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President's Message

This is my final installment as AVSAB Newsletter Editor. Dr. Melissa Bain will be taking over in September as editor. It has been a pleasure!

AVSAB meeting schedules and titles for presentations were published in the March issue of the newsletter. I would like to draw your attention to some changes in the format of this year's meeting. The meeting has been moved to Sunday (July 14) this year due to scheduling conflicts with AVMA behavior sessions. Buffet lunch will be open to those who pre-register for the meeting. There are 13 paper presentations and 19 posters this year, and you will find much more content in the Proceedings. The two best posters will be awarded prizes this year.

Novartis Animal Health and Premier Pet Products continue to generously sponsor AVSAB events, and Doscocil Manufacturing has joined our family of sponsors. We have also received product donations from Kong Company, Nylabone, and Fat Cat Toys.

A collection of pet products will be raffled at this year's meeting. The proceeds from the raffle will be used for a new Student Chapter Service Award, awarded to the student AVSAB chapter that demonstrates the most dedication to behavior education and service.

The AVSAB General Business Meeting will be held after the scientific sessions on Sunday. All regular and affiliate members should try to attend and be part of the democratic process.

We need members to volunteer for booth duty. There is a form on the back of your meeting registration on which you can indicate which shifts you prefer. We also still need individuals to staff the booth exhibit on Sunday during the AVSAB meeting (spouses, friends, significant others, technicians). Please consider helping out with this.

Members are encouraged to submit items for inclusion in the September newsletter. The deadline for submissions is August 15, 2002.

Nashville Update

There is good news and bad news...

First the good news: Thanks to the direction and organization provided by Dr. Margaret Duxbury and the Program committee, the excellent manuscripts submitted by all of the presenters, and the expanded poster program, we have been able to compile a Proceedings that has grown to over 100 pages.

Now for the bad news: Due to the increase in size and quality of the Nashville Meeting Proceedings, our cost has drastically increased. As a result, we will be charging a small fee to offset the cost of the proceedings (\$10 each). Payment should be included with the meeting registration form in your newsletter. In order to guarantee that a copy of the Proceedings will be available for you at the meeting, you should send payment with this form. The meeting registration form also reserves your place for the AVSAB luncheon – a buffet sponsored by Premier Pet Products. Members who do not attend the Nashville Meeting can purchase a copy of the complete Proceedings for \$15 (to cover postage fees). Abbreviated presentation abstracts will be published in the September newsletter.

I think the Proceedings will serve as an excellent reference for our members, and I would like to thank our paper and poster presenters for their hard work.

*See you in Music City,
Lynne*

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AVSAB Yahoo Listserv Survey Results

Thanks to those of you who took the time to return the YahooGroup listserv survey.

Thirty-five members responded. Forty percent of respondents access the AVSAB listserv more than 5 days a week, and 75% access the listserv more than twice per week.

Only 15 percent of respondents felt that the overall quality of the listserv was average or below. Fifty-five percent of those who responded to the survey had requested assistance with a behavior case, and of those, 95% felt that they received helpful information. Seventy-nine percent of respondents rated the quality of the posts as good to excellent.

Thirty-two percent rated the importance of the listserv as a very important factor in the decision to become an AVSAB member, and only one person responded that there was no need for the listserv.

Regarding listserv moderation: Sixty-five percent felt that signature lines should be limited to 4 lines, 85% felt that quoting from original messages should be edited, and 74% felt that drawings and logos should be removed.

Respondents agreed that subject lines should be required for every post (97%), messages should include the name and location of the author (85%), and that members in violation of guidelines should be removed from the listserv (91%).

Thirty-one percent felt that messages should be restricted in length, or that the number of posts per day should be limited, with several respondents complaining about excessively long messages. Sixty-two percent felt that topics not directly related to animal behavior practice or education should not be posted.

Fourteen percent felt that the AVSAB listserv should be unmoderated, with other respondents asking for more strict moderation. Twelve percent felt that the listserv should be open to non-members.

Eighty-three percent of those who responded felt that the Policy folder was necessary, and 20% have accessed the policy folder.

Hot off the presses!

Tryptophan depletion as a clinical tool: Current status and future directions

Abrams, JK; Bell, CJ; Nutt, DJ
 Keywords: serotonin; depression; research; mood disorder; psychopharmacology
 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY IN CLINICAL PRACTICE, 5 (4): 237-247 DEC 2001

A semiautomatic method for adding behavioral data to videotape records in combination with the Noldus Observer system

Bischof, A; Stark, H; Blumenstein, R; Wagner, T; Brechmann, A; Scheich, H
 BEHAVIOR RESEARCH METHODS INSTRUMENTS & COMPUTERS, 33 (4): 549-555 NOV 2001

Regulation of free-roaming cat (Felis silvestris catus) populations: A survey of the literature and its application to Israel

Gunther, I; Terkel, J
 Keywords: animal welfare; domestic cat; eradication; population control; sterilisation
 ANIMAL WELFARE, 11 (2): 171-188 MAY 2002

Improving clinical trials - American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology recommendations

Klein, DF; Thase, ME; Endicott, J; Adler, L; Glick, I; Kalali, A; Leventer, S; Mattes, J; Ross, P; Bystritsky, A
 ARCHIVES OF GENERAL PSYCHIATRY, 59 (3): 272-278 MAR 2002

The human side of animal behavior

Lattal, KA
 Keywords: animal behavior; human behavior; extension; metaphor; model; analogue; simulation; extrapolation; generalization; evaluation
 Research Institutions:
 BEHAVIOR ANALYST, 24 (2): 147-161 FAL 2001

An introduction to enantiomers in psychopharmacology

Leonard, BE
 Keywords: enantiomer; stereochemistry; chiral; thioridazine; zopiclone; methadone
 HUMAN PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY-CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL, 16: S79-S84 Suppl. 2 DEC 2001

Cell-mediated side effects of psychopharmacological treatment

Maurer, I; Volz, HP
 Keywords: antidepressants; cell-mediated side effects; neuroleptics; cell-mediated side effects; psychopharmacology; receptor interaction; side effects
 ARZNEIMITTEL-FORSCHUNG-DRUG RESEARCH, 51 (10): 785-792

The therapeutic promise of single enantiomers: introduction

Wainer, IW
 Keywords: enantiomer; stereochemistry; chiral
 HUMAN PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY-CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL, 16: S73-S77 Suppl. 2 DEC 2001

Noninvasive assessment of adrenal activity associated with husbandry and behavioral factors in the North American clouded leopard population

Wielebnowski, NC; Fletchall, N; Carlstead, K; Busso, JM; Brown, JL
 Keywords: Neofelis nebulosa; felidae; fecal corticoids; self-mutilation; animal wellbeing; stress
 ZOO BIOLOGY, 21 (1): 77-98 2002

AVSAB Budget for 8-1-02 to 7-31-03

INCOME

Potential Corporate Sponsors	10975.00
Membership dues	12000.00
Interest Income	1000.00
Advances from checking/CD	3000.00
Sale of AVSAB 03 Proceedings	2500.00
Total Income	29,475.00

EXPENSES

Student Award Expense	1575.00
Bank Fees	300.00
Office Supplies Expense	300.00
Telephone Expense	150.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	500.00
Cost of AVSAB 03 Proceedings	2500.00
Commercial Printing Expense	8000.00
Annual Conference Expense-	

Hotel Luncheon	3500.00
Annual Conference Expense-	
Hotel Breakfast/Break Food	2500.00
Annual Conference Expense-	
Audiovisual	1500.00
Annual Conference Expense-	
Poster Boards	2500.00
Annual Conference Expense-	
Travel for Board	1400.00
Annual Conference Expense-	
Board Meeting	150.00
Annual Conference Expense-	
Booth	350.00
Copy Shop Expense	225.00
Legal & Accounting	1000.00
Hourly Clerical Labor	250.00
Discretionary Items	2775.00
Total Expenses	29,475.00

KUDOS!

The American Animal Hospital Association honored Dr. Wayne Hunthausen with the Friskies Petcare Award for outstanding contributions to the field of behavior medicine.

Dr. Hunthausen is a practice owner and director of Animal Behavior Consultations and a past president of AVSAB.

Congratulations!

8TH ESVCE'S INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON VETERINARY BEHAVIOURAL MEDICINE

(In Association with AMEVE and ECVBM&AE)

The European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology (ESVCE) jointly with the Association Madrileña de Etología Clínica Veterinaria (AMEVE) present their Satellite Annual Scientific Congress, which will take place during the Granada World Congress (WSAVA) at the Palacio de Congresos in Granada. The conference will be held on the 2nd of October, the day prior to the main World Veterinary sessions.

The theme of the meeting is Anxiety in Companion Animals. The purpose of this Congress is to bring together several scientific viewpoints arising from a variety of cultures and diverse social backgrounds, such as those highlighted by the speakers at this International Meeting.

We have confirmation of the participation of specialists such as Karen Overall (USA), Joël Dehasse (Belgium), Patrick Pageat, Claude Beata (France), Sarah Heath (UK), Petra Mertens (Germany), Miguel Ibáñez (Spain), as well as promising young talents who will also take part in the General Program.

The sessions will be held all day. The program will consist of six 25-minute presentations, six 20-minute presentations, lunch and coffee breaks, six free communications of 10+5 minutes each, and a poster session. All lectures will be assisted by simultaneous translation English-Spanish. All the attendants will receive the proceedings of the Congress.

Best Regards,

Joël Dehasse
ESVCE President

Miguel Ibáñez Talegón
AMEVE President

Eva Biosca
Organizer of the symposium

More information and registration form are available at the web site of ESVCE: <http://www.esvce.org>, or contact Dr. Eva Biosca Marcé, Secretary to AMEVE and ESVCE member at ebios@vetpress.org

Prices:

Members AMEVE or ESVCE..... 100 Euros
Non Members 150 Euros
Registered Students 30 Euros

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Venue

Palacio de Congresos de Granada
(Sala Andalucía I y II)

Pre-Programme Schedule

Presentations

Introduction to the meeting

Eva Biosca

Modelling anxiety

Joel Dehasse

Anxiety in cats

Sarah Heath

Canine genomics, problem behaviours, and application of assessment tools

Karen Overall

Aetiology of anxiety states as a model to diagnose behavioural problems

Miguel Ibañez

Treatment of separation anxiety in dogs with a synthetic Dog Appeasing Pheromone – Preliminary results

Patrick Pageat, Emmanuel Gaultier

Anxiety related disorders in dogs and cats: a comparative analysis of plasma catecholamine concentrations

Cristina Osella

Effect of a synthetic Equine Appeasing Pheromone in a fear-eliciting test

Emmanuel Gaultier, Patrick Pageat

Anxiety and attachment in dogs: new theories for an old story.

Claude Beata

First experiences with the use of the anxiolytic phytopsychoactive Kava-Kava in veterinary behavioural medicine - Overview and case reports

Sabine Schroll.

Pica in Siamese cats: association with other behavioural abnormalities

J.W.S. Bradshaw

Behavioural changes in cats infected by FIV

Jean-Pierre Beaufile

Double-blind, placebo controlled trial on the use of clomipramine hydrochloride for feline psychogenic alopecia

Petra Mertens

Aggression, fear and anxiety problems in dogs: samples from a behavioural practice

Barbara Schoening

Adaptation of adopted cats to their new home – a retrospective study

Edith Beaumont Graff

Factors influencing people in their choice of cat from a rescue shelter

S. Vandenbussche

Dog aggression: an inquiry on the frequency of dog bites towards children in Flanders

Rudy De Meester

Use of a vegetal feed supplement in the treatment of behaviour problems in dogs

Yannic Ongena, Joel Dehasse

Presentation of a bio-psycho-social model of functional analysis in anxiety

Thierry Paris

Anorexia and depression – The meanings of a word

Tiny De Keuster

Posters Section

Behavioural disorders anxiety-related in feline geriatrics

Cristina Osella

Environment enrichment for indoor cats as prevention and therapy

Sabine Schroll

Effects on renal and hepatic values of long-term treatment with tricyclic antidepressants and selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors

Karen Overall

An integrative method to approach canine and feline anxiety-related behavioral disorders

Cristina Osella

The influence of a treatment with F3-pheromones on the behaviour of feral cats captured for a sterilisation project

Rudy De Meester

Resource-oriented questioning in behavioural consultation

Sabine Schroll

“Guided social restructuration” in dogs as an anxiolytic therapy

Céline Duprat

Effects of a feline facial pheromone analogue on anxiety signs during a stage in an impoverished environment

Emmanuel Gaultier

Profiles of canine patients diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder: signalment, mode of behavioral abnormality, effects of treatment, and long-term outcome

Karen Overall

Prevalence of separation-related behaviour in dogs in southern England

J.W.S. Bradshaw, et al.

The efficacy of behaviour modification therapy in the treatment of separation-related behaviour problems in dogs

J.W.S. Bradshaw, et al.

Stress in cats housed in boarding catteries: association with changes in subsequent behaviour patterns

C. Sutton

The importance of early socialization in puppies

Moises Heiblum

A combined medical and veterinary approach toward dog bite prevention

Tiny De Keuster

Veterinary Technician Program at Tufts Animal Expo 2002

Programs for Introductory and Advanced Levels and Hands-On Laboratories

Tufts Animal Expo is pleased to announce its extensive educational program for veterinary technicians, including hands-on laboratories. The four-day educational program and three-day trade exhibition will offer over 120 hours of continuing education and hands-on laboratories for veterinary technicians. The Expo will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, September 12-15, 2002.

The veterinary technician programs have been developed with input from Becker College and Mt. Ida College's technician programs and veterinary technicians at Tufts University, Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, and the Animal Medical Center - the three largest animal hospitals in the northeast. The speakers are leaders in their fields and will present the latest information on topics ranging from cardiology, emergency and critical care, pediatrics, and radiology for technicians - to animal behavior, grief support and treatment of exotic pets and wildlife. In addition, Gentle Leader® will present a workshop on the use of their head collar.

Multi-session programs on Behavior will feature as speakers dog trainer and author Brian Kilcommons, Dr. Alice Moon-Fanelli of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, veterinary behaviorist and author Dr. Nicholas Dodman, and

noted dog trainer Diane Arrington. The topics covered will include aggression, compulsive behavior, pharmacologic treatment of behavior problems and sibling rivalry. Dr. Ray Coppinger, a professor of biology and researcher on animal behavior at Hampshire College, will speak during a program on Canine Behavioral Genetics. He will also participate in a panel discussion on "All" *Dog Behavior is Genetic*.

The popular Meetings of the Minds sessions from the first two conferences will continue in 2002. This year they will feature three new topics: "Zoos and their role in society," "Banning of 'dangerous' breeds of dogs," and "Awarding compensation for pain and suffering for loss of a companion animal."

The Expo's opening ceremony on Thursday evening, September 12, will feature Jack Hanna as the keynote speaker. Mr. Hanna is director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo, the popular host of the television series, Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures, and one of America's most beloved naturalists and adventurers. Hill's Pet Nutrition is sponsoring Mr. Hanna's presentation.

For further information on educational programs, speakers and Expo registration, visit the web site at www.tuftsanimalexpo.com or call 1-800-642-9429.

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Call For Papers

2003 Annual Scientific Symposium

American Veterinary Society Of Animal Behavior

July 21, 2003 – Denver, Colorado USA

AVSAB is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2003 Scientific Sessions to be held in Denver, Colorado on July 21, 2003. We hope that many of you will take the time to submit materials so we can all benefit from the research findings and expertise of others.

Abstracts must be **RECEIVED** by the Program Chair **NO LATER THAN** December 1, 2002. Submit 4 hard copies and 1 PC-formatted diskette (or send MS Word file via email attachment) with information in the following format:

- Complete title of presentation
- Name(s) of author(s) including degrees and specialty board certifications, with the presenting author listed FIRST
- Affiliation: address of presenting author (street address, department, institution, city, state, zip code, country, office phone number, and email address)
- Presentation format: Paper only, Poster only, or Prefer paper, but will present as poster if not selected for paper presentation
- Type of abstract: Original research, Clinical report, Retrospective study, Topic review, or Practice Tip* Please note that preference is typically given to original research proposals rather than review topics
- Abstract: minimum of 150 words, maximum of 500 words, single-spaced, 12 font: Proposals must consist of previously unpublished material

*Practice Tips: A section devoted to behavior practice “how to” tips may be included in the program. We encourage you to submit proposals on topics relevant to the practice of veterinary behavior (i.e. use of training products, new behavior modification techniques, restraint of aggressive patients, fee schedules, socialization classes, etc.).

Send abstracts to Dr. Margaret Duxbury, AVSAB Program Chair, 1299 South Shore Drive, Amery, WI 54001 USA , Mduxbury1@yahoo.com

Only the person submitting the material will be considered as a presenter. If selected, only the person listed as primary author on the abstract can make the presentation. Please do not submit abstracts if you will not be in attendance at the meeting. In order to balance the program, the program committee may limit the number of presentations given by a single individual.

Veterinary students interested in paper submission competition (Student Award for Excellence in Behavior Research) should contact Dr. John Ciribassi drjdvm@msn.com

It is the responsibility of those submitting proposals to confirm receipt of material by the December deadline and to submit it in the proper format in order to receive full consideration.

We look forward to seeing you all in Denver.

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