



# 2021 SVME Student Essay Contest

## Essay Topic

Even when animal euthanasia is ethically indicated, many veterinarians and vet staff become stressed because they feel like executioners. What might change their paradigm?

How and why would this paradigm change improve the mental well-being of veterinary staff members who are prone to depression regarding their role providing euthanasia?

## SVME Mission

The Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics was founded in 1994 by a group of veterinarians, biomedical researchers and academics to promote discussion and debate about ethical issues arising in and relevant to veterinary practice.

## Extended Deadline to Submit

**March 1, 2021 by 11:59 PM**

## Submit to

**svmecontest@gmail.com**

## Winner Receives

**\$1,000 Cash Prize & Publication on SVME website**  
See [www.SVME.org](http://www.SVME.org) for full prize details

## SVME Info & Full Essay Guidelines

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## Essay Requirements

The essay qualify in these areas to proceed to evaluation for selection of winners. Prior to submission, please look through these requirements to ensure all items are satisfied.

Essay must be an original work of the student that addresses the assigned topic

Essay must be composed in Times New Roman font using the #12 font size, double-spaced, and with 1-inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right).

Essay must include a title page that includes identifying information (student name, school, degree program, date of submission, and student email address). All other pages must be free of content that might indicate the author's identity or institutional affiliation.

Not including the title page or endnotes, essay will not exceed 3,000 words in length. Beginning with the first page of text, pages should be numbered sequentially with the page number placed at the top right corner.

Essay must be composed in English with attention given to proper spelling, grammar and syntax.

A quality essay will critically engage the ideas, viewpoints, and investigations of others who have published on the subject. Quotations and unique facts must be documented using endnotes formatted according to the style used in The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Essay must be delivered via email attachment as an Adobe 'pdf' document to Ms. Claire Pickens, SVME Student Essay Committee (svmecontest@gmail.com) no later than March 1, 2021. Use the following title in the subject line of the email: "last name, first name: 2021 SVME Essay Contest"

## Essay Evaluation Criteria

Students should develop a position (pro or con) on the question posed in the Topic (see above) through sound and compelling arguments. 35%

Essays should evidence research of the topic and an awareness of opposing views. 45%

Length of essay, style, clarity, organization, coherence 15%

Formatting, spelling, grammar and punctuation 5%

