

Style guide – submission of articles/papers for the UK Journal of Animal Law

The UK Centre for Animal Law (A-LAW) is a charity that brings together lawyers and other people interested in animal protection law to share experience and harness that expertise for the benefit of animals.

A-LAW publishes a membership journal - the UK Journal of Animal Law - which aims to provide a critical study of the law (including comparative law) as it applies to the rights and welfare of animals.

Peer review

The Journal's editorial panel, which includes lawyers and academics, reviews articles/papers submitted for consideration. Some editing may be necessary for an article/paper to be accepted for publication. The author will be advised of this, and their agreement sought, prior to printing.

The panel upholds the right to reject articles/papers for the following reasons: content misaligned with A-LAW's aim of "benefitting the animal protection community"; poor writing; plagiarism; weak referencing (where applicable) and other factors at the discretion of the panel. If a paper is rejected the process of review together with feedback will be emailed to the author.

Format

Articles/papers should be written in English (and use English spellings e.g. use the ending -ise instead of -ize) and not under current consideration by other publications.

If published already the contact details of the previous publisher and/ or confirmation of agreement to reprint should accompany the article/paper. Authors are responsible (including confirming this on submission to A-LAW) for obtaining permission from copyright holders in relation to reproducing other material such as illustrations or very lengthy quotations.

The maximum length of an article/paper is around 10,000 words including notes and references. The journal aims to comply with OSCOLA (Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities).

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Consideration should be given to sources. A suitable mix of credible primary and secondary sources is recommended. An article/paper utilising few sources is unlikely to be accepted.

News, updates and other materials section

News, updates and other materials section is an important feature of the journal. The format in this section is less formal and more flexible than for articles/papers and shorter in length around 500 – 1200 words. Occasionally, the journal may print other features, short opinion pieces or book reviews, which will also be in a less formal format.

Submission

Submissions should be made electronically in Word (not PDF) with the following information:

- Title of paper,
- Date and word count
- Author's name, qualifications and institution as applicable.

Please undertake spell check, referencing and compliance with the style guide before submission.

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