Eligibility:

To be eligible for the competition, you must:

- have had only limited speaking experience and be employed in as a credentialed or non-credentialed veterinary technician or veterinary technician assistant, or be enrolled as a veterinary technician student.
- be a registrant of the 2019 Veterinary Technician Conference (see details below).
- have actively participated in the case that is submitted.
- be the first author of the abstract, which must be submitted by May 24, 2019.

The following are NOT eligible to participate in this competition:

- employees of “for profit” sponsors or exhibitors
- veterinarians and current veterinary students
- speakers for the 2019 the TAMU Veterinary Technician Conference.

Registration and fees:

There is no additional fee for competing in the Case Report Poster Presentation Competition, however, you must be registered for Veterinary Technician Conference in order to enter the competition. Registration for the conference must be completed prior to submission of the abstract. Register on-line at http://vetmed.tamu.edu/22727.aspx. During the registration process, you will be able to indicate your intent to participate in the competition by selecting the appropriate choice in a pulldown menu. You may also download a fillable PDF Submission Form at this website. The Conference Committee reserves the right to limit the number of participants in the Case Report Poster Presentation Competition if necessary.

Entering the competition

The following is a checklist of the items required for entering the competition.

- Submission Form (available at the Veterinary Technicians Conference registration website)
- Photograph (high resolution original headshot)
- Brief Bio (to include where and when degrees obtained, years of experience, additional relevant professional information.
- Abstract

The completed competition application packet must be sent no later than 8 p.m. CST, May 24, 2019 to:
Tamuvettechseminar@gmail.com. This address will only be monitored until the application deadline of May 24, 2019. After that time, any questions about the competition or the conference should be directed to mchodorow@cvm.tamu.edu or call 979-845-9102.

An e-mail confirmation of competition registration will be sent to the registrant from Tamuvettechseminar@gmail.com after it is confirmed that the registrant has met all of the registration eligibility requirements. Please check your e-mail inbox or e-mail trash for the confirmation e-mail. Please keep a copy of the confirmation e-mail for registration purposes.

Instructions for Case Report Abstract

Subject category
The case report must fit one of the following categories, and the category must be designated on the Submission Form: 1) An interesting clinical scenario; 2) A novel area of clinical practice; 3) Unique or successful clinical treatment approach.

Formatting instructions
The case report abstracts will be published in the proceedings of the Veterinary Technician Conference. The abstract should be a brief overview of the poster presentation topic used to pique interest in hearing more about the topic of presentation. The general audience will have two opportunities viewing and discussing the poster with the author.

The abstract must be submitted as follows to be considered for the competition. Abstracts must be submitted as a Microsoft Word Document using Times New Roman 11 font. There is a strict limit of 400 words. Follow the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) Editorial Publication Style Guide.

Instructions for Poster Presentation:

Poster Content
Each poster entered should include the following sections. These sections will be used in the judging rubric.

1. Poster Title and Author Name(s)
2. Case History and Signalment
3. Case Assessment and Plan
   a. Physical Exam
   b. Labs/Diagnostic Tests
   c. Assessment and Treatment Plan
   d. Relevant Nursing Care and Management
4. Final Outcome and Case Summary
5. References and Acknowledgements -For this competition, all literature should be cited using the 2018 NAVC Editorial Publication Style Guide, which can be found at: http://navc.com/download/2018_NAVC_Editorial_Publication_Style_Guide.pdf
6. The poster size should not exceed 36x36 inches in height and width.
7. In addition to the poster content, the contestant will also be evaluated for clarity, grammar and punctuation, presentation skills, response to questions and attendance at the poster during the required times.

**Use of Veterinary Medical Literature**

It is expected that peer reviewed veterinary medical literature is reviewed and cited for your case report abstract and poster presentation. A knowledge and understanding of procedures and protocols in relation to the case you are presenting is important. There are several on-line biomedical search engines. The following are highly recommended.

- Pub Med- A public biomedical literature search engine. Helpful for in-depth literature searches and citation.
- Google Scholar- An easy-to-use basic literature search engine which may help you refine searches on veterinary topics.

Additionally, university librarians, your employer or your co-workers may be able to assist you with your searches.

**Poster Presentation and Review**

The oral poster presentation for the judges should be no longer than 10 minutes with an additional 5 minutes allotted for Q&A time. Each presenter is required to be available at his/her poster between 5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m., Friday, June 21, and 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2019.

**Supplies**

The following supplies will be used and provided to the contestants. No outside supplies will be allowed.

1. Easels
2. Poster mounting board
3. Clips for securing poster to mounting board
4. Poster competition numbers to secure to mounting board

**Competition Set-up, Check-in and Removal**

Participants in the competition will sign up for the competition and conference at a designated table beginning Friday at 5 p.m, 30 minutes before the competition starts. Posters must be removed by 12 p.m., Sunday, June 23, 2019. Posters not removed by this time will be discarded.

**Poster Templates**

There are many free, on-line resources for scientific poster templates. Any sources will be acceptable for this competition as long as it fits the 36 inch X 36 inch size requirements for the competition.

**Poster Printing**

There are many resources that can be used to print your poster for the competition. It is not the intent of this competition for you to spend a lot of money to have the poster printed.
Additional Competition Rules and Terms of Agreement:

**Attire**-We expect competition participants to dress in professional attire during the official competition periods on Friday evening and Saturday morning, as well as for the presentation of the winter on Sunday morning, as pictures will be taken for press releases.

**Patient Confidentiality**-You must consider patient confidentiality when discussing these cases. Omit personal patient/client information from discussion and pictures. There must be no mention of the client’s name, and we suggest that you change the name of the patient for your presentation.

**Pictures and Press Release**-Pictures will be taken during the competition to be used as promotion by the Texas A&M University Veterinary Technician Conference. These will be used for promotion and congratulations by the Conference Committee on Facebook and the Internet, as well as, to provide photographs to the winner for their personal use.

**Prize for the Winner** -The competition winner will receive a nontransferable complimentary registration to the 2020 or 2021 TAMU Veterinary Technicians Conference. The registration may be redeemed by calling the Office of Continuing Education at 979-845-9102 during the registration period for the meeting. In addition, the competition winner will be invited to be a judge at the following two Case Report Poster Presentation Competitions.

**Agreement to Rules**
By submitting an abstract and entering the competition, you are agreeing to the competition rules and guidelines and you understand that the decision of the judges is final. Further, you agree that you understand that you must be physically present in front of your poster between 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, June 21, and 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2019. It is highly desirable for the contestants to be present during the announcement of the competition winner at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 23.