



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) recognizes that generative artificial intelligence (AI)–assisted technologies are increasingly used in scientific and professional writing. This policy outlines acceptable use and required disclosures for all submissions.

Disclosure Requirement

Authors are required to disclose any use of AI tools at the time of submission and in the disclosures/acknowledgement section of the manuscript.

If AI tools are used, authors must:

- Clearly describe the **tool used** and their specific role in both the manuscript.
- Confirm that all AI-assisted content has been **reviewed, verified, and edited by the authors**

Permitted Uses (Assistive AI)

AI tools may only be used for **assistive purposes**, including:

- Spelling and grammar correction
- Language editing and readability improvements
- Formatting, organization, or reference management

These uses must still be disclosed.

Restricted Uses (Generative AI)

Any use of generative AI to create scientific or scholarly content—including data interpretation, results, conclusions, or original intellectual contributions—will result in the submission not being considered.



Authorship and Responsibility

- AI tools **may not be listed as authors**
- Authors are fully responsible for the **accuracy, integrity, and originality** of all submitted work
- Authors must critically evaluate all AI-assisted output to ensure it is free from errors, omissions, or bias

Originality, Attribution, and Citation

- Authors must ensure that all content, including AI-assisted material, is **free of plagiarism**
- All quoted or referenced material must be **properly attributed with full citations. Authors are responsible for the accuracy of all citations. Submissions containing inaccurate, fabricated, or unverifiable references (including AI-generated citations) will not be considered.**
- AI-generated content **may not be cited as a primary source**

Compliance

Failure to disclose AI use or failure to adhere to this policy may result in **rejection of the submission or withdrawal of accepted work**, in accordance with AAEP publication standards.

Summary

AI may be used as a **support tool**, but it does not replace author responsibility, scientific judgment, or originality.