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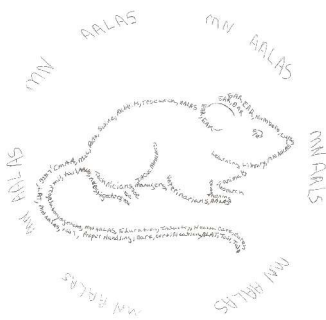
National AALAS has eight separate districts. Minnesota is part of district six which is made up of central Illinois, Chicago, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and southern Wisconsin.

The Minnesota Branch of The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science Inc. was established in 1965 as an organization of laboratory animal professionals, including researchers, veterinarians, veterinary technicians and animal care technicians.

OUR MOTTO:

"Promoting, Training and Education of laboratory animal technicians and the public in the use of laboratory animals in research" reflects our commitment to both science and animal welfare.

We accomplish our goals by providing a social and professional network for people working with laboratory animals; training programs; information articles in our quarterly newsletter; access to vendors of laboratory animals and research and animal care products; and public outreach programs.



Due Date Approaching

4th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Award

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2007

Lab Products, Inc. is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Lab Products Animal Technician Awards Program. This program is intended to reward deserving animal care technicians from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada with the opportunity to attend their first National AALAS Meeting. One award recipient will be selected from each of the 8 AALAS Districts and Canada. The award will be limited to animal care personnel, with at least one year of laboratory animal care experience, that have never attended a National AALAS Meeting. The recipients of the Lab Products Animal Technician Award will each receive an award recognition plaque; airfare, hotel and registration for the National AALAS Meeting; one year membership to National AALAS and \$250 to cover incidentals while attending the AALAS Meeting

For details of the award and nomination procedure see the Compmed announcement or email tdarby@labproductsinc.com

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Free Registered Yellow Lab,

Looking for a good home: 1 year old registered yellow lab.

If you know of someone or are interested yourself, please let me know!

Terrie.Grove@bsci.com or 651-238-0538

would need to be kenneled when you are not home.

She does have lots of energy but owner believes she would be a great hunting dog if trained.

AALAS Launches Blog

Thursday, April 05, 2007

For news about AALAS, laboratory animal science, and related topics, check out AALAS' new [blog](#).

Helpful Hint: Logging onto the AALAS Website

In order to log on to the AALAS website, you must enter in your web username, which is your AALAS membership number. This number is located on the receipt acknowledgement that is electronically sent when your membership/renewal is keyed into the AALAS database. It is also located on the membership card that is mailed to you approximately a month after the renewal is validated. The user password is your last name keyed in lowercase letters.

If you have problems accessing the AALAS website, please contact the AALAS office via phone (901-754- 8620) and ask to speak with Carolyn Campbell or Linda Hills or via email at info@aalas.org

AALAS Foundation Seeks Auction Items for Charlotte

The AALAS Foundation is holding its annual Silent & Live Auctions again at the AALAS National Meeting in Charlotte!

Thank you for your generous donations in past years! The annual auctions help raise funds to support educational outreach on the essential role of responsible laboratory animal care and use. Please participate again this year by donating items for the auction.

Auction Details: The Silent Auction opens Sunday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m. and closes Wednesday, October 17th at 12:30 p.m., immediately preceding the close of the exhibit hall. The Live Auction will be held Wednesday evening during the Foundation Appreciation Reception.

If you would like to donate an item for the Foundation Auction, please send a brief description of the item(s), approximate value, and donor info to [Sheryl Joyner](#) or by fax to 901-753-0046. Please call 901-754-8620 with questions.

Donations must be received in the AALAS national office by September 14, 2007 (to be shipped to Charlotte) or you may bring your item to the Foundation Booth in the Charlotte Convention Center.

Ship items to:
AALAS Foundation
c/o Auction
9190 Crestwyn Hills Drive
Memphis, TN 38125

MN Branch Web Site to be launched by May 15, 2007:

www.mnaalas.org

Vendor/Corporate Newsletter to follow

All Vendor Links will be available on Web Site.

Job opportunity

New York University School of Medicine Division of Laboratory Animal

Resources (DLAR) an AAALAC accredited academic research facility seeks applications for an opening for a Veterinary Technician. NYU School of Medicine has always been at the forefront of medical achievement. A large part of this success is credited to its advanced animal facilities. As a Veterinary Technician you will continue this legacy of achievement.

Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR), is seeking Veterinary Technicians to assist the veterinary staff in providing health care for animals used in research. The incumbent will oversee examinations of animals, maintain specialized breeding colonies; restrain, bleed, administer injections, analgesia, anesthesia, and euthanasia of all animal species; identify ill animals, independently perform routine blood, urine, and fecal laboratory testing, assist with necropsies of all animal species; surgery support and maintain records. The successful candidate will join three other veterinary technicians who together with two veterinarians provide health quality assurance.

Preference will be given to individuals with either a Bachelor's degree or a Licensed Veterinary Technician; a minimum of one year experience as a veterinary technician either in the research or clinical field. Excellent organizational skills, problem solving skills, and interpersonal communication skills are required.

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Division of Laboratory Animal Resources, NYU School of Medicine, 550 First Ave, MSB 182, New York, NY 10016 or by email dlar@med.nyu.edu

The University of Kentucky, Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR) has the following position available:

Laboratory Animal Technician Supervisor

Requisition No.: SJ516730

Job Category: Research/Scientific

Grade Level: 42

Salary Range: 14.64-23.42/hr

Job Summary: This position will supervise animal technicians in their routine duties in the animal facilities. Supervision includes, but is not limited to, job training, maintaining payroll and timesheet

records, personnel evaluations, maintaining proper discipline and scheduling workloads/assignments. The animal care supervisor will also aid in overseeing the general management of the animal facility with specific focus on the more detailed or involved research projects.

Skills/Knowledge/Abilities: The animal care supervisor must be familiar with the following; all common procedures performed on laboratory animals; common computer database and word processing programs (i.e. Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access); University and Departmental policies and procedures; and must be familiar with the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act. The animal care supervisor will act as an information resource in all situations regarding animal care and husbandry.

Education/Experience Required: AALAS certification, 5 years minimum of lab animal work experience, supervisory experience, must be computer literate and have a valid driver's license.

PNBC: Any candidate offered this position may be required to undergo a pre-employment national background check as mandated by University of Kentucky Human Resources.

Deadline to Apply: 5/14/2007

Apply online at:

<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1178224395045>

Upcoming Events

5/1/07 - Tech Talk/AALAS in Action Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

5/2-4/07 - District 5 Meeting "Rockin' Into Research" at the Bertram Inn & Conference Center - Aurora, OH (216)445-0417 Rebecca Haney or Email: HANEYR1@ccf.org or See website: <http://www.nob/d5aalas.org>

5/2-4/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Workshop on Shipping and Reconstitution of Cryopreserved Embryos - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

5/3/07 - IACUC 101 - Morehouse School of Medicine at Embassy Suites at Centennial Park - Atlanta, GA Email: mljames@socket.net or See website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/iacuc101s.htm>

5/6-9/07 - Am College of Lab Animal Medicine Forum - Tucson, AZ See website: http://www.aclam.org/aclam_calendar.html

5/6-10/07 - ILAM at the Holiday Inn at University of Memphis (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

5/7-11/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Workshop on Cryopreservation of Mouse Germplasm - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

5/9/07 - Delaware Valley Branch Meeting - TBA (215)898-2432 Paula Samalonis or Email: paulas@pobox.upenn.edu

*5/9-10/07 - AWIC Workshop on Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act, Beltsville, MD -See website: <http://awic.nal.usda.gov/workshops> or call (301) 504-6212

5/9-11/07 - District VII meeting in Arlington, TX Email: leticiam@bcm.tmc.edu

5/10/07 - NJABR IACUC Training for New Members & New Administrators - Holiday Inn National Conference Center - East Windsor, NJ See website: <http://www.njabr.org>

5/11/07 Natl Capital Area Branch Picnic, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD (301)496-0485 Debra Lust or Email: lustd@mail.nih.gov

5/14-18/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Integrated Systems Approaches to the Analysis of Heart, Lung, Blood and Sleep Disorders - Bar Harbor, ME See website:
<http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

5/15/07 - JAALAS Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website:
<http://www.aalas.org>

5/15-18/07 - Teaching Research Ethics, 14th Annual Workshop at Indiana University - Bloomington, IN (812)855-0262 Glenda Murray or Email: glmurray@indiana.edu or See website:
<http://poynter.indiana.edu/tre>

5/16/07 - Central Ohio Branch Meeting on Coyote Vocal Communications hosted by Charles River Laboratories at NW Ohio Field & Stream Association at 5 pm. Contact Kim Swider at 614-292-5094 or swider.5@osu.edu.

5/16-17/07 - Quad Symposium - Crowne Plaza Albany Hotel - Albany, NY Email:
mmoldenh@acsu.buffalo.edu

5/17/07 - Vicon Publishing "How to Discipline Employees-Comfortably" web conference (603)672-9997x109 Liz Stitt or See website: <http://www.viconpublishing.com/audio.asp>

5/17/07 - Arizona AALAS Board Meeting (520)621-3931 Grace Aranda or Email:
azaalas@ahsc.arizona.edu or See website: www.azaalas.org

5/18-19/07 - District 1 Surgical Procedures in the Laboratory training at the Albany Medical College - Albany, NY (315)464-4289 Jenn Kieffer or Email: kiefferj@upstate.edu

5/18-20/07 - AALAS BOT/Joint Chairs Meeting at Hilton Memphis - Memphis, TN (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

5/18-20/07 - Northern Rocky Mountain Branch meeting at University of Montana Yellow Bay Biological Station, Flathead Lake - Polson, MT (509)335-4991 Donna Lewis or Email: dmlewis@wsu.edu

5/22/07 - Mile High Branch annual spring seminar at the world famous Denver Zoo - Denver, CO
Email: gwilker@lamar.colostate.edu

5/23/07 - Sacramento Valley Meeting with Sean Adams from USDA speaking - Davis, CA Email:
nmcorley@gmail.com

*5/24/07 - Three Rivers Branch Vendor Day at the University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh, PA (412)641-4051 Tony Battelli or Email at rsiafb@mwri.magee.edu

*5/24/07 - Vicon Publishing "Conflict & Compromise in Lab Animal Facility Design " web conference (603)672-9997x109 Liz Stitt or See website: <http://www.viconpublishing.com/audio.asp>

*5/24/07 - Southern Wisconsin branch Awards Dinner featuring Mark Ormsby, FBI Intelligence Agent speaking on Domestic Terrorists and Animal Extremists at the Thunder Bay Grill - Pewaukee WI
Email: nemke@uwm.edu

5/24/07 - New England Branch AALAS Branch Meeting - Boston, MA Email: info@nebaalas.org or
See website: www.nebaalas.org

5/29/07 - New Jersey AALAS Meeting at Rutgers University - NJ (973)539-0382 Joseph Bellomo or
Email: jbellomo@worldnet.att.net

6/5/07: Michigan Branch meeting at Michigan State University East Lansing, MI (734) 763-1342
Andrea Loewen or Email: aloewen@umich.edu or See website: <http://www.mi.d5aalas.org>

6/6-9/07 - 2007 America College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum - Seattle, WA See website:
www.ACVIMForum.org.

6/10-12/07 - Eastern Tribbranch Symposium - "So much training...So little time" is to be held Atlantic City Convention Center - Atlantic City, NJ. See website: <http://www.tribbranch.org>

6/11-13/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Discovery Strategies Conference: The Laboratory Mouse in the Development of New Therapeutic Approaches to the Treatment of Neurological Disease - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

6/14-15/07 - AWEN/MSMR IACUC/IRB/IBC Harmonization Conference - Waltham, MA See website: <http://www.msmr.org>

6/18-19/07 - LAMA 2-day Certified Manager (CM) Preparatory Course at the Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort in Puerto Rico See website: <http://www.lama-online.org>

6/18-20/07 - The Jackson Laboratory *in vivo* Imaging of Biological Structures on the Nanoscale - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

6/18-21/07 - Charles River Laboratories Annual Short Course, Newton, MA (978)658-6000x1217 Lisa Antolick or Email: lisa.antolick@crl.com or See website: http://www.criver.com/about_charles_river/events/short_course

6/20-22/07 - LAMA Meeting - San Juan, PR (952)253-6235 Jim Manke or Email: jrmanke@associationsolutionsinc.com

6/29/07 - New England Branch AALAS Branch Meeting - Boston, MA Email: info@nebaalas.org or See website: www.nebaalas.org

7/1/07 - Tech Talk/AALAS in Action Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

7/9-20/07 - Int'l Laboratory Animal Science Course at the University of Utrecht - Utrecht, The Netherlands +31 (0)30 253 2033 Stephan van Meulebrouck or Email: las@vet.uu.nl

7/14/07 Natl Capital Area Branch monthly meeting, location TBA (301)496-0485 Debra Lust or Email: lustd@mail.nih.gov

7/14-18/07 - Am. Veterinary Medical Assoc. Annual Meeting - Washington DC (847)925 -8070 AVMA or See website: <http://www.avma.org>

7/15/07 - JAALAS Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

7/15-27/07 - The Jackson Laboratory 48th Annual Short Course in Medical and Experimental Mammalian Genetics - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

7/18-19/07 (TBD) - IACUC 101/201 - BioReliance, Invitrogen Bioservices at Hilton Washington DC North - Gaithersburg, MD Email: mljames@socket.net or See website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/iacuc101s.htm>

7/19/07 - Arizona AALAS Board Meeting (520)621-3931 Grace Aranda or Email: azaalas@ahsc.arizona.edu or See website: www.azaalas.org

7/20-21/07 - FAALAS Annual Meeting - Melbourne, FL (305)243-2316 Tom Beaty

*7/26-27/07 - New Mexico Branch Meeting at Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute - Albuquerque, NM Email: fali@lrri.org

8/3-11/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Genomic and Proteomic Approaches to Complex Heart, Lung, Blood, & Sleep Disorders - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

8/5-7/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Discovery Strategies Conference: Modeling Human Metabolic Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes in Rodents - Bar Harbor, ME See website:
<http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

8/8-10/07 - LAWTE meeting - Boston, MA (717)336-4921x225 Stacy Pritt or Email:
stacy.pritt@covance.com or See website: <http://www.lawte.org>

8/19-30/07 - The Jackson Laboratory 16th Annual Short Course on Experimental Genetics of the Laboratory Mouse in Cancer Research - Bar Harbor, ME See website:
<http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

8/21-25/07 - 6th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences - Tokyo, Japan. See website: <http://www.ech.co.jp/wc6/index.html> The deadline of submission of abstracts is March 31st

8/22/07: Michigan Branch meeting at MPI Research Mattawan, MI (734) 763-1342 Andrea Loewen or Email: aloewen@umich.edu or See website: <http://www.mi.d5aalas.org>

8/23-26/07 - 2007 World Conference of Stress - Budapest, Hungary See website:
<http://www.stress07.com>

8/29-30/07 - IACUC 101/201 - BRIN Network - University of Idaho at Doubletree Hotel - Spokane, WA Email: mljames@socket.net or See website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/iacuc101s.htm>

*8/29-31/07 - AACyTAL – FESSACAL - ICLAS 2nd Annual Congress at the Hotel Bauen - Buenas Aires, Argentina Email: ccarbone@fcv.unlp.edu.ar or mayala@fcv.unlp.edu.ar

9/1/07 - Tech Talk/AALAS in Action Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website:
<http://www.aalas.org>

9/5/07 - IACUC Advanced - Anchorage, AK (301)345-3500 SCAW or Email: info@scaw.com See website: <http://www.scaw.com>

9/9-13/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Workshop on Modeling Pulmonary Function in Mice - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

*9/12/07 - Michigan branch AALAS meeting at Potter Park Zoo Lansing, MI (517) 353-3256 Kelly Hill or email: hillkell@msu.edu

*9/12/07 - California Tribbranch Symposium - Duarte, CA (805)447-4433 Jim McCabe or Email: mccabe@amgen.com

9/13/07 – Central Ohio Branch Fourth Annual Vendor Night at Columbus Children's Research Institute at 5 pm. Contact Kim Swider at 614-292-5094 or swider.5@osu.edu

9/15/07 - JAALAS Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website:
<http://www.aalas.org>

*9/18-19/07 - PRIM&R Essentials of IACUC Administration - Baltimore, MD See website:
http://www.primr.org/education/2007_ADM_ESS/overview_ADM_ESS_07.html

9/19/07 - Upstate NY Branch Awards Dinner Mtg (315)472-6616 Barb Bellanger

9/19-20/07 - National Capital Area Branch 33rd Annual Seminar at the Turf Valley Conference Center - Ellicott City, MD See website: <http://www.Natl.Capital.Area.Branch.aalas.org>

9/20/07 - Arizona AALAS Board Meeting (520)621-3931 Grace Aranda or Email: azaalas@ahsc.arizona.edu or See website: www.azaalas.org

9/20-21/07 - AWENs 1st 3 D's Conference: Design, Development, Disaster - Salem, MA (888)770-2936 AWEN or Email: info@theawengroup.com or See website: <http://www.theawengroup.com>

9/27/07 - IACUC 101 - University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH Email: mljames@socket.net or See website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/iacuc101s.htm>

9/27/07 - New England Branch AALAS Branch Meeting - Boston, MA Email: info@nebaalas.org or See website: www.nebaalas.org

9/27-29/07 - Academy of Surgical Research - Clearwater beach, FL See website: <http://www.surgicalresearch.org/>

9/30-10/6/07 - The Jackson Laboratory 6th Annual Workshop on the Pathology of Mouse Models for Human Disease - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

10/11-17/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Short Course on Complex Trait Analysis - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

10/13/07 - LAMA/ASLAP at Oehlers Mallard Creek BBQ - Charlotte, NC (603)646-1351 Kimberly Edgar or Email: KimberlyEdgar@aol.com or See website: www.lama-online.org

10/14-18/07 - National AALAS Meeting - Charlotte, NC (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

10/22-27/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Methods in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

*10/24-25/07 - AWIC Workshop on Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act, Beltsville, MD - See website: <http://awic.nal.usda.gov/workshops> or call (301) 504-6212

10/25/07 - New England Branch AALAS Branch Meeting - Boston, MA Email: info@nebaalas.org or See website: www.nebaalas.org

10/30-11/3/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Workshop on Surgical Techniques in the Laboratory Mouse - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

11/07 – Central Ohio Branch Meeting - TBA at Columbus Children's Research Institute at 5 pm. Contact Kim Swider at 614-292-5094 or swider.5@osu.edu.

11/1/07 - Tech Talk/AALAS in Action Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

11/1-4/07 - Veterinary Cancer Society Conference - Fort Lauderdale, FL See website: <http://www.vetcancersociety.org/index.php?c=2>

11/14/07 - Upstate NY Branch General Mtg (315)472-6616 Barb Bellanger

11/15/07 - Arizona AALAS Board Meeting (520)621-3931 Grace Aranda or Email: azaalas@ahsc.arizona.edu or See website: www.azaalas.org

11/15/07 - JAALAS Deadline (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

11/15/07 - New England Branch AALAS Branch Meeting - Boston, MA Email: info@nebaalas.org or See website: www.nebaalas.org

11/28/07 - NCB-AALAS Educational Symposium at the South San Francisco Conference Center - South San Francisco, CA See website: <http://www.ncb-aalas.org>

11/30/07 Natl Capital Area Branch Banquet, location TBA (301)496-0485 Debra Lust or Email: lustd@mail.nih.gov

12/2-7/07 - The Jackson Laboratory Colony Management: Principles and Practices - Bar Harbor, ME See website: <http://www.jax.org/courses/events/current.do>

12/3-4/07 - SCAW Winter Conference - San Antonio, TX (301)345-3500 SCAW or Email: info@scaw.com See website: <http://www.scaw.com>

12/8/07 - Arizona Branch Holiday Installation Event - Mesa, AZ (520)621-3931 Grace Aranda or Email: azaalas@ahsc.arizona.edu or See website: www.azaalas.org

12/13/07 Natl Capital Area Branch monthly meeting, location TBA (301)496-0485 Debra Lust or Email: lustd@mail.nih.gov

2008 - District 8 Meeting - Seattle, WA See website: <http://www.district8.org>

1/16/08 - Upstate NY Branch General Mtg (315)472-6616 Barb Bellanger

2/14-15/08 - MSMR/SwAEBr IACUC-IBC-IRB: Three I's Conference - Tempe, AZ (520)621-3931 Grace Aranda or Email: swaebr@ahsc.arizona.edu

*3/5-8/08 - The Institute of Animal Technology (IAT) Annual Congress - United Kingdom. As usual the exact location of the venue cannot be announced in advance. A generalized region will be available 7 weeks in advance. Email: congress@iat.org or See web site at www.iat.org

3/12-14/08 - District IV Meeting - Melbourne, FL (352)392-9757 Luis Zorrilla

3/19/08 - Upstate NY Branch General Mtg (315)472-6616 Barb Bellanger

4/2-4/08 - LAMA Meeting at the Portland Doubletree - Portland, OR (952)253-6235 Jim Manke or Email: jrmanke@associationsolutionsinc.com or See website: <http://www.lama-online.org>

*4/16/08 - Northern Mountain Branch Spring meeting at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science - Quechee, VT Email: darlene.royce@dartmouth.edu

4/16-18/08 - Texas Branch Annual meeting - Galveston, TX Email: jcdonaho@utmb.edu

*4/23-24/08 - District 8 Meeting hosted by NW Zone - Seattle, WA or See website: <http://www.district8.org>

4/30-5/2/08 – District 5 Meeting hosted by Central Ohio Branch at the Cherry Valley Lodge - Newark, OH (614)424-5093 Robyn Kiser at or Email: kiser@battelle.org.

5/4-11/08 - ILAM at the Holiday Inn at University of Memphis (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: <http://www.aalas.org>

5/14-15/08 - Quad Symposium - Crowne Plaza Albany Hotel - Albany, NY Email: mmoldenh@acsu.buffalo.edu

June 6-9, 2007, 2007 America College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum
Seattle, Washington

Online registration opens at 2:00p.m. (EST) on November 1, 2006. For more information, visit www.ACVIMForum.org.

7/19-23/08 - Am. Veterinary Medical Assoc. Annual Meeting - New Orleans, LA (847)925 -8070 or See website: <http://www.avma.org>

August 8-10, 2007 MN Branch Annual Summer Event
Watch for Details coming soon

August 8-10, 2007 2007 Laboratory Animal Welfare Training Exchange (LAWTE) Conference
Radisson Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts

For more information and registration, go to www.lawte.org/conference.html

9/17/08 - Upstate NY Branch Awards Dinner Mtg (315)472-6616 Barb Bellanger

11/9-13/08 - National AALAS Meeting - Indianapolis, IN (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org
See website: http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org/future_sites.asp

11/19/08 - Upstate NY Branch General Mtg (315)472-6616 Barb Bellanger

2009 - District 8 Meeting in S CA - Email: pbush@som.illu.edu or See website: <http://www.district8.org>

7/11-15/09 - Am. Veterinary Medical Assoc. Annual Meeting - Seattle, WA (847)925 -8070 or See website: <http://www.avma.org>

11/8-12/09 - National AALAS Meeting - Denver, CO (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org/future_sites.asp

7/31-8/4/10 - Am. Veterinary Medical Assoc. Annual Meeting - Atlanta, GA (847)925 -8070 AVMA or See website: <http://www.avma.org>

10/10-14/10 - National AALAS Meeting - Atlanta, GA (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org/future_sites.asp

7/16-20/11 - Am. Veterinary Medical Assoc. Annual Meeting - St Louis, MO (847)925 -8070 AVMA or See website: <http://www.avma.org>

10/2-6/11 - National AALAS Meeting - San Diego, CA (901)754 -8620 AALAS or info@aalas.org See website: http://nationalmeeting.aalas.org/future_sites.asp

ACTIVISTS' CALENDAR

AMP is in touch with targeted institutions as warranted. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us at AMP@amprogress.org

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS FUNDRAISER - May 18 - New York City

FoA celebrates its 50th year with a vegan dinner and fundraiser at the Hilton in Rockefeller Center.

SENTENCING OF ECO-SABOTAGE DEFENDANTS May 15-June 5 Eugene, OR

On May 15, there will be oral arguments on the application of the sentencing guidelines terrorism enhancement for all defendants in the "Operation Biteback" case. If included, it could substantially increase the sentences. The six defendants who have cooperated with authorities will be sentenced first, beginning on May 22 - Stanislas Meyerhoff, May 24 - Kevin Tubbs, May 25 - Chelsea Gerlach, May 29 - Darren Thurston, May 31 Suzanne Savoie and Kendall Tankersley. Then those who have refused to cooperate will be sentenced starting with Nathan Block and Joyanna Zacher on June 1, Daniel McGowan on June 4 and Jonathan Paul on June 5.

AR 2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE - July 19-23 - Los Angeles

The organizer, FARM, says that some 90 presenters from 60 groups, 120 sessions, 100 exhibits, and 800 participants are expected to attend. Previous conferences have drawn about half that number of participants. This year, some of the most visible past participants, such as SHAC's Kevin Jonas, will have to forego the conference as they serve their prison terms. FARM reports that special plenary session and several workshops will address the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. As in past years, a number of post-conference activities, including potential protests at animal enterprises, are planned.

TAKING ACTION FOR ANIMALS CONFERENCE - July 28-30 Washington DC

The lead sponsor is the Humane Society of the United States. The conference will include a "Lobby Day" to give participants experience in speaking with Members of Congress and their staffs.

INTERNATIONAL COMPASSIONATE LIVING FESTIVAL - October 5-7 - Raleigh-Durham, NC

Annual event held by the Animals and Society Institute

ACTIVISTS BEHAVING BADLY

The website FrontPageMag.Com is featuring a profile of Gary Yourofsky, a former PETA 'humane educator' who is on record advocating violence and murder, that is well worth reading. While the writer's conservative politics can be discerned from the piece, he offers a very accurate and chilling profile of an activist who is reaching out not only to colleges, but also to high schools and middle schools in an effort to radicalize students. The piece makes a very strong case for the importance of research advocates getting involved in education outreach. Read "Animal Rights Extremism Meets Academia" at <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27906>

Another activist who advocates murder is in the news again. Jerry Vlasak's Animal Liberation Press Office put out a new release on what it calls an unclaimed action that burned and sunk a boat involved in the Canadian seal hunt in Newfoundland. While Vlasak's mentor said he was "happy to hear" that no one was injured in the incident, in his own quote, Vlasak felt compelled to say "Sadly, [the captain] and his crew didn't go down with the ship."

PETA's second in command, Dan Mathews, is getting a lot of ink these days as his new memoir "Committed" hits the bookstands. Newspapers from *USA Today* to the *Bay Area Reporter* have run stories of Mathews' exploits for PETA. After looking at the picture of Mathews clad only with a false police booking slate in the *Bay Area Reporter*, I was tempted to get some bleach to wash that image from my mind. Don't look for a review of the book here for a while...AMP will not do anything that results in a royalty for Mathews/PETA. We'll wait until it hits the used book stores.

As if inspired by the Mathews book, Andrew Stepanian, one of the so-called SHAC 7, serving time on domestic terrorism charges, announced on his website that he is working on a novel "The Blueprint." He describes it as "a group of friends brought one of the world's most corrupt corporations to the brink of foreclosure and with it invented a formula to save the world." At least he has plenty of time on his hands to write it these days.

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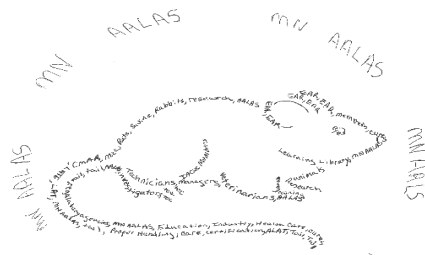
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