

# 19TH ANNUAL

# ANIMAL WELFARE ASSESSMENT CONTEST®

November 22-24, 2019 | Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, Colorado



### WHAT IS IT?

An educational tool for enhancing understanding and awareness of welfare issues affecting animals used for human purposes (e.g., agriculture, research, companionship). The contest teaches ethical reasoning, encourages objective assessment of animal welfare on the basis of scientific theory and data, promotes critical thinking, and improves communication skills.

Students interested in animal welfare are afforded a structured opportunity to practice their assessment skills and present their findings to an expert panel of scientists and veterinarians in a logical and persuasive manner.

### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Three divisions of the contest are offered: undergraduate, veterinary and graduate students. Veterinary technician students are encouraged to compete in the undergraduate division. Additionally, a select number of AVMA member veterinarians are allowed to participate as non-placing competitors.

### WHAT GOES ON?

Students analyze the welfare of various types of animals as presented in comparative scenarios, determine whether the welfare of animals in one scenario is better or worse than in the other, and present their decision orally to the judges. A live/on-site scenario is also assessed.

### HOW DO I PREPARE?

Check out [www.awjac.org](http://www.awjac.org) for our Coaching Tips FAQ, practice scenarios, examples of oral assessments and more!

### TRAVELING TROPHIES

Awarded to the highest placing team in each Division, the trophies feature original artwork by Lynne Millman, Blandford, NS, Canada.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE		
Friday, Nov. 22	Saturday, Nov. 23	Sunday, Nov. 24
<b>EVENING</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>MORNING</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration</li> <li>Materials Pick-up</li> <li>Pizza Dinner</li> <li>Educational seminars related to animal welfare assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Live Scenario Assessment &amp; Oral Presentations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual scenario assessments &amp; oral presentations</li> </ul>
	<b>EVENING</b>	<b>AFTERNOON</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Networking Event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards reception</li> </ul>



Presenting Partner



Signature Partner



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**APPLY BY OCTOBER 14, 2019**