

***The NAHLN Quarterly* - Guidelines for 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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Guidelines for Articles Published in the NAHLN Quarterly

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.

Format: Articles should be up to a page (single-spaced) 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.

Procedure: Submit the article (preferably as a Microsoft Word document) via e-mail to the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) at Traci.J.Imlau@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. APHIS' Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA) will also approve the content of the article.