Step-by-Step Searching in Biological Abstracts

This help sheet will walk you through a sample search in the database Biological Abstracts. For more detailed information on the Biological Abstracts database, please consult the Biological Abstracts help sheet or contact Mulford Reference Assistance at MulfordReference@utoledo.edu or 419-383-4218.

Our topic:
We are looking for research articles to determine which animal models are used to study Alzheimer’s disease.

1. From the library’s homepage (http://hsc.utoledo.edu/lib/index.html), go to the Databases by Subject link at the top of the page (http://hsc.utoledo.edu/lib/dblisting.html). From the listing of databases, click on the Biology link and from the databases listed, click on Biological Abstracts.

2. On the Biological Abstracts search page, type in animal model$.su. (we are using the truncation symbol $ to look for animal models, animal model, etc; also, we are typing in .su. after our term to tell Biological abstracts that we are looking for our term as a subject heading)

3. Click on submit search

4. Next, in the search box at the top of the page, type in Alzheimer’s disease.su. (we are typing in .su. after our term to tell Biological abstracts that we are looking for our term as a subject heading)

5. Click on submit search

6. To bring our two searches together, click on Search History

7. To combine, click in the boxes to the right of the sets

8. Next to Combine marked sets with, choose And from the drop down menu

9. Click on the Combine Sets button

10. To limit our search to articles written in English only, click on click on All Limit Options in the blue box which is under the search box

11. On the limiting screen, under Language, select any desired language; to find article published within the past 5 years, under the Year heading, in the first drop-down menu choose From and type in 2001; in the second drop-down menu choose To and type in 2006

12. Click on Limit Results Now