

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

The Thai Journal of Veterinary Medicine publishes articles reporting interdisciplinary investigations concerning veterinary and animal sciences, at all levels of resolution, from basic to clinical, molecular to behavioral, and opinions that are of general interest to the broad community of veterinarians and biological scientists. Clinical or pathological investigations, protocols and reviews will also be considered for publication if they provide significant insight into the structure or function, the pathophysiology of a disease, or its treatment.

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- 1) Title page
- 2) Abstract
- 3) Text
- 4) Acknowledgments
- 5) References

- 6) Tables
- 7) Figures legends
- 8) Figures

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(i) *Introduction.* This should provide the scientific rationale for the research that is reported. No results should be presented.

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An entire book:

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