authors' names or affiliations in this abstract to maintain anonymity during the review process. VOS is not responsible if affiliations are included in this abstract.

3. **SHORT (Authored) abstract:** This abstract will be used for publication in VCOT and the Conference Proceedings and should contain the authors' names and affiliations and is limited to 250 words.

FORMAT: Capitalize the title- do not use abbreviations in the title. List all authors (on the Authored abstract only) by last name and initials and underline the presenting author's name. On the next line (in small case) list the authors' affiliation(s) and/or address(es). The preferred format for the body of the abstract is Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, and Discussion/Conclusion. If this is not appropriate (e.g., case report or technique) flowing text or other modifications are acceptable.

TITLE: Should accurately reflect what was done.

INTRODUCTION: Background on general topic or previous work; include statement of purpose of the study. Should convey the need, significance/impact of the work.

MATERIALS & METHODS: Briefly describe the methodology of research or technique used in this study. Methods should be appropriate to answer the hypothesis or problem that generated the work.

RESULTS: Data should be presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions. It is not acceptable to generalize or state, "results will be discussed".

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION: Include an interpretation of the results. **Do not simply restate the results.** Was the hypothesis/problem answered? Were limitations or additional problems identified? How can the information derived from this study, or technique, best be applied to further research or clinical situation? Provide relevance and/or innovation to the current body of knowledge.

REFERENCES: A **limited** number of references are allowed, if necessary, the Blinded, long abstract.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Disclose any proprietary interest and identify financial support, either by direct funding (extramural or intramural) or materials. This **MUST** be provided in both the short and long abstracts for the abstracts to be considered complete. If there is no funding, you must still make a statement like "There was no proprietary interest or funding provided for this project"

Podium presentations at the Conference: PowerPoint (single screen) will be the **only** podium presentation medium at the Conference. If any other audiovisual aid is required, please inform the program chair(s) at least 30 days in advance. **ALL** presentations will use the VOS computer designated for this purpose. **ALL** presentation files **MUST** be loaded on the designated computer at least one session prior to scheduled presentations. Failure to do so will result in elimination of the presentation from the Conference. **ALL** presentations will be limited to a **maximum of 10 minutes**. Moderators will **strictly** enforce the 10-minute time limit.

Poster presentations at the Conference: Posters must fit within the 4' (height) x 4' (width) area provided at the Conference. Poster presenters are responsible for bringing materials (push pins, tape, etc.) required for mounting the posters for display. The posters should be posted for display on Sunday and removed at the end of the Poster Session on Wednesday evening. Presenting authors must attend and be available to answer questions during the entire dedicated Poster Session if they wish to have their poster scored for awards.

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