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## President's Message

Greetings,

AVSAB has ordered several copies of the meeting proceedings of the 3rd International Congress on Veterinary Behavioral Medicine that will take place in Vancouver in August. Watch for an announcement on the list serve for when they will be available for you to purchase.

It would really help with the planning logistics for our annual meeting in Boston, if you register as soon as possible. In addition to the scientific sessions, don't forget the business meeting. This is where the important discussions and policy making decisions are made for the society.

Once again, many thanks to the cor-

porate sponsors who help make our meeting possible. The Iams Company and the American Society of Prevention of Cruelty of Animals are underwriting the expenses of our two invited speakers, Drs Michael Hennessy and Gary Patronek, respectively. Novartis and Premier Pet Products are funding the Student Award. Premier is providing the lunches for all those who pre-register. Pfizer is sponsoring the wine and cheese poster session. And Novartis provides transportation and storage of our booth and publication of our brochures.

See you in Boston.

Sincerely,  
Victoria L Voith

*Thanks to our corporate sponsors who make it all possible....*



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#### Iams Company

- Sponsorship of keynote speaker for meeting



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#### Animal Health

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- Sponsors poster session, wine and cheese reception



#### Premier Pet Products

- Sponsors luncheon during our paper presentations
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# AVSAB Meeting • Boston, MA • July 16, 2001

Westin Copley Place • 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116 (America North)

7:45 – 8:30 **Registration and Coffee Service**  
*Each presentation time has had  
5 minutes added at the end for questions.*

## Section I

8:30 – 9:20 **Michael Hennessy**  
Human interaction and diet affect neuroendocrine stress responses and behavior of dogs in a public animal shelter  
*Sponsored by Iams Company*

9:20 – 9:45 **Amy Marder**  
Behavior problems after adoption

9:45 – 10:10 **Kersti Seksel, Wendy Coyle, Sue Chaseling**  
Stresses associated with moving pets

10:10 – 10:30 **Break**

## Section II

10:30 - 10:55 **Sharon Crowell-Davis, Lynne Seibert, Wailani Sung, Terry Curtis, Valli Parthasarathy**  
Treatment of storm phobia with a combination of clomipramine, alprazolam, and behavior modification: a prospective open trial

10:55 – 11:20 **Kelly Moffat, Gary Landsberg**  
Effectiveness and comparison of both a citronella and scentless spray bark collar for the control of barking in a veterinary hospital setting

11:20 – 11:45 **Gary Davenport, Russell Kelley, Eric Altom, Allan Lepine**  
Effect of diet on hunting performance in English Pointers

11:45 – 12:00 **Break**

12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING (America Center)**  
*Sponsored by Premier Pet Products*

## Section III

1:30 – 1:55 **Gary Patronek**  
Feline onychectomy: assessing claims for short and long term complications  
*Sponsored by ASPCA*

1:55 – 2:20 **STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD**  
**Karen Lynn C. Sueda**  
Effect of owner compliance on the treatment of dominance-related aggression in dogs  
*Sponsored by Novartis Animal Health and Premier Pet Products*

2:20 – 2:45 **Patricia Pryor, Benjamin Hart, Kelly Cliff, Melissa Bain**  
Fluoxetine hydrochloride for urine marking in cats: a double-blind, placebo controlled trial

2:45 – 3:10 **Jacqueline Neilson**  
Pearl versus clumping: litter preference on a population of shelter cats

3:10 – 3:30 **Break**

## Section IV

3:30 – 3:55 **Kelly Moffat, Gary Landsberg**  
An investigation of the incidence of clinical signs of cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) in cats

3:55 – 4:20 **Valli Parthasarathy, Lynne Seibert, Sharon Crowell-Davis**  
Demographic differences in owner-directed fear and dominance aggression in pet dogs

4:20 – 4:45 **Tracey Kroll**  
The use of novel stimuli as an indication of various forms of aggression in dogs

4:45 – 5:10 **Patrick Pageat**  
Chemical communication and attachment in the goat; Interest of a comparison between mothers with normal and abnormal nursing behaviors

## 5:15 - 7:00: Poster Session and Reception

*Sponsored by PFIZER*

**Claire Arrowsmith, Donna Brander, Natalie Waran**, Predicting dominance aggression: is it possible and are there benefits?

**Christina Bao, Lynne Seibert, Sharon Crowell-Davis**, Normal grooming behavior in captive African Grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*)

**Terry Curtis, Sharon Crowell-Davis**, Ethogram of social behaviors of the domestic cat (*Felis catus*)

**Valerie Dramard**, Analysis, based on three cases, of factors favoring the evolution of phobias during training sessions

**Valerie Dramard**, Analysis of factors causing behavioral difficulties in three dogs destined to become dogs to assist the handicapped

**Valerie Dramard**, Understanding and preventing sensory homeostasis problems in dogs or how to optimize the education of a companion dog

**Jaome Fatjo**, Acute reactions in cats: discussion of three cases

**Jaome Fatjo**, Epidemiology of small animal behavior problems in Spain

**Patrick Pageat, Emmanuel Gautier**, Development of a fear-eliciting test for horses

**Valli Parthasarathy, Sharon Crowell-Davis**, Attachment behaviors in dogs with and without separation anxiety: the continuing saga

**Lynne Seibert, Valli Parthasarathy, Sharon Crowell-Davis, Cynthia Trim**, Ethogram of post-anesthetic recovery behaviors in healthy horses: comparison of pre- and post-anesthetic behaviors

**J. Stacey Spielman**, Olfactory enrichment of captive tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and lions (*Panthera leo*), using a synthetic analogue of feline facial pheromone

# Call for Volunteers

## AVSAB Historian

An individual is needed to serve in a long-term capacity as AVSAB Historian. The President will appoint a qualified AVSAB member. Holding the position does not confer Executive Board privileges. Once a member has been assigned to the position of Historian, a permanent committee will be formed to assist with these duties. We hope that this new position will help future AVSAB officers to locate documents more easily and prevent the loss of important records.

The individual appointed for the position of Historian will need to:

1. maintain current Regular or Affiliate membership status in AVSAB
2. reside in the United States
3. have the intent to retain membership with AVSAB on a long-term basis
4. agree to forward all stored AVSAB documents to the AVSAB Secretary in the event that the historian chooses to discontinue membership with AVSAB or resign position as historian
5. retain confidentiality of all documents
6. be an organized individual with space available to store hard copies of documents and other AVSAB materials
7. be willing to receive and store documents in an organized fashion so that documents can be easily located when necessary
8. be responsible for storage of documents, photographs and related memorabilia which may include anything that is not in immediate use by the executive board: old copies of newsletters, meeting minutes, legal documents, correspondence and any other materials that the Executive Board decides should be maintained by the historian
9. make stored documents available to the Executive Board of AVSAB in a timely fashion when requested via e-mail, fax, express mail, or telephone conversation
10. have access to a fax machine, e-mail, and a scanner

Members interested in this position should contact Dr. Victoria Voith via email at [victoria.voith@wright.edu](mailto:victoria.voith@wright.edu).

## Call for Booth Volunteers

The AVMA has provided a non-commercial booth space for AVSAB during the AVMA Convention in Boston. The contract with the AVMA for the booth space stipulates that the booth have a representative at it at all times. We need helpers July 14-17 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and on Tuesday until 1:00 PM. Please contact Amy Marder, [ARMVMD@aol.com](mailto:ARMVMD@aol.com) with names of people who can help. Novartis Animal Health underwrites the booth shipment and display cost. At the booth, we usually have membership brochures, old newsletters, pictures, and hopefully someone who can talk to visitors about AVSAB. Unfortunately, the exhibition times overlap with behavior presentations; perhaps spouses, significant others, or friends attending the meeting can help out. Thanks to Drs. Voith and Marder for making the AVSAB booth arrangements and Novartis for sponsoring the booth.

## From the Editor's Desk...

Thanks to all who had input into this installment of the AVSAB newsletter. If you submitted material for the newsletter that does not appear this month, then expect it to appear in a future edition. Also expect more Yahoo Group discussion compilations in future newsletters. So keep E-talking. I hope you are all as excited as I am about the upcoming behavior meetings. Several reminders: if you are a presenter at this year's AVSAB meeting in Boston and haven't submitted a complete abstract (including data) for the proceedings, please do so as soon as possible. Also remember that the deadline for paper and poster submissions for AVSAB 2002 will come earlier this year, so start thinking about what you want to share with your colleagues in Nashville.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Craig McWalter of Solunar Graphics in Columbus, Ohio for making the AVSAB newsletter look so professional and reader-friendly. Craig does an outstanding job of formatting and distributing the newsletter. He is a pleasure to work with and makes my job so much easier. From all of us, Craig, thank you!

Since the animals are the reason we do what we do, I would like to start featuring one special furry (or feathered or scaly) creature in each newsletter edition – one that has taught you something, touched your life, or otherwise impressed you. It could be a personal pet, a patient, or an animal that you've encountered in some other capacity. Please send brief descriptions. The deadline for submissions for the September newsletter is August 25.

See you in Boston!  
Lynne Seibert DVM, MS

# News notes

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## AVSAB Members Attend Lectures and Lunch at OVMA

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(Ohio Veterinary Medical Association)  
Contributed by Dr. Rolan Tripp

The Feb 22-25, 2001 OVMA meeting had a significant emphasis on behavior education. This year the combined DVM and RVT sessions offered 32 hours of behavior related education, which is possibly the largest of any state VMA meeting. This year speakers included:

Myrna Milani, DVM	(6 hrs)
Victoria Voith, DVM	(5 hrs)
Bonnie Beaver, DVM	(6 hrs)
Suzanne Hetts, PhD	(3 hrs)
John Wright, PhD	(3 hrs)
Rolan Tripp, DVM	(9 hrs)

Possibly because of the amount of behavior offered at the OVMA, many AVSAB members attended. A lunch was organized for the purpose of members meeting each other, and associating a face with a name. This was not a formal AVSAB event, but merely an open invitation, spread via the AVSAB listserv, and then by mouth to anyone who wanted to come.

Attendees of the lunch included:

R. K. Anderson, DVM  
Susan Drebsbach, DVM  
Deena Winter-Feiler  
Traci Shreyer, MA  
Ann Fiduccia, DVM  
Laurie Martin, DVM  
Donya Dunlevy, DVM  
Carrie Crouse  
Rolan Tripp, DVM

Each person introduced themselves, and their current involvement in behavior. Carrie represented the Student Chapters of the AVSAB, as president of

the Ohio chapter. Conversation ranged over many topics, and a good time was had by all. This was further increased when Dr. Anderson surprised the group by graciously picking up the lunch tab for everyone.

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## New Material from AVMA

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Guidelines developed by the Committee on the Human-Animal Bond have been approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association for Animal-Assisted Therapy Programs and Pet Loss Support Services.

- AVMA Guidelines for Pet Loss Support
- AVMA Wellness Guidelines for Animals Used in Animal-Assisted Activity, Animal - Assisted Therapy, and Resident Animal Programs (a companion document to the AVMA Guidelines for Animal-Assisted Activity and Therapy Programs).

To request a copy of these, contact Darci Reagan at AVMA; 800-248-2862, ext 211.

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## Kudos To You!

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**American College of Veterinary Behaviorists Receives Full Recognition**  
(Message received March 6, 2001)

“The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) recently received FULL recognition by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties of the AVMA. This is a major achievement and is a giant step in the way of making clinical behavior an accepted and usual part of veterinary practice.”

Dr. Sharon L. Crowell-Davis

“While this still has to go through the Council of Education, Executive Board and House of Delegates, I do not predict any problems there. It has taken 16

years of very hard work to achieve this recognition, and I can tell you that for once there were only positive words about our specialty!!!!!! Congratulations to us!!!”

Dr. Bonnie V. Beaver

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## Congratulations to Dr. Debra Horwitz

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(April 10, 2001)

The AVMA Executive Board met this past weekend and had the difficult choice of selecting a person to replace Dr. Anderson on the Human-Animal Bond Committee. Dr. Debra Horwitz has been appointed by the Executive Board of the American Veterinary Medical Association to serve on the committee.

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## AAHABV Newsletter Editor Selected

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The search for an editor for the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians newsletter has ended. Dr. John Wright had posted the position on the AVSAB Yahoo Group site. The job has been given to Alice Villalobos. According to Dr. Wright, “Alice has a long history and experience with issues relating to the human-animal bond, as well as being a cancer specialist. I think she will be a great editor. Thanks for your help.” Congratulations Dr. Villalobos.

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## Erratum

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The April 2000 issue of the AVSAB newsletter was incorrectly identified as Volume 21, No. 5, when it should have been Volume 22, No.1. We regret any confusion that this may have caused.

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## Dues Are Due Soon

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If 00-01 follows the name  
on your address label,  
please remit your AVSAB dues  
for the 2001-2002 year  
by July 31, 2001

# Clinical Wisdom: Feline Aggression Screen

Dr. Karen Overall

This screen can be used in three ways: (1) to note the presence or absence, at any time, of any of the behaviors, (2) to keep as a log about the baseline behavior, noting how many times the behavior occurs, given the number of times it is attempted, per unit time (i.e., per week), and (3) to keep a log about frequencies of the occurrence behaviors, given the number of times the circumstance has been encountered, during treatment so that these numbers can be compared with (2).

Please note if the reaction is consistent in style, or only directed towards one person, or only present in one restricted circumstance. If using this screen as a client log, the circumstances must be evaluated for all people to whom the cat reacts. For any of the uses it is worth noting whether the cat is subjectively becoming more or less intense [or harder or easier to interrupt] in its behavior {>I, <I, relatively}. If using this screen only for the first use, note if the cat has been worsening in intensity or frequency in any category.

Please note — we want to know what your cat does when you routinely interact with it — if you don't know how your cat would react in the following circumstances, please do not try to find out. You may provoke the cat.

**KEY:**

**NR** = no reaction

**S** = stare

**B** = bite

**H** = hiss, howl, growl, vocalize (not purr)

**SW** = swat/scratch

**P** = piloerect/arch/puff up

**TS** = switch or twitch tail

**NA** = not applicable

	NR	S	B	H	SW	P	TS	NA
1. take cat's food dish with food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. take cat's empty food dish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. take cat's water dish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. take food (human) that falls on floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. take real bone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. take food treat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. take toy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. human approaches cat while eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. another cat approaches cat while eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. human approaches cat while playing with toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. another cat approaches cat while playing with toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. dog approaches cat while eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. dog approaches cat while playing with toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. human walks past cat in doorways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. human approaches/disturbs cat while sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. cat approaches/disturbs cat while sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. step over cat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. push cat off bed/couch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. reach toward cat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. reach over head	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. put on harness or collar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. push on shoulders or rump	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. pet cat when in lap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. pet cat when not in lap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. towel when wet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. bathe cat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. groom cat's head	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. groom cat's body	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. trim cat's nails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. put on nail caps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. stare at	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. stranger enters room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. cat in yard - person passes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. cat in yard - dog passes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. dog enters room where cat is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. human physically carries cat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. cat in vet's office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. cat in boarding kennel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. cat in groomers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40. cat yelled at	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
41. cat physically punished - hit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42. squirrels, cats, small animals approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
43. cat sees another cat through window	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44. cat sees squirrels, birds, dogs through window	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
45. human approaches cat who is at top of stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
46. cat removed from hiding place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
47. human body parts move under covers on bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48. crying infant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49. playing with 2-year-old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
50. playing with 5-7-year-old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51. playing with 8-11-year-old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52. playing with 12-16-year-old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Third International Congress on Behavioural Medicine



AUGUST 7, 2001

(Note from Dr. Debra Horwitz)

I would like to remind everyone about the Third International Congress on Behavioural Medicine in Vancouver, Canada this summer. For those of you in the western half of the country who may find Boston too far (and those of you who just love behavior meetings), I would encourage you to mark your calendars for this meeting. The meeting will take place August 7-8, 2001 just prior to the World Small Animal Veterinary Association meeting. If you think AVSAB is great with an entire day of papers and posters and a chance to meet like-minded behavior practitioners, the international meeting should be twice as much fun. There will be two entire days of paper presentations, an evening of poster presentations and behavior practitioners from all over the world. A special symposium focusing on world-wide legislative initiatives regarding canine aggression that includes a discussion about how we should best address these initiatives will also present their findings. AVSAB members get reduced registration fees, as do students. If you do not have a registration packet you can obtain one by contacting Venue West at the address and numbers below.

WSAVA 2001, c/o Venue West Ltd.

Attention: Betty Fata (email – congress@venuewest.com)

645-375 Water Street

Vancouver, BC Canada V6B 5C6

604-681-5226; 604-681-2503 (fax)

www.venuewest.com/wsava2001

## Tentative Speaker Schedule

### Day I

(Presenters in **Bold**)

— Session moderated by Sandra McCune (UK - Waltham) —

- 8:00-9:00**     **Registration / Coffee / Tea / Pastries**  
*Sponsored By Gentle Leader*
- 9:00-9:10**     **Welcome / Introduction / Opening Remarks**  
*Introduction - Karen Overall*
- 9:10-9:30**     **David Appleby & John Bradshaw (UK - Southampton University)**  
The relationship between canine aggression and avoidance behavior, and early experience  
*Sponsored By Waltham*
- 9:30-9:50**     **S.E. Lowe & John Bradshaw (UK - Southampton University)**  
Effects of cat socialisation on feral kittens.  
*Sponsored By Waltham (Bradshaw)*
- 9:50-10:10**     **Rachel Casey (UK - Southampton University)**  
Pathological consequences of environmentally-induced stress in the domestic cat  
*Sponsored By Waltham*
- 10:10-10:25**     **Q & A**
- 10:25-10:55**     **COFFEE / TEA**  
*Sponsored By Gentle Leader*

— Session moderated by Sandra McCune (UK - Waltham) —

- 10:55-11:15 Deborah Goodwin**, Nell Davidson, Pat Harris (UK - Southampton University)  
Behavioural enrichment for stabled horses using multiple forages  
*Sponsored By Waltham*
- 11:15-11:35 Sarah Heath** (UK)  
The relevance of the ASAB initiative to the working relationships between vets and non-vets working in the field of companion animal behaviour in the UK  
*Sponsored By Waltham and in part by Intervet and Hsus through The Aggression Symposium*
- 11:35-11:55 Nicola Rooney**, John Bradshaw, Ian Robinson (UK - Southampton University)  
The importance of play signals during dog-human games  
*Sponsored By Waltham*
- 11:55-12:10 Q & A**
- 12:10-13:30 LUNCH**  
*Sponsored By Ralston Purina Cat Chow Division*
- Session moderated by Joel Dehasse —
- 13:30-13:50 Kersti Seksel**, Wendy Coyle, Sue Chaseling (AUS)  
Stresses associated with moving house with pets  
*Sponsored By Schering-Plough and in part by Intervet and Hsus through The Aggression Symposium*
- 13:50-14:10 Miguel Ibáñez Talegón**, Cristina Dominguez Villalba, CY Marin (SP – Universidad Complutense - Madrid)  
Cats showing comfort or well-being behavior in cages with enriched and controlled environment  
*Dr. Ibanez Sponsored By Schering-Plough*
- 14:10-14:30 Bill Milgram**, Jimena Estrada, Candace Ikeda-douglas, Joanne Castillo, Elizabeth Head, Carl W. Cottman, Heather Murphey, Dan Holowachuk, Bruce Muggenburg, Steven Zicker (CAN - University of Toronto)  
Landmark discrimination learning in aged dogs is improved by treatment with an antioxidant enriched diet  
*Dr. Milgram Sponsored by Hill's Pet Products*
- 14:30-14:50 Catherine Mège** (FR)  
Behavioral problems associated to skin lesions in cats: a personal experience of diagnosis  
*Sponsored By Ralston Purina-Veterinary Diets Division and in part by Mériel and Vetoquinol*

- 14:50-15:10 Stephen Waisglass & Gary Landsberg** (CAN)  
Psychogenic alopecia among cats with self-induced alopecia: a pilot project  
*Dr. Waisglass Sponsored in part by Gentle Leader*
- 15:10-15:30 Patricia Olson & Michele Pouliot** (USA - Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.)  
Guide dog schools: A model for interdisciplinary studies on canine behavior
- 15:30-15:50 Q & A**
- 15:50-17:50 Poster Session With Wine And Cheese**  
*Sponsored By Novartis And Gentle Leader*

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## Day 2

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- 8:00-8:30 Registration / Coffee / Tea / Pastries**  
*Sponsored by Pfizer*

— Session moderated by Daniel Mills —

- 8:30-8:50 Emmanuel Gaultier** (FR)  
Separation related behavior problems: Diagnosis criteria identification using factorial analysis
- 8:50-9:10 Patrick Pageat** (FR)  
Description, clinical and histological and validation of the ARCAD score (Evaluation of age-related cognitive and affective disorders)  
*Sponsored in part by Interveta and Hsus through the Aggression Symposium*
- 9:10-9:30 Clara Palestrini**, E. Prato Previde, D.M. Custance, C. Spiezio, F. Sabatini, Marina Verga (IT - University of Milan)  
Heart-rate and behavioural responses of dogs in the Ainsworth's Strange Situation: a pilot study
- 9:30-9:50 Pamela Reid & Nathan Penny** (CAN - University of Guelph)  
Predicting canine temperament: congruence between behavior in the home and early assessments by breeders and by the Puppy Aptitude Test
- 9:50-10:10 Barbara Schoening** (GER)  
Dangerous dogs in Germany and how to define "normal aggression"  
*Sponsored in part by Interveta And Hsus through the Aggression Symposium*
- 10:10-10:30 Q & A**
- 10:30-11:00 COFFEE / TEA**  
*Sponsored by Pfizer*

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— Session moderated by Gary Landsberg —

- 11:00-11:20 Daniel Mills**, Nancy Clarke, Jeremy Marchant (UK - De Montfort University)  
Preliminary evaluation of the potential effects of cranial electrotherapy stimulation in the horse
- 11:20-11:40 Katherine Houpt & Joyce Lee** (USA - Cornell University)  
Equine trailer problems: a survey
- 11:40-12:00 Helen Zulch**, A. Pardini, J. Nurton (SA - Ondersstepoort University)  
The use of operant conditioning to train three wild ponies to accept clinical examinations and blood sampling  
*Supported in part by University of Pretoria*
- 12:00-12:15 Q & A**
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch**  
*Sponsored by Ralston Purina - Cat Chow Division and Veterinary Diets Division*

— Session moderated by Sarah Heath —

- 13:30-13:50 Gérard Muller** (FR)  
Pseudophobia in dogs
- 13:50-14:10 Karen Overall & Art Dunham** (USA - University of Pennsylvania)  
Comorbidity of non-specific signs: what can this teach us about underlying mechanism?  
*Sponsored By Novartis (Dr. Overall is supported in part by main program at WSAVA)*
- 14:10-14:30 Joel Dehasse** (BE)  
Theorising animal behavioural medicine  
*Sponsored by Gerc and in part by Intervet and Hsus through the Aggression Symposium*
- 14:30-14:45 Q & A**
- 14:45-15:15 COFFEE / TEA**  
*Sponsored by Pfizer*
- 16:14-16:45 Open Discussion**  
**Aggression Panel Findings / Discussion / Motion**  
Debra Horwitz (USA) & Petra Mertens (USA - University of Minnesota)  
*Sponsored by Intervet and Hsus*
- 16:45-17:00 Closing Remarks - Karen Overall**
- 17:00 Leave For Opening Ceremonies (18:00)**  
*Sponsored by Novartis*

#### POSTER SESSION PROGRAM

Scheduled for Tuesday 7, August 2001, 16:00-18:00

## AVSAB Annual Paper and Poster Sessions

### AVSAB Members

By now you should have received the Boston AVSAB meeting speakers/posters preliminary program schedule and meeting registration form in the mail. The registration/lunch reservation form (see page 15) should be returned to Steve Feldman by June 25th if you are planning to attend this SUPER happening!

### Presenters

The date of the annual AVSAB meeting in Boston is approaching, and we want to make sure that we will provide everyone with the AV equipment needed. If you would like to use a VCR during your paper/poster presentation, please let Dr. Mertens or Dr. Voith know!

Please contact Dr. Petra Mertens [merte006@tc.umn.edu](mailto:merte006@tc.umn.edu) or Dr. Victoria Voith [victoria.voith@wright.edu](mailto:victoria.voith@wright.edu) with any questions or concerns that you may have.

## Avsab Student Award In Behavior Research

Avsab is pleased to announce the recipient of this year's student research award: "Effect of Owner Compliance on the Treatment of Dominance-Related Aggression in Dogs" submitted by Ms. Karen Lynn C. Sueda of U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2001 (now Dr. Sueda).

Dr. Sueda will present the winning paper at the AVSAB paper presentation session in Boston at the Westin Copley Place on July 16, 2001. **Premier Pet Products and Novartis Animal Health** have again generously contributed the \$1500 student award.

Dr. Ilana Reisner coordinated the selection of the winning paper. There were a total of 5 submissions this year. The reviewers were Drs. Gary Landsberg and Jacqueline Neilson. AVSAB appreciates their efforts, along with the support of our corporate sponsors, in helping to promote student research in behavior.

Dr. Sueda will be presented with her financial award and a plaque at the AVSAB meeting in Boston. Congratulations Dr. Sueda!

# Proposed Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

The executive board recommends the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The membership will be asked to vote on these changes at the annual meeting in Boston on July 16, 2001. Previous drafts and amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws appear in the April 2000 (Vol. 21, No. 5) and September 2000 (Vol. 22, No. 3) newsletters.

## Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

### Article V – Officers

#### Section I – Number

There shall be seven officers: the immediate past-president, president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, recording secretary, and two members-at-large. These seven officers shall constitute the Executive Board. Officers shall be elected prior to the annual meeting of the Society.

#### Section 4

##### Other Officers Election and Term

The terms of the secretary-treasurer, recording secretary, and members-at-large, and any such other officers as the Bylaws may specify, shall commence following the completion of the presentation of old business and shall terminate at the annual meeting two years following.

## Proposed Amendments to the American Veterinary Society Of Animal Behavior By-Laws

### Article III

#### Section I

The phrase “prior to the business meeting” be deleted pertaining to when the Scientific papers are presented at the annual meeting and the phrase “the subject of” be deleted as superfluous so that the last sentence reads “Scientific papers related to Veterinary Ethology and Behavioral Medicine will be presented at the meeting.

### Article IV

#### Section I

Change first sentence to read: The officers of the corporation (Executive Board) shall be the president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, recording secretary, two members-at-large, immediate past-president, and any other officers that may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article.

#### Section 7

Delete the phrase “keep the minutes of the meetings” as part of the secretary-treasurer’s duties.

#### Section 8

Change number of this section to 9.

Add a new Section 8, which describes the recording secretary’s duties. Section 8. The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record executive board decisions made between the annual meetings. The president may, from time to time, assign the recording secretary’s duties to others.

# Position Available

## Director, ASPCA Center for Behavioral Therapy

The main office of the ASPCA is located in New York City. The Center has a “living room” to see appointments and 1200 square feet of training space. The Center’s staff consists of three full time trainers and an administrative assistant. The director will be expected to see behavior appointments for owned animals, develop programs for shelter animals (including seized abused animals), teach veterinary students and veterinarians, supervise staff, develop educational programs for the public, communicate with the media. Excellent salary and benefits package. The ASPCA also houses a full service veterinary hospital with a board-certified internist and surgeon. The Center is also associated with Cornell veterinary school. ACVB board certified/qualified or PhD with ABS certification preferred. If interested please contact Dr. Amy Marder, ASPCA, 424 East 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128, 212/876-7700 x4420, [amym@aspc.org](mailto:amym@aspc.org) or [armvmd@aol.com](mailto:armvmd@aol.com)

# Veterinary Students:

## Educational Opportunity

The ASPCA has a three-week externship in shelter medicine and behavior for veterinary students. The student will also receive a stipend. Interested veterinary students should contact Dr. Lila Miller, Senior Director Animal Sciences and Veterinary Advisor ASPCA 424 E 92<sup>nd</sup> Street New York, NY 10128 212/876-7700 X4342 [LilaM@aspc.org](mailto:LilaM@aspc.org)

## Student AVSAB Chapters

The following veterinary schools have current student chapters:

Colorado State University  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois  
Iowa State University

# Upcoming Behavior Meetings

## National Meetings

### June 6-10, 2001

**Southeastern Veterinary Conference**, Myrtle Beach, SC, 9 hours of canine and feline behavior for veterinarians and veterinary technicians, Dr. Debra Horwitz.

### June 11-15, 2001

**Zoo Medicine for Veterinarians and Veterinary Students**; Knoxville, TN; Dr. Ed Ramsay, topics in captive wildlife medicine, zoo animal medicine, and husbandry; contact Dr. Ramsay for information at 865-974-5576 or e-mail [eramsay@utk.edu](mailto:eramsay@utk.edu); contact Barbara Campbell for registration information at 865-974-7264 or e-mail [bcampbell@utk.edu](mailto:bcampbell@utk.edu)

### June 21, 2001

**Equine Veterinary Acupuncture Certification Program**; Gainesville, FL; For licensed veterinarians interested in receiving instruction on acupuncture techniques; class size is limited; Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine; 352-591-3165, fax 352-591-0988, or visit the website [www.chi-institute.com](http://www.chi-institute.com).

### June 24, 2001

**Senior Care Symposium - Behavior Problems in Senior Dogs**, Dr. Debra Horwitz; Memphis, TN, Memphis-Shelby County Veterinary Association; 901-363-4516.

### July 12, 2001

**Small Animal Veterinary Acupuncture Certification Program**; Gainesville, FL; For licensed veterinarians interested in receiving instruction on acupuncture techniques; class size is limited; Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine; 352-591-3165, fax 352-591-0988, or visit the website [www.chi-institute.com](http://www.chi-institute.com).

### July 14-19, 2001

**AVMA Annual Meeting**, Boston, MA, 2 days of behavior lectures (July 14, 15); [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org); Conference registration: Advance: by April 12, Preconvention: by June 12, On-site: after June 12, 2001. Hotel reservation deadline through AVMA: no later than June 15.

### July 16, 2001

**American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Paper and Poster Presentations** in association with AVMA.

### July 29-August 1, 2001

**Michigan Veterinary Medical Association Summer Conference**, Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, MI, 517-347-4710; 6 hours on behavior, Dr. Debra Horwitz.

### August 1-2, 2001

**1<sup>st</sup> National Meeting of Nature in Legend and Story (NILAS)** held in conjunction with ISAE and International Society of Anthrozoology, University of California – Davis; theme: “Animals in Folklore and Literature.” See homepages: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~nilas/> [www.animalwelfare.ucdavis.edu](http://www.animalwelfare.ucdavis.edu).

### August 21-25, 2001

**Association of Avian Veterinarians Annual Conference**, Orlando, FL, AAV Conference Office, 2121 South Oneida Street, Suite 325, Denver, CO 80224-2552, 303-756-8380, Fax 303-759-8861, Email: [AAVConfOfc@aol.com](mailto:AAVConfOfc@aol.com); [www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav](http://www.ConferenceOffice.com/aav).

### September 10-12, 2001

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> international Working Dog Breeding Conference

(Dr. Walter Burghardt)

The Second International Working Dog Breeding Conference will be held September 10-12, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. The focus of this meeting is three-fold: basic and applied research pertaining to the selective breeding, whelping, rearing, and assessment of working dogs; management of working dog breeding programs; and issues in veterinary care of working dog broodstock and their progeny. Abstracts were considered for 50 minute keynote presentations, 15 minute short presentations, and poster presentations. The deadline for submitting abstracts was May 31, 2001. For more information, please contact the coordinator: Dr. Walt Burghardt electronically at [Walter.Burghardt@Lackland.af.mil](mailto:Walter.Burghardt@Lackland.af.mil) or phone 210-671-3991.

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### September 15-16, 2001

#### Horse Behavior — Two-day Course for Veterinarians, Horse Professionals and Enthusiasts

**Location:** Equine Behavior Lab at New Bolton Center  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania

#### Speakers:

**Dr. Katherine Houpt**, Animal Behavior Clinic, Cornell University

**Dr. Barbara Simpson**, Veterinary Behavior Clinic, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Dr. Nancy Diehl, Equine Science, Pennsylvania State University

Dr. Andrew Luescher, Purdue University

Shawna Karrasch, On Target and Clicker Training for Horses

Dr. Sue M. McDonnell, Equine Behavior Lab, University of Pennsylvania

#### Topics:

- Social and reproductive behavior of equids
- How horses communicate
- Learning in horses
- Behavior modification for common problems such as trailering, injection shyness Stereotypies - cribbing, weaving, pacing, head shaking
- Maternal and foal behavior and problems
- Early intensive handling of foals
- Discussion panel on current products and methods of training and handling
- Equine welfare
- Current methods of veterinary behavior evaluation and therapy

Limited space is available. Send check for tuition of \$500 by August 1, 2001 payable to "Trustees, University of Pennsylvania" to Equine Behavior Lab, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

For more information contact:

610-444-5800 x2121 [suemcd@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:suemcd@vet.upenn.edu) <http://caltest.nbc.upenn.edu>

#### September 15-18, 2001

**American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 17th Annual Conference**, Kansas City, MO; Contact the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association, 2218 Old Emmorton Road, Bel Air, MD 21015, phone 410-569-0795, fax 410-569-2346, or e-mail [ahvma@compuserve.com](mailto:ahvma@compuserve.com), or visit the website [www.altvetmed.com](http://www.altvetmed.com).

#### October 13, 2001

**The Pit Bull Dilemma; The Moral, Ethical and Practical Issues Created by Urban America's #1 Shelter Dog**; Tufts Animal Expo; Speakers: Dr. Amy Marder, Dr. Stephen Zawistowski, Dr. Lila Miller, Ms. Jacque Schultz, Mr. Carter Luke, Mr. Alan Borgal, Mr. Scott Giocoppo

#### November 17-18, 2001

**Psychopharmacology in Animal Behavior Disorders**, 15 CE credits

Georgia Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia Teaching Hospital

Drs. Crowell-Davis, Curtis, Seibert, Murray

#### \*\*\*November - December, 2001\*\*\*

Please note earlier deadline for submissions to AVSAB Paper/Poster presentations in Nashville in 2002 and plan ahead!

## International Meetings

#### August 2-4, 2001

**International Society for Anthrozoology, "Human-Animal Conflict"**

University of California – Davis

<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/ISAZ.htm>

#### August 4-8, 2001

**The 35th Congress of the International Society for Applied Ethology**

University of California, Davis (to be held sequentially with the International Society for Anthrozoology meeting and Nature in Legend and Story meeting.

For all further details please follow the links on the Congress home page at:

<http://animalwelfare.ucdavis.edu/conference/ethology/ethologyconf.html>

ISAE 2001, c/o the Center for Animal Welfare, 3202 Meyer Hall, One Shields Avenue, University of California, Davis, CA 95616; Email: [isae2001@asmail.ucdavis.edu](mailto:isae2001@asmail.ucdavis.edu).

#### August 7-8, 2001

**3rd International Congress on Veterinary Behavioral Medicine**

(in association with WSAVA); Vancouver, BC Canada; Contact Venue West Conference Services, 645-375 Water Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5C6 Canada, (604) 681-5226, Fax (604) 681-2503, email: [congress@venuewest.com](mailto:congress@venuewest.com).

#### August 22-29, 2001

**The 27th International Ethological Congress**, Tuebingen, Germany

<http://homepages.uni-tuebingen.de/ethology01>; Email: [ethology01@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:ethology01@uni-tuebingen.de)

#### September 13-15, 2001

**9th International Conference on Human-Animal Interactions**

"People and Animals, a Global Perspective for the 21st Century" Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Contact conference secretariat at AFIRAC, 32 rue de Treviso, 75009 Paris, France;

email: [rio2001@i-et-e.fr](mailto:rio2001@i-et-e.fr); [www.afirac.org](http://www.afirac.org) or [www.iahaio.org](http://www.iahaio.org);

phone +33 1 56 03 12 00,

FAX +33 1 56 03 13 60.

#### September 17-21, 2001

**International Conference on Canid Biology and Conservation**, Wildlife Conservation Research Unit, Oxford University; plenary and poster sessions

Contact: Dr. Claudio Sillero, Wildlife Conservation Research Unit, Zoology Dept, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PS, UK; email: [Claudio.sillero@zoo.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Claudio.sillero@zoo.ox.ac.uk).

#### October 4-7, 2001

**British Veterinary Association (BVA) Congress**

Guildhall, Winchester; BVA Congress Office, 7 Mansfield St., London W1G9NQ; phone +44-207-636-6541; FAX +44-207-436-2970, email [congress@bva.co.uk](mailto:congress@bva.co.uk).

# Do You Yahoo?

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## A Friendly Reminder

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Clinicians are reminded that you are ultimately responsible for the care of your patients. Ideas and discussions of your cases should be considered merely as information from colleagues for you to consider in your case management decisions. Dosages should be confirmed prior to dispensing medications unfamiliar to you.

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## Web Access to the Yahoo! Group

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Many of you have not enabled your web access to the YahooGroup. By enabling this feature, you can access your messages and post new ones from any computer in the world (assuming you get on the internet). You can also access our Files Section (to read recent newsletters) and our Calendar of Behavior Events.

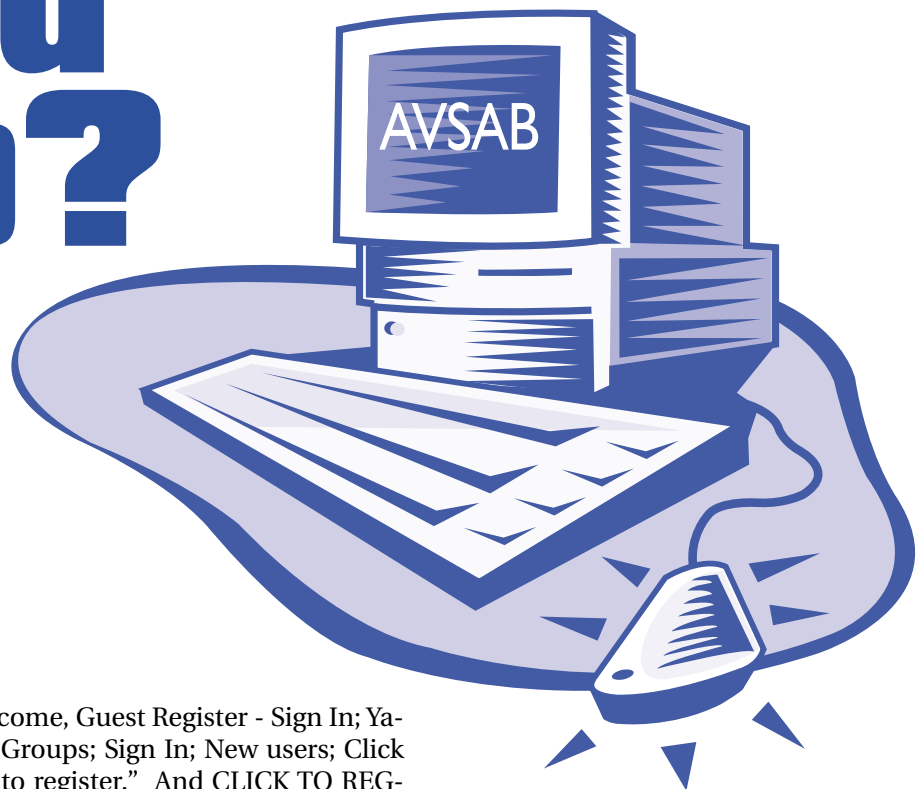
### Yahoo! Groups Email-only users:

Since you already belong to this Yahoo! Group by email (receiving email from [avsab@yahoogroups.com](mailto:avsab@yahoogroups.com)), and would like to use our group's web interface, you will need to associate your email address with a Yahoo! ID.

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/convwiz>

Find the section of the screen that says, "Don't have a password? Forgot your password? Enter your email address." Just enter the email address that AVSAB has in the database for you—which is the account that you are presently using to get your email messages from the eGroup. An authorization code will be emailed to you with instructions on how to get a Yahoo ID.

Go to <http://www.yahoogroups.com>  
Find the section of the screen that says,



"Welcome, Guest Register - Sign In; Yahoo! Groups; Sign In; New users; Click here to register." And CLICK TO REGISTER.

Then apply for a Yahoo ID. It's no big deal. Just answer the 12 questions. Don't check the last box or you will get more junk email sent to you. WRITE DOWN THE YAHOO ID YOU HAVE CHOSEN AND THE PASSWORD TO GET ON THE WEBSITE.

Then go to this part of the first screen below "Click here to register."  
"eGroups members - Link your accounts to a Yahoo! ID here."

Forget about your old eGroup password if you had one. Just put your email address in the box below where it says "Don't have a password? Forgot your password? Enter your email address." (Example: [your-email123@yahoo.com](mailto:your-email123@yahoo.com)).

Then put the email address in the box, and let them send you an authorization code. Once you plug in the code (check your email) then the "avsab" group should show up in "My Groups" when you log onto <http://www.yahoogroups.com> in the future.

If the AVSAB group doesn't show up, email Dr Steve Feldman at

[avsabe@yahoo.com](mailto:avsabe@yahoo.com), and tell him which email address you wish to use. As moderator, Dr. Feldman will subscribe you again. It's a little confusing but well worth running the maze so you can get to our discussion group by the web.

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## Attachments Disabled for AVSAB Yahoo! Group

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The option of sending anything but text with your Email messages to the AVSAB Yahoo Group has been turned off. Currently any Email addressed to this group with an attachment will be bounced back to the sender. This may be temporary or permanent—we will decide after discussion. But in view of the virus that invaded our discussion group, it is the most judicious decision. If somebody needs to send an attachment forward it to the listserv moderator at [avsabe@yahoo.com](mailto:avsabe@yahoo.com) or [creaturecope@netzero.net](mailto:creaturecope@netzero.net). It will be scanned for viruses and then forwarded to the group.

If you have attachments that are signature files at the end of your messages,

please don't use them or your messages will not go through. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Listserv Etiquette Revisited

Dear Colleagues,  
When I brought up the topic of surgical debarking and the discussion evolved into the uses of citronella/electric shock collars—I really opened up a can of worms! This is good. We need to be able to intelligently discuss controversial behavioral techniques. Yet at least two individuals emailed me privately that they were upset by a third individual's posting on the aforementioned topic.

I think we all agree that it's OK to disagree. But we need to be tactful and gracious even though we may hold an opinion that is totally different from another's. At all times may I please request of all on this forum that we respond in a professional, dignified fashion and carefully choose our words before we hit the send button.

Because we cannot see all the posturing and emotions, and we can't discern vocal intonations, we are really only left with a bunch of two-dimensional words. Common respect for one another dictates that emotional messages need to be reviewed and perhaps not

transmitted until we have had a time to proof-read our literary creations.

The guidelines that caution against "flaming" on this listserv are really saying that we should not "disrespect" each other and try not to take dissenting commentary as a personal affront. I think that I have given this topic a fair shake, and I hope that the AVSAB YahooGroup continues to have the excellent contributions and pearls of behavioral medicine that it has in the past. Thank you, everybody, for your patience and understanding.

Steve Feldman, DVM  
Listserv Chair

# Welcome New Members!

## Regular Members

Dr. Karen Allington  
Soap Lake, WA

Dr. Janette Alvarez  
Norwalk, CT

Dr. Nicole Blanchette  
Syracuse, NY

Dr. Rosemarie Cherrie  
Ridgefield, CT

Dr. Ann Dapore  
Fayetteville, NC

Dr. Edgar Folkers  
Mission Viejo, CA

Dr. Rebecca Jones  
Denton, TX

Dr. Kae Makiguchi  
Ithaca, NY

Dr. Ernst Marsig  
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Dr. Lori McInnis  
Rochester Hills, MI

Dr. Charles Mintzer  
Pomona, CA

Dr. Adrienne Mulligan  
Sedona, AZ

Dr. Dawn Price  
Andover, MN

Dr. Fulvia-Ada Rossi  
Trieste ITALY

Dr. Sandy Sargent  
Trappe, PA

Dr. Lynn Sebek  
Carol Stream, IL

Dr. Elizabeth Valenzuela  
Taos, NM

Dr. Tracey Waters  
Chamblee, GA

Dr. Susan Wylegala  
Buffalo, NY

## Student Members

Ms. Lisa Arendt  
Madison, WI

Ms. Ilona Edens  
Arden Hills, MN

Ms. Megan Green  
Gadsden, AL

Ms. Meggan Hain  
Columbus, OH

Ms. Julie Jeppersen  
Manhattan, KS

Ms. Jennifer Messer  
Guelph, Ontario

Ms. Shannon Cook Miller  
Madison, GA

Ms. Nanette Parra  
Manhattan, KS

Ms. Nicole Peterson  
Columbus, OH

Mr. Christopher Reeder  
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## Suggested Changes to the Student Chapter of AVSAB Constitution and By-Laws

### Article 5: No 2

#### Current content:

“The first step to starting a SCAVSAB is to send a letter of intent to the AVSAB Secretary requesting a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

#### Suggested change:

“The first step to starting a SCAVSAB is to request an initial application packet from the AVSAB Secretary. This application packet will contain a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as an initial application form.”

### Article 5: No 3

#### Current content:

“Within one year of submitting the letter of intent, each student chapter must vote on and approve the SCAVSAB Constitution and Bylaws for their Student Chapter. If this is not completed, a new letter of intent must be submitted to the AVSAB Secretary.

#### Suggested change:

“To be considered for membership, all parts of the initial application form must be completed and chapter and advisor dues paid. In addition, each student chapter must signify as indicated on the application form that they have voted on and approved the SCAVSAB Constitution and Bylaws for their student chapter.



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