

MARK L. MORRIS JR. INVESTIGATOR AWARD

SCORING RUBRIC

Scientific Merit	<p>Weak hypotheses and objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis or preliminary data (if applicable), with significant flaws.</p> <p>The project does not address the stated problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field.</p>	<p>Adequate hypotheses and objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis and preliminary data (if applicable), with minor flaws.</p> <p>The project may directly or indirectly address the stated problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field.</p>	<p>Excellent hypotheses and objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis and preliminary data (if applicable) with no significant flaws.</p> <p>The project directly addresses the stated problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field, with a strong interventional component.</p>
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Impact	<p>Unclear and unlinked impact plan goals, objectives and activities that are not attainable and lack engagement with appropriate beneficiaries.</p> <p>The impact plan and proposal do not inform each other and do not result in outcomes that scientifically advance the field.</p> <p>There is no clear pathway for findings from the proposed work to be utilized by cat owners and/or veterinarians for the improvement of feline health and welfare.</p>	<p>Mostly clear and linked impact plan goals, objectives and activities that may be attainable and engage somewhat with appropriate beneficiaries.</p> <p>The impact plan and proposal somewhat inform each other and may result in outcomes that scientifically advance the field.</p> <p>There is a described and moderately credible pathway for findings from the proposed work to be utilized by at least some cat owners and/or veterinarians for the improvement of feline health and welfare.</p>	<p>Clear and linked impact plan goals, objectives and activities that are attainable and engage widely and clearly with appropriate beneficiaries.</p> <p>The impact plan and proposal inform each other and result in outcomes that scientifically advance the field.</p> <p>There is a well-described and credible pathway for findings from the proposed work to be utilized by a significant number of cat owners and/or veterinarians for the improvement of feline health and welfare.</p>
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Significance	<p>Risk factors for feline health and welfare are not adequately defined, they are limited in potential for development of evidence-based intervention measures, and/or their exploration is not a major component of the proposed work.</p> <p>The risk factors are not environmental, social, and/or emotional.</p> <p>The risk factors relate to health and welfare issues that are not severe and impact a small proportion of the overall feline population.</p>	<p>Risk factors for feline health and welfare have reasonable definition and potential for development of evidence-based intervention measures, and their exploration is the focus of the proposed work.</p> <p>The risk factors are environmental, social, and/or emotional.</p> <p>The risk factors relate to health and welfare issues that are moderately severe and impact a moderate proportion of the overall feline population, are severe and impact a small proportion of the population or are not severe and impact a large proportion of the population</p>	<p>Risk factors for feline health and welfare are well-defined, have a high potential for development of evidence-based intervention measures, and are the clear focus of the proposed work.</p> <p>The risk factors are environmental, social, and/or emotional.</p> <p>The risk factors relate to health and welfare issues that are severe and impact a large proportion of the feline population.</p>
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Attainability of Objectives	<p>Objectives are unlikely to be completed in the given timeline, objectives are dependent, potential pitfalls are not addressed, and/or expertise, facilities and equipment are inadequate.</p> <p>The research team does not involve collaboration or complementary expertise, and there is no clear evidence of useful connection with stakeholder groups whose involvement may be required for collection of data and/or institution of interventional measures.</p>	<p>Objectives may be completed in the given timeline, some objectives are dependent, some potential pitfalls are addressed, and/or expertise, facilities and equipment are adequate.</p> <p>The research team is moderately collaborative, with some complementary expertise and some evidence of credibility and connection with stakeholder groups whose involvement may be required for collection of data and/or institution of interventional measures.</p>	<p>Objectives are likely to be completed in the given timeline, objectives are independent, potential pitfalls are addressed, and facilities and equipment are excellent.</p> <p>The research team is collaborative, with strong and complementary expertise and well-documented credibility and connection with stakeholder groups whose involvement may be required for collection of data and/or institution of interventional measures.</p>
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Grantsmanship & Budget	<p>Writing is unclear and disorganized. Proposal does not adhere to one or more guidelines.</p> <p>Budget is not appropriate and is not properly justified, particularly with regard to salary.</p>	<p>Writing is not completely clear or organized. Proposal does not completely adhere to guidelines.</p> <p>Budget is mostly appropriate and properly justified, particularly with regard to salary.</p>	<p>Writing is clear and organized. Proposal adheres to guidelines.</p> <p>Budget is appropriate and properly justified, particularly with regard to salary.</p>
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