

(1) Ethics approval

Ethical approval for this study was obtained from *NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (APPROVAL NUMBER/ID)*.

Or

Ethical approval for this study was waived by *NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD* because *REASON FOR WAIVER* .

Or

Ethical approval was not sought for the present study because *REASON*.

(2) Animal welfare

The present study followed international, national, and/or institutional guidelines for humane animal treatment and complied with relevant legislation.

Or

The present study involved client-owned animals; it demonstrated a high standard (best practice) of veterinary care and involved informed client consent.

Or

Guidelines for humane animal treatment did not apply to the present study because *REASON*.