The Veterinary Nurse –

Instructions for Authors

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# About the Journal

*The Veterinary Nurse* welcomes unsolicited articles on a variety of veterinary nursing topics. We publish:

* Original research
* Literature reviews
* Patient care reports
* Education and professional articles

All submissions undergo double-blind peer review. Upon acceptance, MA Healthcare holds exclusive publication rights.

# Article Types and Word Counts

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| **Article Type** | **Word Count** |
| Clinical, Education, Professional | ~2,500 words (more if pre-approved) |
| Practical | 1,500–2,000 words |

# How to Submit

1. Submit online: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/vetn/default.aspx>
2. Submit as a Microsoft Word document or plain text (.txt/.ascii if not using Word)
3. Double-spaced, with numbered pages
4. Author names/information must appear only on the title page
5. Authors will receive page proofs prior to publication

# Required Submission Files

* **Title Page (Separate file)**
* Article title
* Author(s) name & contact
* Abstract
* Acknowledgements
* Conflict of interest statement
* **Anonymous Manuscript**
* Abstract (100–150 words; structured for research)
* Keywords (5–6)
* Key points (4–6 sentences)
* Main body (with subheadings)
* Conclusions
* References
* **Tables & Figures**
* Submit each as a separate file
* Additional files (e.g., videos/audio) may be uploaded if relevant

# Tables & Figures – Guidelines

* Refer to all tables/figures in the text
* Label each file clearly (e.g., “Table 1”, “Figure 2”)
* Graphs and charts must display all data labels
* Photographs must be high-resolution (300 dpi min)
* Do not embed photos in Word or PowerPoint
* Obtain owner’s consent for identifiable subjects
* It is the author's responsibility to secure image permissions

# Abstract Format for Research

* Background
* Aims
* Methods
* Findings
* Conclusion

# Keywords and Key Points

* Keywords: 5–6 searchable terms
* Key Points: 4–6 full sentences summarising the main messages

# Optional: CPD Questions

* You may be asked to submit 10–12 multiple-choice questions for CPD use

# References

* Use the CSE citation style
* Title the section as “References”
* Remove formatting from reference managers (e.g., EndNote)

# Units and Abbreviations

* Define all abbreviations at first use
* Use SI units unless: Blood pressure → mmHg; Haemoglobin → g/dl

# Final Submission Steps

* Approve the final PDF
* Receive email confirmation of completed submission

# Other Important Notes

* **Conflict of Interest:** Disclose any interests that may affect your work.
* **Ethical Approval:** Confirm compliance with laws and approval for animal studies.
* **Informed Consent:** Written consent is required for identifiable images or case details.