1. **Ethics approval**

Ethical approval for this study was obtained from \*NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (APPROVAL NUMBER/ID)\*.

**Or**

Ethical approval for this study was waived by \*NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD\* because \*REASON FOR WAIVER\*.

**Or**

Ethical approval was not sought for the present study because \*REASON\*.

1. **Animal welfare**

The present study followed international, national, and/or institutional guidelines for humane animal treatment and complied with relevant legislation.

**Or**

The present study involved client-owned animals; it demonstrated a high standard (best practice) of veterinary care and involved informed client consent.

**Or**

Guidelines for humane animal treatment did not apply to the present study because \*REASON\*.