

## ***The NAHLN Quarterly* - Guidance to Authors**

*The NAHLN Quarterly* is a quarterly electronic newsletter that is distributed to Federal, State, University and private animal health professionals via e-mail (using the Constant Contact platform) and includes several articles related to the National Animal Health Laboratory Network's (NAHLN) founding principles:

- Standardized, rapid diagnostic techniques
- Trained personnel, modern equipment
- Quality standards, proficiency testing
- Secure communication, alert reporting system
- Adequate facility biosafety/biosecurity levels
- Scenario testing
- Implemented quality management system

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**Subject Matter:** The topic of the article should relate directly or indirectly to NAHLN's founding principles. The subject should be current, informative and interesting to animal health stakeholders.

**Audience:** *The NAHLN Quarterly* is received by animal health professionals, encompassing a wide variety of occupations and backgrounds. For this reason, the article should be directed toward a general audience, without too much technical detail. In most cases, a broad overview of the topic and its relationship to animal health is ideal. If possible, use the most common jargon/technical terms and if technical in nature, be sure to explain them.

### **Format:**

- Articles should be up to a page (single-spaced, font 12) in length.
- Graphics (diagrams, tables, charts, etc.) are welcome, but not required.
- References can be included if desired.
- Please include author's name, title, and contact information.
- Text formatting and conversion to a pdf document will be done by the editors.
- Acronyms should be spelled out for the first use only followed by the acronym in parentheses; subsequent uses should use only the acronym.
- If possible, please write articles in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person perspective.

**Procedure:** Submit the article (preferably as a Microsoft Word document) via e-mail to the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) at [jill.m.brown@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:jill.m.brown@aphis.usda.gov). The article will be reviewed, edited, and returned to the author for final approval. APHIS' Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA) will also approve the content of the article.