Poster Instructions

Our poster session is on what would be our last days of lab. You need only come to one section and, if possible, both group members should come on the same day.

Some details about the posters:

Animal behavior Poster Session

Your poster should present the work that you have done for your final project. Posters may be either group presentations (you will all receive the same grade) or may be done individually, even if you worked as part of a group project. The class poster session will give you the opportunity to explain your research not only to your instructor, but also to your classmates.

Your poster will be smaller (11 x 17 inches), however, much like a typical poster, your poster should include:

• **Introduction.** What was your topic? What other work (citations needed) supported suggested your project as an interesting course of study?
• **Methods.** What was your experimental design? What stats did you use? Is there a figure that would easily show your set-up if it is complicated? Bullet points are fine.
• **Results.** What did you find? Report the stats. Show a figure.
• **Discussion.** Interpret the results.
• **Literature Cited.** Minimum of three relevant primary literature citations.

Even though your poster will be small (11 x 17 inches), it will be in color and you should strive to make it as readable and visually appealing as possible. Look at posters in the halls around the 3rd floor. Which ones do you like? Why? Use those as templates for your own work. Also, look at the poster samples in lab. What is effective in each of these? What would you like to do differently? Font size should be big enough to read. Condense words or use bullet points. The object of a poster is to get your points across visually, so it may not be as wordy or read like a lab report would. Text may also be different sizes if that helps. For example, your methods may be in smaller font compared to results.

**To create your poster:**

1. Download the template on Blackboard
   *OR*
2. Open power point and create a slide that is the proper size (11 x 17 inches). You can use either landscape or portrait orientation. You may also make your own using other programs if you prefer.

I must receive your poster no later than midnight on the Sunday prior to our poster session in order for posters to be printed in time for the poster sessions.

You will present your poster during the final lab days, last week of classes.