



Announcement

Call for papers and posters for the 2019 International Working Dog Conference (IWDC) of the IWDBA

We are pleased to announce the call for papers and posters for the 2019 IWDC to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, 1-6 September 2019. The Scandic Infra-City, the main conference center in the region, is an excellent location for the conference, with easy access to the historic city center, great amenities and a wonderful attached conference center for the meeting (<http://scandichotels.visualizer360.com/scandic-infra-city#40533,40591,104.82,4.8>).

The 2019 meeting will include plenary sessions, invited talks, breakout workshops, discussion and focus sessions led by leaders in the area, research talks and an active poster session to portray the depth and breadth of the research in the field (see preliminary schedule at: www.iwdba.org). Because of the format of the 2019 meeting, we are shifting some of the emphasis on research talks to research posters in order to encourage more interaction between those in the field and those doing research.

For the first time, we will have a special poster session devoted to those who do research with market or commercial applications or affiliations with commercial endeavours. All researchers presenting research from a program with a commercial arm will be directed to this session. All other sessions are to be commercial-free.

We invite abstracts for talks (15 or 30 minutes, with 3 or 5 minutes, respectively, absolutely reserved for questions), research posters, and research posters for research with commercial foci and associations with commercial ties. Instructions for abstracts follow. When you submit your abstract (no more than 250 words) you MUST also submit a 100 word biography that, if your abstract is accepted, will go onto the IWDBA website with your abstract. With submission of your abstract, you give us permission to publish it. If you are unable to have your abstract in the public domain, we may be able to accommodate you if you contact us directly and request an exception.

Abstracts are due 15 March 2019. Applicants will be notified by 15 April 2019. Accepted abstracts must be confirmed for posters or spoken presentations by 30 April 2019. If you do not confirm that you will present, your slot will be given to someone else. All presenters will be obliged to conform to the disclosure requirements (see website for instructions). Please note, all time limits, space limits, and disclosure requirements will be strictly enforced.

Please note on your abstract which type of presentation format you will accept, but please realize that with the new meeting format, you may not get your first choice. Choices are:

- Short spoken presentation (15 minutes; 3 minutes reserved for questions)
- Long spoken presentation (30 minutes; 5 minutes reserved for questions)

- Standard research poster session

- Commercial research poster session

Those indicating no choice will be directed to the poster session.

The specific instructions for abstract submission are below. Abstracts are to be no more than 250 words to avoid any concerns about pre-publication

TITLE: BOLDED, CAPITALIZED (SHOULD BE LEFT JUSTIFIED AND THE SAME SIZE FONT AS THE REST OF THE ABSTRACT)

Authors: List of authors using numbers as superscripts and an * to denote corresponding author.

Address: Affiliations and addresses for all authors are to be included. Match superscripts after names to affiliations. Addresses should include city, state/ canton/province and country.

Corresponding author/Email: * *Corresponding author: italicized*, and should be followed by author's email address and phone number.

Body of abstract: Skip one line after corresponding author's email address and provide abstract without headers for introduction, conclusion et cetera.

The last line of the abstract should be followed by keywords.

Keywords: Provide 3-5 key words with each word or phrase separated by a semicolon.

Format: Tell us your acceptable format.

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An example of a correctly formatted abstract with a word count of 238 words follows.

KITTEN BEHAVIORS AS PREDICTORS OF ADULT FELINE TEMPERAMENT: THE NEED FOR A BETTER MOUSETRAP

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Adult personalities that differ from owner expectations may be a significant reason for owner dissatisfaction with feline pets. When adopted as kittens, cats may display behaviors that are endearing but these may change as cats reach social maturity. A test that

predicts adult feline temperament when administered at an earlier age may help match cats to prospective owners and decrease the number of adult cats relinquished due to a mismatch in personalities. Three hundred and seventy-two kittens were tested at a local shelter over 14 months. The test evaluated the kittens' responses to 16 scenarios including physical contact with humans, introduction to unfamiliar adult and juvenile felines and canines, and exposure to novel environments, sounds, canine and feline vocalizations and a variety of toys. Kittens were tested between 10–16 weeks of age and scored on a 5 point subjective scale. The kittens were followed after adoption for 18 months; 327 kittens completed the study. Owners were contacted via telephone 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months after adoption and a 13 point questionnaire was administered. The behaviors of interest included aggression, playfulness, assertiveness/confidence,

sociability and elimination habits. The owners were asked about their overall satisfaction with their cats as pets. The test instrument was unable to reliably predict adult feline behavior, but most owners reported satisfactory relationships with their adult cats, even if these did not meet their original expectations.

Keywords: temperament test; kitten; behavior; predictability; adoption

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