

Shelter Medicine Case Report Grading sheet (2026 cycle)

	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt	0 pts
Title	Title accurately describes the contents of the case report		Title somewhat describes the contents of the case report		Title does not accurately describe the contents of the case report
Introduction of topic	Provides a complete overview of the general concept of the paper (~1paragraph)	Mostly complete overview of the general concept of the paper (~1paragraph)	Somewhat complete overview of the general concept of the paper (~1paragraph)	Provides an incomplete overview of the general concept of the paper (~1paragraph)	Intro is missing or does not provide an overview of the general concept of the paper
Literature review	<p>Literature cited is current and high quality.</p> <p>No more than 3 top clinical problems are stated.</p> <p>Population implications are considered.</p> <p>Includes complete but concise description of the typical history and presentation, pathophysiology (when relevant), differential diagnoses, and diagnostic approach for each clinical problem.</p> <p>Includes complete synopsis of the treatment and management options for the clinical problem or diagnosis, and current recommended therapies/procedures.</p>	<p>Literature cited is mostly current and high quality.</p> <p>No more than 3 top clinical problems are stated. Population implications are mostly considered.</p> <p>Includes mostly complete, concise, and thorough description of the typical history and presentation, pathophysiology (when relevant), differential diagnoses, and diagnostic approach for each clinical problem.</p> <p>Includes mostly complete synopsis of the treatment and management options for the clinical problem or diagnosis, and current recommended therapies/procedures.</p> <p>Expected outcome and prognosis is discussed.</p>	<p>Literature cited is somewhat current and high quality.</p> <p>There may be more than 3 top clinical problems stated.</p> <p>Population considerations are incomplete.</p> <p>Includes somewhat complete, concise, and thorough description of the typical history and presentation, pathophysiology (when relevant), differential diagnoses, and diagnostic approach for each clinical problem.</p> <p>Includes somewhat complete synopsis of the treatment and management options for the clinical problem or diagnosis, and current recommended therapies/procedures.</p> <p>Expected outcome and prognosis may</p>	<p>Literature cited is not current or high quality.</p> <p>More than 3 top clinical problems may be stated. Minimal mention of population considerations.</p> <p>Description of the typical history and presentation, pathophysiology (when relevant), differential diagnoses, and diagnostic approach for each clinical problem is incomplete or not concise.</p> <p>Includes incomplete synopsis of the treatment and management options for the clinical problem or diagnosis, and current recommended therapies/procedures.</p> <p>Expected outcome and prognosis is poorly discussed.</p>	<p>Literature cited is not current or high quality, and is incomplete for the problems discussed.</p> <p>May have more than 3 top clinical problems stated. No population considerations are mentioned.</p> <p>Does not include complete or concise description of the pathophysiology (when relevant), typical history and presentation, differential diagnoses, and diagnostic approach for each clinical problem.</p> <p>Does not include complete synopsis of the treatment and management options for the clinical problem or diagnosis, and current recommended therapies/procedures.</p>

	<p>Expected outcome and prognosis is discussed.</p> <p>Clearly highlights all of the differences & challenges that resulted from managing the case in a shelter environment vs. a client owned animal in a home environment.</p>	<p>Highlights most of the differences & challenges that resulted from managing the case in a shelter environment vs. a client owned animal in a typical home environment.</p> <p>1-2 significant omissions.</p>	<p>not be discussed fully.</p> <p>Highlights some, but not all of the differences & challenges that resulted from managing the case in a shelter environment vs. a client owned animal in a typical home environment.</p> <p>More than 2 significant omissions.</p>	<p>Incomplete description of differences & challenges that resulted from managing the case in a shelter environment vs. a client owned animal in a typical home environment.</p> <p>Several significant omissions.</p>	<p>Expected outcome and prognosis is not discussed.</p> <p>Fails to address differences & challenges that resulted from managing the case in a shelter environment vs. a client owned animal in a typical home environment.</p>
Case report	<p>Complete description of the patient or population, the chief complaint, and relevant history, clinical findings and diagnostic findings.</p> <p>All relevant procedures, medications, complications, comorbidities, and justification for deviations from standard procedures.</p> <p>Outcome includes patient or case outcome, results of clinical procedures or medical management, and follow up.</p> <p>Completely details shelter's intake, housing and population.</p> <p>Author's role in case mgmt is clearly stated and details when they</p>	<p>Mostly complete description of the patient or population, the chief complaint, and relevant history and clinical findings.</p> <p>Most relevant procedures, medications, complications, co-morbidities, and justification for deviations from standard procedures.</p> <p>Outcome includes most of the information for patient or case outcome, results of clinical procedures or medical management, and follow up of the case.</p> <p>Shelter intake, housing and population info mostly complete.</p> <p>Author's role in case mgmt is mostly stated and details when they became involved with the case and what factors were outside of their control.</p>	<p>Includes a somewhat complete description of the patient or population, the chief complaint, and relevant history and clinical findings.</p> <p>Includes some relevant procedures, medications, complications, co-morbidities, and justification for deviations from standard procedures.</p> <p>Outcome includes some patient or case outcome, results of clinical procedures or medical management, and full follow up of the case.</p> <p>Somewhat details shelter's intake, housing and population.</p> <p>Author's role in case mgmt is partially stated and partially details when they became involved with the case and what factors were outside of their control.</p>	<p>Includes minimal description of the patient or population, the chief complaint, and relevant history and clinical findings.</p> <p>Includes few relevant procedures, medications, complications, co-morbidities, and justification for deviations from standard procedures.</p> <p>Outcome does not include full patient or case outcome, results of clinical procedures or medical management, and full follow up of the case.</p> <p>Minimally details shelter's intake, housing and population info.</p> <p>Author's role in case mgmt is not clearly stated and does not clearly detail when they became involved with the case or what factors were outside of their control.</p>	<p>Does not include description of the patient or population, the chief complaint, and relevant history and clinical findings.</p> <p>Does not include relevant procedures, medications, complications, co-morbidities, or justification for deviations from standard procedures.</p> <p>Outcome does not include patient or case outcome, results of clinical procedures or medical management, or full follow up of the case.</p> <p>Fails to discuss shelter's intake, housing and population info.</p> <p>Fails to discuss author's role in case management and does not address when they became involved with the case or what factors were outside of their control.</p>

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Discussion and critique	Complete constructive evaluation of case deficiencies, mistakes, and/or complications as well as implications of a similar case being managed in other shelter settings. Able to identify potential changes to be made in future cases. Demonstrates ability to learn from an imperfect case. New material has not been added.	Mostly complete constructive evaluation of case deficiencies, mistakes, and/or complications as well as implications of a similar case being managed in other shelter settings. Able to identify potential changes to be made in future cases. Demonstrates ability to learn from an imperfect case. Minimal new material has been added. 1-2 significant omissions	Somewhat complete constructive evaluation of case deficiencies, mistakes, and/or complications as well as implications of a similar case being managed in other shelter settings. Moderately able to identify potential changes to be made in future cases. Demonstrates some ability to learn from an imperfect case. New material may have been added. More than 2 significant omissions	Minimal constructive evaluation of case deficiencies, mistakes, and/or complications as well as implications of a similar case being managed in other shelter settings. Minimal changes discussed for future cases. Minimal demonstration to learn from an imperfect case. Significant new material added. Many significant omissions	Does not critically evaluate case deficiencies, mistakes, and/or complications as well as implications of a similar case being managed in other shelter settings. Did not identify changes for future cases. Does not demonstrate learning from an imperfect case. Significant new material added.
Endnotes	Endnotes are present and properly cited for all appropriate items		Endnotes are mostly present and properly cited for all appropriate items		Endnotes are not present and/or are improperly cited for all appropriate items
References	References are current, applicable, and comprehensive for all of the problems identified and discussed	Most relevant and current applicable references are cited	References are listed, but more current, applicable, or specific references are available	Includes few relevant references for the topics of discussion	References are inappropriate or incomplete for the topics of discussion
Labs/Data	Lab results/ data presented in the report are relevant to the case and are clearly displayed and described in the case report.		Lab results/ data are present in the report but are not entirely relevant to the case or could be more clearly displayed or described in the case report.		Lab results/ data are missing OR results are not relevant to the case OR are illegible without description in the case report.

Overall Impressions Sections – PASS/FAIL

Overall impression A	Case demonstrates management commensurate with an ABVP diplomate level of practice by effectively displaying applicant's clinical acumen, expertise and ability to thoroughly work-up a case and follow it from beginning to end.				This case report does not demonstrate case management commensurate with an ABVP diplomate level of practice.
Overall impression B	Overall structure and presentation of the document has minimal organizational, grammatical or spelling errors and is of professional quality.				Overall structure and presentation of the document has multiple, significant organizational, grammatical or spelling errors and is not of professional quality.

Case Report Scoring chart

Section	Weighted percent	Points awarded (0-4)	Total points (points X section weight)	Total possible points for section
Title	5			20
Introduction	7.5			30
Literature review	20			80
Case report	30			120
Discussion and critiques	25			100
Endnotes	5			20
References	7.5			30

Labs/tables	5			20
Overall impressions A	Yes/No		Need a YES in this section or entire CR does not pass	
Overall impressions B	Yes/No		Need a YES in this section or entire CR does not pass	
Total Word Count does not exceed 19,000 words	Yes/No		Need a YES in this section or entire CR does not pass	
Formatting Requirements				
Formatting Criteria 1. PDF file format 2. Times, Arial, Calibri, or Helvetica font; size 11 or 12 3. Labs, Tables & Figures located in chronological order in a section at the end of the paper	Yes/No		A 5-point deduction to the overall score of the case will be assessed for each formatting criteria that does not meet requirements	
		*Any sections marked "0" will fail the paper		420