Best Friends National Conference Research Poster Session

Purpose of research posters

The Best Friends National Conference Research Poster Session offers a unique opportunity for conference attendees to interact with researchers in a relaxed, social atmosphere. It allows the researcher to visually display highlights of their work and disseminate information about their research, initiative, or project face to face with a wider audience in the animal welfare field.

The posters provide an easy way to consume data and offer attendees the option to casually browse the information at their leisure, speaking with the researchers directly to ask questions, provide pertinent input, and inspire continued evolvement of the research.

The poster session is a place where all conference attendees can:

- Learn what current research is being done and ask questions of individual researchers
- See the broader vision of how research can positively impact the field
- Understand how this research contributes to the future of animal services
- Make recommendations for additional important topics to be studied
- Express interest in being involved in research projects in the future

Submission guidelines

Poster submissions will remain open through December 3, 2026. To be considered, each submission must include the researcher's contact information, a poster title, and a description.

The description must include the purpose of the research and a summary of the methods, data, and results of your work. Visual materials like photographs, graphs, and charts are encouraged, and the researcher must describe which types of visuals they intend to use. The proposal description limit is 300 words.

On-site at the conference

Best Friends will provide a designated area for posters and a scheduled presentation time that will be promoted to all conference attendees. Researchers whose posters are accepted will receive 50% off conference registration.

Researchers are expected to be present during poster sessions to discuss their work. Specific dates and times will be communicated once our selections are finalized. We recommend preparing a concise pitch of under three minutes to present your poster.


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Key dates

December 3: Submission Deadline 11:59 PM MST
December 10: Acceptance and declined notifications sent via email
January 26, 2027: PDF of accepted poster due
March 31 - April 3, 2027: Best Friends National Conference

To submit your proposal, click here.
Email learning@bestfriends.org with any questions about the Best Friends National Conference Research Poster Session.