

PUBLICATION ETHICS

OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL “VETERINARY SCIENCE TODAY”

The Editorial Board of the journal “Veterinary Science Today” observes ethical principles adopted by the international academic community and in its activity follows Guidelines of Committee on Publication Ethics (Committee on Publication Ethics, COPE, <http://publicationethics.org/>). It also relies on valuable experience of authoritative international journals and publishing houses.

Thus it facilitates provision of authors’ intellectual property rights, increases quality of the journal in the eyes of the international community and prevents illegal use of copyright for benefit of some individuals.

I. OBLIGATIONS OF EDITORIAL BOARD

1.1. The Editorial Board shall:

- submit or reject materials for publication pursuing the journal’s policy based on the current copyright legislation, reliability of submitted information and scientific significance of a submitted paper provided that it was reviewed by experts using the “blind” method, that is concealing the identities of reviewers unless they gave their permission. Thus, experts can freely express their motivated judgments regarding the level and clarity of submitted material, its conformity to the profile of the journal, novelty and accuracy of results. The reviewers’ recommendations serve as a basis for making the final decision regarding publication of a paper.
- estimate the intellectual content of manuscripts regardless of authors’ race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, background, citizenship, social status and political views.

All papers shall be checked for plagiarism using the “Antiplagiat” system. Papers that do not comply with ethical principles shall not be admitted for publication. The Editorial Board bears full responsibility for the decision on publication of papers.

1.2. Confidentiality

When reviewing unpublished materials, all editorial staff shall comply with the Russian Federation legislation related to information security, including authors’ and reviewers’ personal information.

Any manuscript submitted for review shall be treated as a confidential document. That is, it shall be only accessible to specified persons making a decision on whether to accept the paper for publication. The editor and editorial staff are not allowed to use data of unpublished manuscripts for personal purposes or transfer them to the third parties without authors’ written permission. Information or ideas, obtained in the course of review and related to acquiring possible benefits, shall be kept confidential and cannot be exploited for private gain.

1.3. Conflict of Interests

In case there is a conflict of interests resulting from competitive relations, cooperation and/or other relations and ties with one of the authors, companies or institutions, the manuscript shall be transferred to the independent member of the Editorial Board for conflict resolution.

The Editorial Board shall request disclosure of existing competitive interests from all participants involved in the process of reviewing manuscripts in accordance with established procedure. If conflict of interests is revealed following the publication, the Editorial Board shall provide publishing of corresponding amendments.

When filing an ethics complaint with regard to submitted manuscript and published article the Editorial Board shall take adequate response measures, based on experience of authoritative international journals and publishing houses. Each report on unethical conduct shall be investigated regardless of the statute of limitations. In the event of a confirmed case, corresponding corrections, refutations and apologies shall be published.

2. OBLIGATIONS OF REVIEWERS

2.1. Input in Editorial Board Decisions

Expert assessment of reviewers helps the Editorial Board to take decisions on publication of submitted materials, as well as helps authors to improve their work by constructive cooperation with the Editorial Board.

2.2. Operational efficiency

If a reviewer assigned for evaluation of manuscripts feels inadequately qualified or lacks the time to fairly judge the work reported, the reviewer shall immediately notify the Editorial Board and refuse to give a review.

2.3. Confidentiality

Any manuscript submitted for publication shall be treated as a confidential document. It shall not be disclosed to other reviewers or discussed with other experts without Chief Editor's prior permission.

2.4. Standards of Objectivity

Scientific paper reviews shall be objective. The author's personal criticism is inappropriate. Reviewers shall express their judgments clearly and reasonably.

2.5. Acknowledgement of Sources

Reviewers shall point out relevant published work that has not been cited by the authors. Any statement, observation or argument that has been previously reported shall be accompanied by the relevant bibliographical references. A reviewer should also call to the editor's attention any substantial or partial similarity between the manuscript under consideration and any published paper or manuscript a reviewer is familiar with.

2.6. Disclosure of Information and Conflict of Interest

Unpublished materials contained in the submitted manuscript shall not be used in the research of the reviewer without written permission of the author. Information and ideas obtained in the course of a review shall stay confidential and shall not be used for personal merit. Reviewers shall not review or judge manuscripts if they have a personal bias.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF AUTHORS

3.1. Standards of Publication

Authors are expected to present accurate account of their research work as well as give objective discussion of its significance. Data serving as a basis for the research shall be clearly presented in a written form. The paper shall contain enough data sufficient for other researchers to repeat the experiment or verify its accuracy. Deliberately untruthful, fraudulent and falsified statements are treated as unethical and are considered inappropriate.

An author shall avoid personal attacks, disrespectful remarks and accusations made against other researchers. All kinds of slander are inappropriate.

The Editorial Board recommends to the authors to follow principles of biological ethics in research of animal objects.

3.2. Data Access and Storage

Authors may be asked to submit input data for editorial review. Authors shall be ready to provide open access to input data if possible, and in any case shall be ready to store input materials during a reasonable period of time after publication.

3.3. Originality and Plagiarism

Authors shall submit entirely original works. If textual or graphical information is obtained from other persons' materials it shall be appropriately cited or quoted, or used with the author's permission. Plagiarism of any kind is treated as unethical behavior and is inappropriate.

3.4. Multiple, Repeated and Concurrent Publications

Authors shall point out that their work has not been previously published. If some fragments of the manuscript have been previously published, authors shall provide reference to the primary work and state the difference between the primary and secondary works. Word-for-word copying and paraphrasing of authors' own works is inappropriate and they can be used only as a ground for further findings.

Submitting a paper to more than one journal at a time is treated as unethical behavior and is inappropriate.

3.5. References

Authors shall give proper acknowledgment to the work of other persons who have been influential in determining the nature of the reported research work. Authors shall cite publications they have used in their work. Information obtained by an author privately, from conversation, correspondence, or discussion with third parties shall not be used without explicit permission from the source of information.

3.6. Authorship of the Paper

Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the reported study. All those who have made significant contributions shall be listed as co-authors. Where there are others who have participated in certain substantive aspects of the research project, they shall be acknowledged or listed as contributors.

The author shall ensure that all co-authors and contributors are included on the paper, and that all co-authors have seen and approved the final version of the paper and have agreed to its submission for publication. All authors listed on the paper shall bear the social responsibility for the content of the paper.

3.7. Disclosure and Conflict of Interest

All authors shall disclose in their manuscript any financial or other substantive conflict of interest that might influence the results or interpretation of their manuscript. All sources of financial support for the project shall be clearly disclosed.

3.8. Fundamental Errors in Published Papers

When an author discovers a significant error or inaccuracy in his/her own manuscript or published work, it is the author's obligation to notify promptly the journal's editor-in-chief or publisher and cooperate with him/her to retract or correct the paper. If the editor-in-chief or the publisher learns from the third parties that the published paper contains significant errors, the author shall immediately remove or correct errors, or present evidence of correction of the primary paper.