



# Irish Equine Veterinary Association Conference 2026

## Submit your work:

*Thank you for considering the Irish Equine Veterinary Association Conference to present your work. We are accepting both research abstracts and case reports/case series. Please read through our booklet to see which category is best for your work.*

*If you have any questions send us an email [info@irisheva.ie](mailto:info@irisheva.ie).*

**Deadline September 1st 2026**





# Clinical Case Awards

*Clinical cases are accepted in each of three categories as detailed below (Recent graduates, practitioners and students). Up to 4 finalists will be selected in each category to present a 10- minute presentation of their case or case series. There will also be an option to submit your work for poster presentation if you prefer.*

***All finalists for both oral and poster presentations will get free registration to both days of the IEVA conference and a ticket to the Gala Dinner. Generous prizes will be awarded for both the best oral and poster presentations.***

## Category 1: Recent Graduates

Open to anyone (vets and nurses) who graduated in the last 5 years (2021 onwards) and anyone currently in an internship or residency programme.

## Category 2: Practitioners

Open to anyone (vets & nurses) who graduated before 2021 and not in a training programme (ie residency-residents should apply in category 1).

## Category 3: Students

Open to anyone currently enrolled in a veterinary medicine or veterinary nursing degree

## Submission Guidelines for all Clinical Case Categories

Some helpful hints can be found on the website under “submit your work, and click on the “in it to win it” PDF.

<https://irisheva.ie/conference/submit-your-work/>

If you have a case but do not have a mentor please email us at [info@irisheva.ie](mailto:info@irisheva.ie) and we can try to match you with someone suitable.

- **Word count: 250 words**
  - If using references, they should be cited as per EVJ guidelines. Citations are included in word count but not the bibliography.
  - Title, author, mentors and affiliations not included in word count.
  - Submission forms must be ticked to indicate that owner consent was obtained.
- **Please include the following information:** Title, Author, Mentor, Affiliation (this will be later anonymised before judging takes place)
- **Please indicate:** if you have a preference to be considered for an oral or poster presentation or have no preference.

### Format

- **Background;** describing the background literature, if required, and the aims or objective of this case report.
- **Case(s) presentation;** including signalment, history, relevant physical examination findings, relevant diagnostic investigations, therapy, outcome and follow-up when available.
- **New/Unique Information;** describing the novel/unique aspects and the clinical relevance of the report) are required.

*For multiple cases, each patient does not need to be individually described, but differences and similarities should be noted.*

### Submission

- Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee for the IEVA Conference and be scored on case relevance to equine practitioners, scientific writing and novelty.
- The review panel will consist of at least 4 veterinary surgeons, none of which will have a personal link to the case presented and the cases are judged anonymously.
- We will endeavour to respond with a decision on all submissions within 2 weeks of the deadline of 1st September.

**Abstract should be submitted via our website before September 1st 2026.**

<https://irisheva.ie>

## **Presentations for finalists**

*The finalists in each category will have the opportunity to present their cases at the 2026 IEVA Conference to be held at the Lyrath Hotel in Co Kilkenny on 5th to 7th November 2026.*

- Each presentation should be 10 minutes followed by 3 minutes of questions from the judging panel and the audience.
- Please submit the power point presentations before 1st November 2026.
- The judges panel will include conference keynote speakers and a representative from the IEVA scientific committee.
- Points will be awarded for slide layout, presentation clarity, timekeeping and speaking skills.



# Research Abstract Guidelines

The IEVA CPD and Conference Committee invites authors to submit scientific research abstracts for inclusion in the Clinical Research Sessions at their annual Conference.

- Abstracts relating to recent research into any aspect of equine science and clinical practice will be considered. Those authors whose abstracts are accepted will be invited to present an oral presentation at the IEVA Conference.
- Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length with an additional 2 minutes for questions. **Details of our requirements for oral presentations will be provided in due course to those authors whose abstracts are selected for oral presentation.**
- While the number of oral presentations that can be accommodated will be limited; should there be sufficient demand, authors of abstracts of sufficient quality will be invited to produce poster presentations for display at the Conference.
- Please indicate at time of submission if you wish your abstract to be considered for poster presentation only. **Details of our requirements for poster presentations will be provided in due course to those authors whose abstracts are invited for poster presentation.**

***The presenter of each accepted abstract (both oral and poster) will receive free registration at the Conference and a ticket to the Gala Dinner. However, travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses will not be offered.***

## **Eligibility**

All veterinarians, veterinary nurses, undergraduate students, post graduates students and scientists are eligible.

## **Content and Format**

- The abstract must be written in English and be no more than 300 words.
- Use single line spacing and Times New Roman 10-point font; do not indent paragraphs. Tables, graphs, and figures should be reserved for the presentation.
- References can be included if they are absolutely essential.
- Do not include the title, author lists and institution details or declarations in your word count but do include any references in the word count. Use bracketed numbers [1], [1-3] etc to cite references in the order that they appear throughout the body of the abstract.
- Reference format must include its author list, article title, journal, year, volume, and page details.

### **The abstract should be provided with the following headings:**

- **Background:** The background behind the decision to choose the subject to study.
- **Objectives:** The statement that is being tested, and is testable by the methods (below); or the original aims and study deliverables.
- **Study Design:** Concise statement of the study design.
- **Methods:** Brief description of materials and methods, and methods of statistical analyses.
- **Results:** Brief highlights of the results obtained. When commenting on significant comparisons, p values alone are not sufficient. You must include either mean + SD or median & IQR for each group or express the mean difference with 95% confidence intervals. 95% CI must also be included for odds ratios. Lack of data is the most common reason for rejection of abstracts.
- **Main Limitations:** Concise statement of limitations and source of bias.
- **Conclusions:** Conclusions drawn from results.

*A short title (maximum 35 characters) should be provided on submission. This will be used for the Conference scientific programme.*

## **The following may provide some useful pointers regarding what will not be accepted:**

- Single case reports are not acceptable.
- Abstracts describing a study using clinical cases that lack confirmed, definitive diagnoses are not acceptable.
- Abstracts that describe data as pending are not acceptable.
- Vague statements such as “the results will be discussed” will not be acceptable.
- Preliminary data from an ongoing study can be used. However, you cannot submit another abstract next year on the same data (even if you have more data and it is more accurate), unless the abstract is about a completely different set of data or a different part of the project.
- You must put actual data in the abstract: do not submit the abstract expecting to get the data by the time you present it at the meeting.

## **Ethical Guidelines**

- All research involving either experimental or clinical research on animals described in submitted abstracts must follow international, national, and/or institutional guidelines for humane animal treatment and comply with relevant legislation in the country in which the study was conducted.
- Authors are encouraged to adhere to animal research reporting standards, for example the ARRIVE reporting guidelines for reporting study design and statistical analysis; experimental procedures; experimental animals and housing and husbandry.
- Authors should also state whether experiments were performed in accordance with relevant institutional and national guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals.
- For qualitative research, ethical committee approval or exemption should be stated and studies should refer to the COREQ checklist or similar for quality evaluation.

# **All submissions must make transparent and complete declarations under the following 4 headings:**

## **1. Ethical Animal Research**

- This normally involves review and oversight of the use and care of experimental animals by an institutional ethics committee. In some countries, review and oversight by an institutional, professional or hospital ethics committee is also mandatory for clinical research.

## **2. Informed Consent**

Failure to include appropriate information on owner consent will lead to abstract rejection. Abstracts describing research using client-owned animals will be considered for publication only if the work:

- Involves informed client consent for inclusion in the study for all prospective research and informed client consent may be required for some retrospective studies but is not usually expected for retrospective review of medical records.
- Client confidentiality must be maintained, and authors should select photographs and video material with care to ensure that humans cannot be identified specifically.
- Consent for admission to hospital, diagnostic investigations and/or treatment is not equivalent to explicit informed client consent for research.
- Please note, where data has been collected from human subjects a declaration that these subjects have consented to participate in the research will be required.

## **3. Competing interests**

Take care to include your co-authors' competing interests as well as your own.

## **4. Sources of Funding**

If appropriate, state "not applicable" against the relevant

*Do not include this information in the main body of your abstract or word count. You will be required to make the same declarations, along with any other acknowledgements, at the beginning of your oral presentation at the Conference.*

## Submission Process

- Clinical research abstracts should be submitted by 1st September 2025.
- To submit your abstract please visit our website and follow the instructions under “Submit your work” <https://irisheva.ie>
- Your submission should include the authors’ names and addresses after the abstract title and the Ethical declarations described above at the end of the abstract.
- Underline the name of the person who will present at Congress.

## Review

- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed and scored by individuals from the IEVA conference scientific review panel. Both scientific quality and relevance to equine veterinary practice will be considered.
- Suitability will be assessed under the following headings:
  - Study design
  - Quality of writing
  - Clinical relevance and novelty.
- Excessively poor grammar, lack of clarity of writing and failure to make complete and appropriate ethical declarations will be grounds for abstract rejection.
- The panel’s decision will be final.
- We will endeavor to respond with a decision on all submissions within 2 weeks of the deadline of 1st September.

