

Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal

Instructions to Contributors

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Submission of manuscript implies that the results reported have not been published or are not being considered for publication elsewhere (work published in abstract form in conference proceedings are exempted).

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 - Introduction
 - Materials and methods
 - Results
 - Discussion
 - Conclusion
 - Acknowledgements
 - References

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References: References in the text should be cited as: Carter (1979) or (Carter, 1979). If the cited reference has more than two authors, abbreviate the citation as, (Taylor *et al.*, 1979). More than one paper from the same author in the same year, should be cited a, b, c (e.g. Fernando, 1979a, Fernando 1979 b).

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For journal articles:

Weiss, S.J. (1989). Tissue destruction by neutrophils. *New England Journal of Medicine*, **320**, 365-376. DOI: *provide the Digital Object Identifier reference if available*.

For books:

Radostits, O.M., Mayhew, I.G., Houston, D.M. and Mayhew, I.G.J. (2000). *Veterinary Clinical Examination and Diagnosis*. WB Saunders, United Kingdom, pp.13-23.

For chapters in multi-author books:

Barnes, H.J. and Gross, W.B. (1997). Colibacillosis. In: *Diseases of Poultry*. Calnek, B.W., Barnes, H.J., Beard, C.W., Mc Douglad, L.R. and Saif, Y.M. (Eds). Iowa State University Press, USA, pp. 131-141.

For papers published in symposia proceedings:

Nimal, K.F. and Chandresena, B.A. (1999). Bacteria causing mastitis in dairy cattle. Proceedings of 60th Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Veterinary Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka, pp. 68-79.

For websites:

Tam, T. Title of the document. In: *Diseases of Livestock*. Livestock health. 2012. <http://www.lh.org/dose/title of subordinate document>. Accessed on 15 Jan 2016.

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2. Authors
3. Affiliations of authors
4. Abstract (not more than 150 words)
5. Background
6. Case presentation
7. Differential diagnosis
8. Laboratory and other Investigations (if necessary)
9. Treatment and management
10. Prognosis/outcome/necropsy
11. Discussion and clinical significance
12. Acknowledgements
13. References
14. Figures
15. Tables

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