Dr. George Smith

Editor, *Journal of Canine Medicine*

Dear Dr. Smith:

Please find attached an original paper, “Hypocalemia is the underlying cause of muscle weakness in diabetic dogs,” for your consideration for publication in *Journal of Canine Medicine*. This paper is not being considered by another journal at this time, nor will be it be submitted while under consideration by your journal. All co-authors are familiar with the contents of this paper and are in agreement that it be submitted to your journal.

This paper describes, apparently for the first time, the role of blood calcium concentrations in causing muscle weakness in diabetic dogs. We determined that blood calcium concentrations were lower in diabetic versus non-affected dogs (mean + SEM 12.3 + 1.3 versus 18.7 + 1.9 ng.dL, respectively, P<0.05). We are confident that this paper would be of interest to your readers.

Potential reviewers for this paper include:

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We kindly request that you do not ask Dr. William Smith of the University of Antarctica to review this paper.

 We sincerely hope that you are willing to consider this paper for publication in your journal and we look forward to your response.

On behalf of the authors,

John Smith