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President's Message

June Greetings!

For my final President's message, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so much to this organization over the last 4 years: Victoria Voith, Debbie Horwitz, Margaret Duxbury, Laurie Martin, Amy Marder, Steve Feldman, Melissa Bain, Petra Mertens, John Ciribassi, and Lisa Radosta. I have enjoyed working with these individuals on the AVSAB Board.

The meeting in July is shaping up to be a wonderful meeting. We will be welcoming back Premier, Novartis, and PetMate as sponsors, and adding Lilly (Elanco) and Campbell Pet Products (distributors of Kong products) as new sponsors. Special thanks to all the sponsors who support our meeting and to all the speakers and presenters.

Congratulations to the student research award recipient, Samuel Franklin, for his

study, "Do the benefits of scent marking sleeping sites by a cavity-nesting primate outweigh the potential risk of predation?" The award is sponsored by Novartis Animal Health and Premier Pet Products, and Mr. Franklin will present his paper at the annual meeting.

Please contact Dr. Steve Feldman regarding meeting registration, and contact me directly with any agenda items for the annual business meeting.

Plan to attend the business meeting, which is scheduled to follow the paper presentations on Monday, July 26. We will be inducting the new officers, assigning new committee members, and discussing plans for the 2005 meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone next month in Philadelphia.

Best,
Lynne

ACVB Second Annual Scientific Paper Session July 25th, 2004

The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) invites all interested in the latest advancements in veterinary behavior to attend the 2nd Annual Scientific Paper Session on **Sunday, July 25, 2004 from 5-10 pm** at **The Westin Philadelphia** (99 South 17th Street, Philadelphia). For program details and registration forms visit the ACVB website at www.dacvb.com. Please pre-register to guarantee admittance and meal/proceedings. Pre-registration will be closing July 15, 2004. On-site registration will be on a space-available basis and meal/proceedings will also be subject to availability. Please address any registration inquiries to the ACVB Secretary / Treasurer, Jacqui Neilson, at abcjndvm@hevanet.com.

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American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania • Monday, July 26, 2004

7:30 - 8:15 am	REGISTRATION, COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS
8:20 – 8:45 am	The evolution of herbal medicine: animal origins Benjamin Hart
8:50 – 9:15 am	Barking in dogs: a positive solution for reinforcing quiet Sophia Yin, Eddie Fernandez, Sarah Richardson
9:20 – 9:45 am	DAP reduces the anxiety of aggressive dogs in veterinary practice Daniel Mills, C. Hargrave
9:45 – 10:00 am	BREAK
10:00 – 10:25 am	Salivary cortisol measurement in dogs Nancy Dreschel
10:30 – 10:55 am	Effect of clicker training on trailer loading and novel object approach in weanling horses Jennifer Weeks, Wailani Sung, Gary Heusner
11:00 – 11:25 am	Cannibalism in pigs: is it related to environment or to some individuals? Patrick Pageat, Dominique Safray, Ciline Laffont
11:30 am – 1:00pm	LUNCH and POSTER SESSION (Sponsored by Premier Pet Products)
	Invited Posters:
	Effects of OHE on territorial aggression in German shepherd dogs Seong-chan Yeon, Hyeon-hui Kim, Katherine Houpt, Hong-hee Chang, Hyo-jong Lee
	Acoustic features of barks in German shepherd dogs after OHE Seong-chan Yeon, Hyeon-hui Kim, Katherine Houpt, Hong-hee Chang, Hyo-jong Lee
	Litter depth preference in the domestic cat Daniel Mills, Charlotte Munster
	A case of territorial aggression in an Appaloosa gelding Jennifer Weeks
1:00 – 1:25 pm	AVSAB Student Research Award
1:30 – 1:55 pm	Effect of DAP on behavior during medical examination Emmanuel Galtier, Laurence Bonnafous, Patrick Pageat,
2:00 – 2:25 pm	Picking and mutual feather picking in poultry: differential diagnoses Patrick Pageat, Dominique Safray, Ciline Laffont
2:25 – 2:40 pm	BREAK
2:40 – 3:05 pm	Interaction between genetic and phenotypic response surfaces in canine anxiety disorders Karen Overall, Steven Hamilton, Arthur Dunham
3:10 – 3:35 pm	Efficacy of an automated repellent for preventing or controlling unwanted undesirable behavior Gary Landsberg, Richard Beaudet
3:40 – 4:05 pm	Prevalence of canine behaviors in homes Amy Marder, Meghan Rogers, Joan Engel
4:15 – 5:30 pm	AVSAB BUSINESS MEETING

Congratulations to Our AVSAB Award for Student Excellence in Applied Animal Behavioral Research!

Samuel Franklin, from Colorado State University, has won the Student Excellence in Applied Animal Behavior Research Award.

Do the Benefits of Scent Marking Sleeping Sites by a Cavity-Nesting Primate Outweigh the Potential Risk of Predation?

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Abstract

Primate sleeping site choices and cryptic pre-retirement behaviors presumably aid survival by reducing a predator's ability to find and access prey. In callitrichids, fewer vocalizations, rapid movement to and from dens, and frequently changing den sites are behaviors believed to conceal sleeping site locations. However, while predation may influence these habits, some studies and anecdotal observations indicate that predation is not necessarily the most important factor influencing callitrichid presleep behaviors. We evaluated scent marking near sleeping sites in a population of golden lion tamarins (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) that recently suffered heavy losses from predators. Using regression analysis we evaluated 12 months of scent marking data collected on individuals from eight breeding groups to determine whether study individuals decreased scent marking just prior to retiring. The data indicate that individuals significantly increased scent marking rates in the thirty minutes just before entering the den site. Frequent scent marking near the den may mitigate predation risk by assisting the relocation of safe sleeping sites or could decrease survivorship by attracting predators.

There was tough competition from other veterinary students, and it was a hard decision to make. The titles and authors of the other papers are (in alphabetical order of author):

“Classical Conditioning: Improving Practice Economics and Animal Welfare in Small Animal Practice”

Stephanie S. Day, The Ohio State University

“The Effects of Desensitization Training in Decreasing Stress Levels in Research Dogs”

Matthew J. Hamilton, Colorado State University

“A Survey of Ohio Small Animal Veterinarians' Experience, Application and Distribution of Canine Behavior Information”

Meghan E. Herron, The Ohio State University

“Incidence of Problematic Oral Behaviors in Bottle-reared Kittens versus Natural Weaned Kittens”

Tania K. Wadhwa, University of Florida

AVSAB STUDENT CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior is inviting submission of applications for a Student Chapter Service Award. This award will honor the student chapter that demonstrated the highest number of club meetings, educational activities, and individual involvement.

AVSAB student chapters should submit a detailed list of activities that the club and / or its members organized and attended between July 1 2003 and June 1 2004, including the following categories:

- 1) Behavior meetings that the club organized
(e.g. field trips, lectures, wet labs for students and veterinarians)
- 2) Behavior meetings that club members attended
(e.g. continuing education seminars at veterinary meetings, training seminars)
- 3) Community outreach and Public education organized by the club or its members
(e.g. volunteer activities, fund raisers, open house booth, training classes)
- 4) Volunteer activities of club members in the area of animal behavior
(e.g. shelter programs, wildlife centers, pet visitation programs, grief counseling, open house booth, fund raisers)
- 5) Behavior research projects conducted by club members.
- 6) Other relevant activities of the behavior club or its members.

The application must include the name and address of the chapter president and faculty advisor.

Send applications to:

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Submission deadline: July 1, 2004

Upcoming Behavioral Meetings

June 11 – 13, 2004

Western States Horse Expo

Sacramento, CA
Daily lectures on equine behavior.
Contact: Phone: 530-295-1424, 800-352-2411; Website www.horseexpo.com

June 12 – 16, 2004

Animal Behavior Society 41st Annual Meeting

Oaxaca, Mexico
5 days of behavior seminars, poster sessions, and lectures.
Contact: E-mail: Conference Organizers (Intermeeting): imeeting@infosel.net.mx; Website: www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Program/Oaxaca_04/

July 10 – 15, 2004

10th International Behavioral Ecology Congress

Helsinki, Finland
Contact: E-mail: congresses@jyvaskyla.fi; <http://www.isbe2004.com/>

July 24 – 28, 2004

American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Many hours of topics covering animal behavior, welfare, and human-animal bond.
Contact: Website: www.avma.org

July 25, 2004

American College of Veterinary Behaviorists Scientific Paper Session

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (in conjunction with AVMA Annual Meeting)
Evening session of scientific research and papers presented by leaders in the field.
Contact: Dr. Jacqui Neilson, E-mail: abcjndvm@hevanet.com; Website: www.dacvb.com

July 26, 2004

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) Annual Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (in conjunction with AVMA Annual Meeting)
Contact: Dr. Steven Feldman, 1535 Rugby Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, Email: avsab@yahoo.com, Website: www.avma.org/avsab See registration form for more information.

July 28, 2004

Horse Behavior, Purina Seminar

St. Louis, MO
Dr. Robert M. Miller will be speaking.
Contact: Phone: 314-317-5174

August 3 – 7, 2004

37th International Congress of Applied Ethology (ISAE)

Helsinki, Finland
Including topics on: feeding and foraging behaviour, environmental enrichment, and behaviour, health and production.
Contact: Anna Valros / ISAE 2004, Research Centre for Animal Welfare, Department of Clinical Veterinary Sciences, P.O. Box 57, 00014 University of Helsinki, Finland; Phone: +358 9 9149508; Fax: +358 9 19149799; E-mail: isae@congreszon.fi; Website: www.isae2004.org

August 8 – 10, 2004

Northeast Veterinary Conference 2004

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI
Contact: Website: www.tufts.edu/vet/nevc/

August 18 – 21, 2004

Western States Wild Horse and Burro Show

Reno, NV
Dr. Robert M. Miller will be one of the many speakers.
Contact: Phone: 775-849-3625 or 775-265-2879; Website: <http://www.wildhorseandburroexpo.com/>

August 20 – 22, 2004

Behavior Problems of Companion Animals

Destin, Florida
This 16 CE hour course is taught in the mornings over three days in, with afternoons open to enjoy the beach. Speaker: Sharon Crowell-Davis DVM, PhD, DACVB.
Contact: Website: www.vetseminar.com

August 28 – 31, 2004

Second European Conference on Behavioural Biology (ECBB)

Groningen, the Netherlands
Contact: Website: <http://www.biol.rug.nl/ecbb2004/>

September, 2004

Horsemanship Clinics

Hawaii
Dr. Robert M. Miller
Contact: Lester Buckley, 808-325-5567

September 12, 2004

Veterinary Family Practice – Pediatric Medicine

University of California – Irvine
Includes topics on pediatric behavior, nutrition, and the concept of family practice
Contact: Website: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CE/fallsym.html>

September 23 – 26, 2004

Southwest Veterinary Symposium

Contact: Website: www.swvs.org

September 27 – 28, 2004

American Humane's Conference, Knowledge, Passion, and the Pursuit of Excellence!

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Including a special program for shelter veterinarians
Contact: Website: www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ev_professionals_pa_conference

September 29 – October 3, 2004

**Association of Pet Dog Trainers
(APDT) Annual Conference**

Denver, Colorado
The program has added a new "Science Track" to the usual training and behavior presentations. Go to APDT.com for conference details. The Science track includes programs from Kim Barry, Marc Beckoff, Louisa Beal, Temple Grandin, Suzanne Hetts, Trish McConnell, M.L. Nitschke, and Judith Thorn. Also available are wet labs on Gentle Leader and SENSE-ation Harness fitting and training.
Contact: Phone: 916-443-3855; E-mail: apdt@details2.com; Website: www.apdt.com

October 6, 2004

**International Society for
Anthrozoology (ISAZ) – 13th Annual
Conference**

Advances in the Science and Application of Animal Training
Glasgow, Scotland
Held in conjunction with IAHAIO (see below)
Contact: Dr. Deborah Goodwin, University of Southampton, School of Psychology, Animal Behaviour Programme, New College Campus, Southampton, SO17 1BG, UK; Phone: +44 (0)23 597306; E-mail: dg1@soton.ac.uk; Website: www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/isaz.htm

October 6 – 9, 2004

**International Association of Human
Animal Interaction Organisations
(IAHAIO)**

People and Animals: A Timeless Relationship
Glasgow, Scotland
Held in conjunction with ISAZ
Contact: Website: www.glasgow2004ad.com

October 6 – 10, 2004

Wild West Veterinary Conference

Reno, Nevada
Contact: Website: www.wildwestvc.com

October 7, 2004

**The District of Columbia Academy of
Veterinary Medicine**

Fairfax, Virginia
1-day seminar by Dr. Jacqui Neilson
Contact: Website: www.dccavm.org

October 15-16 2005

Veterinary Psychopharmacology

University of Georgia,
College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, Georgia
Contact: Sandi Kilgo; Phone: 706-542-1451; E-mail: skilgo@vet.uga.edu

October 22 – 24, 2004

**Open Paw National Humane
Education Conference**

Los Angeles, California
Three-day conference covering different aspects of shelter animal behavior, training, and medicine.
Contact: Phone: 707-745-4237; Fax: 707-745-8310; E-mail: events@puppyworks.com; Website: www.puppyworks.com

Small Animal Fall Conference on Behavior

October 29 – 30, 2004

**Small Animal Fall Conference on
Behavior**

Contact: Phone: 800-380-8636 or 612-624-3434; Fax: 612-625-5755; Email: vop@umn.edu; Website: http://www.ahc.umn.edu/ahc_content/colleges/vetmed/Veterinary_Outreach_Program/

October 30 – 31, 2004

**Ventura County Farm Bureau
Horsemanship Clinic**

Ventura County, CA
With Dr. Robert M. Miller and Richard Winters
Contact: Rex Laird, Phone: 805-289-0155; Website: www.vcfarmbureau.com

November 6 – 7, 2004

Small Animal Behavior Problems

University of Georgia,
College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, Georgia

A team approach for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and assistants
Contact: Sandi Kilgo; Phone: 706-542-1451; E-mail: skilgo@vet.uga.edu; Website: <http://www.gactr.uga.edu/conferences/2004/Nov/06/smallanimal.phtml>

November 11 – 12, 2004

Equine Affaire Expo

Concord, MA
Dr. Robert M. Miller is one of the speakers.
Contact: Phone: 740-845-0085; Website: www.equineaffaire.com

November 13, 2004

**University of Montreal - Seminar on
equine behavior**

St. Hyacinth, Quebec
Dr. Robert M. Miller
Contact: Phone: 450-773-8521

November 18 – 20, 2004

**German Veterinary Society – Section
of Applied Ethology**

Freidburg, Germany
The programme of the 2004 meeting will include sessions on the following topics: assessment of welfare of animal housing; animal welfare of production animals; wild animals in captivity; behavior of laboratory and pet animals.
Contact: Dr. U. Pollmann, Phone: ++49-761-1502-177; e-mail: Ursula.Pollmann@cvuafr.bwl.de

December 4 – 8, 2004

AAEP Annual Convention

Denver, CO
Dr. Robert M. Miller - Veterinary Seminar on Restraint & Control of the Horse
Contact: Website: <http://www.aaep.org/convention.php>

January 23 – 27, 2005

**International Working Dog Breeding
Association Conference
Melbourne, Australia**

Contact: Website: www.iwdba.org

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