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Sources:

1) AMA Manual of Style 11th edition

2) Writing for Publication in Veterinary Medicine. A Practical Guide for Researchers and Clinicians. Christopher & Young 2011 https://media.wiley.com/assets/7415/85/VETWritingforPubPDF.pdf

3) The Turing Way. Data Papers. https://book.the-turing-way.org/

**Title**

Titles should be concise, specific, and informative and should contain the key points of the work. The words “Data” or “Dataset” should be specified within the title.

**Abstract**

This should be a short summary of the dataset being described: what the data covers, how it was collected, how it is stored, and a short description of its potential reuse. Word limit 200 words. There should NOT be conclusions or interpretations.

Keywords: keyword, keyword

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# **Repository location**

A link to the repository DOI that links directly to the dataset. Consider repositories such as [Figshare](http://figshare.com/), [Open Science Framework](http://osf.io/), or [Zenodo](http://zenodo.org/).

# **Potential value of the data**

# Briefly describe how these data may be valuable to advancing shelter medicine and community animal health. May propose questions that could be answered by the data.

# **Background**

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