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President's Message

Happy 2002 to everyone! I look forward to seeing many of you in Nashville this July.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has scheduled two days of behavior continuing education lectures during the conference this year for Monday and Tuesday, July 15 and 16, 2002. The AVSAB Scientific Meeting will therefore be held on Sunday, July 14. This is a change from past years. I hope you will all make plans to join us. It promises to be an excellent program. I have included a partial list of behavior-related Convention topics in this issue, as well as a schedule of the AVSAB Paper and Poster programs. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center is a beautiful facility and will house all of the AVMA/AVSAB events. Go to www.avma.org for complete information.

This was the first year for the early December 1 deadline for abstract submissions for the AVSAB scientific sessions. Our members met that challenge admirably, and the Program Committee, led by Margaret Duxbury, spent the holidays selecting and putting the program together. We were able to submit a preliminary schedule of speakers and poster presenters for inclusion in the pre-convention issue of JAVMA. There have been some changes to our program since it was submitted to JAVMA back in January, but at least we will get some much-needed publicity. Since this has been so successful, we will continue to have a deadline of December 1 for submission of preliminary abstracts. I would like to thank Margaret Duxbury for her dedication to creating such an excellent program.

AVSAB is fortunate to have the continued support of Novartis Animal Health and Premier Pet Products. We have also added Dorskocil Manufacturing, makers of Petmate® brand products, as a sponsor. Although the sponsors will

be featured in the June newsletter, I wanted to mention their contributions briefly here. Premier and Novartis jointly sponsor the Student Award for Excellence in Behavior Research. Premier also sponsors lunch at our annual meeting. Novartis stores and transports our booth exhibit to major meetings, funds the production of our brochure, and supplies senior veterinary students with two issues of the AVSAB newsletter. Dorskocil will be sponsoring the poster displays and a portion of the audiovisual expenses for the paper presentations at the meeting. I am so pleased to welcome Dorskocil/Petmate® as a sponsor, and thankful to our old friends at Novartis Animal Health and Premier Pet Products for their continued support of AVSAB. I am also pleased to welcome product donations for our meeting from Nylabone, Kong, and Fat Cat Toys, Inc.

The AVSAB General Business Meeting will be held after the scientific sessions on Sunday, July 14, 2002, from 4:15 until approximately 6:00 PM. All regular and affiliate members are encouraged to attend. New committee appointments will be made, votes will be taken on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes, and new business will be discussed. If you have any items that you would like placed on the agenda for the meeting, please send them directly to me.

I would like to draw your attention to the schedule for booth volunteers. For last year's meeting in Boston, NO members volunteered to spend time at our booth in the exhibit hall talking to visitors about AVSAB and animal behavior. This is a fabulous opportunity for us to recruit new members and educate people about behavior. Please look over the exhibit hall schedule and the schedule of speakers, and select an hour or two that you can spend at the booth. We are also looking for individuals who could

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Welcome New Officer Nominees

Our Bylaws allow us to elect officers at the Annual meeting. Since all of our candidates for Board positions are uncontested this year, we will be taking the official vote on the officer slate at the Annual meeting in Nashville. Anyone who wishes to vote for a write-in nominee can send a written vote to any member of the Executive Board.

President



Lynne Seibert DVM, MS, DACVB

President-Elect



Melissa Bain DVM, DACVB

Dr. Melissa Bain received her DVM from the University of Illinois in 1994. After working in both a small animal practice in the Chicago suburbs for 2 years and a mixed animal practice in southwest Wisconsin for another 2 years, she entered into a Clinical Behavior Residency at the University of California-Davis. She completed the residency in October 2000 and passed her ACVB boards in October 2001. She is employed at UC Davis as a lecturer and researcher, where she currently is teaching, working on clinical research, and seeing cases in the clinic. During her time working in behavior, she has given many lectures to veterinarians and lay people. She lives with her family in Davis, California.

Immediate-Past President

Amy Marder VMD

Dr. Marder is a 1979 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and completed a residency in behavior at the same institution between 1983 and 1985. Presently, she is director of the behavior service at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. She was Vice President of Behavioral Medicine at the ASPCA. She also has a private practice (New England Veterinary Behavior Associates) in Lexington, Massachusetts that is limited to companion animal behavior. In addition, she is a clinical Assistant Professor at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and a behavior consultant for Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston. She is a past President of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior and has been a member of AVSAB for 18 years.

Dr. Marder has written several academic articles and textbook chapters on behavior. She also edited the March 1991 Veterinary Clinics of North America, "Advances in Companion Animal Behavior." She is a frequent lecturer to both veterinary and lay audiences and is often asked to appear on both local and national television and radio programs. She has written many nationally read columns, including "Your Healthy Pet" for Prevention Magazine. She has authored two books, "Your Healthy Pet" published by Rodale Press, "The Complete Dog Owner's Manual" published by Harper-Collins, and edited "Doctor's Book of Home Remedies for Dogs and Cats" published by Rodale Press.

Secretary-Treasurer



Steven Feldman DVM

I have always been interested in behavior and was a psychology major at the University of Illinois working on my

bachelor's degree prior to vet school. After I received my DVM (Illinois) in 1977, I moved to the Washington DC area with my classmate, Betty, where we have owned and operated the Clinton Animal Hospital since 1981. In the last five years I have been fortunate to study with Dr. Karen Overall at the University of Pennsylvania on many occasions, and I have enriched my knowledge of behavior with coursework from the University of Maryland. It has been my pleasure to see a wealth of behavior cases at the Friendship Hospital for Animals in Washington DC for the last three years. I am completing my second year as Secretary-Treasurer of AVSAB, and for over a year I have been chairing the YahooGroup (listserv) for the organization. I have also been serving for over a decade on the Prince George's County, MD Commission for Animal Control. I am working on research on herbal psychotropics, as well as beginning a county-centered dog bite study. I am looking forward to moving to sunny California in the near future where I can practice behavioral medicine and put my winter clothes in storage.

Recording Secretary

Lisa Radosta DVM

I am a native Floridian, born in Gainesville and raised in Daytona Beach. In 1990 with the purchase of my first dog as an adult, I became interested in canine performance events. We competed in American Kennel Club, United Kennel Club and World Wide Kennel Club obedience events. At that time, I was attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and working full time at Burdines department store. I received a B.A. in Aviation Business Administration in 1992. I continued with my hobby of dog obedience training and became very active in the local obedience club, eventually becoming editor of the monthly newsletter.

I enrolled at Florida Atlantic University where I worked as a research assistant. Our team conducted light orientation and visual acuity experiments in the laboratory and in the field with Green, Loggerhead and Leatherback marine turtles. We also were responsible

for the relocation of marine turtle nests and the release of laboratory hatched marine turtle hatchlings. In 1995 I attended the University of Central Florida to complete the prerequisites for veterinary school, and continued to work with the marine turtle research team.

I was accepted to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 1996. While there I stayed active in AKC obedience competitions and continued to teach puppy and Canine Good Citizen classes. I was active in several organizations including serving as Vice-president of the Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. I was also part of a team that completed a research project entitled "The effects of a 1% hydrocortisone conditioner on biological and hematological parameters, adrenal function and cutaneous reactivity to histamine in normal and pruritic dogs" which was later published in *Veterinary Dermatology*. I graduated from veterinary school in 2000.

After graduation, I went directly to a small animal medicine and surgery internship at Coral Springs Animal Hospital in Coral Springs, Florida. After completing my internship, I continued on as a general practitioner in the same practice. I have begun to see behavior appointments this year. I continue to be active in AKC obedience, herding and tracking events, although I do not teach anymore. My other interests include dressage and the cultivation of cacti and succulent plants. I serve on the board of the South Florida Cactus and Succulent Society. My future plans include applying for an academic residency in animal behavior.

Members-At-Large



Petra Mertens DVM, PhD

Dr. Petra Mertens received her veterinary degree from the University of Munich in 1992. After completing her doctorate in Animal Behavior and Welfare in 1994, she enrolled in the Behavior Residency program at Tufts University. In 1995, she returned to the Veterinary School in Munich, Germany where

her responsibilities included seeing cases at the school's behavior service, teaching, and conducting research.

Since 1999, Petra has held her current position as Assistant Professor in Behavioral Medicine at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. She operates the teaching hospital's busy behavior clinic, teaches one core and two elective behavior courses, and conducts clinical research projects. The University of Minnesota students recently founded a very active behavior club and AVSAB student chapter under her guidance. Since most Minnesotans are hibernating rather than visiting with colleagues during the 6 months of arctic winter, she learned to appreciate the professional exchange in our listserv discussions. After chairing the AVSAB meeting committee in 2000, Petra would like to continue a more active role in the AVSAB as Member-At-Large.



John Ciribassi DVM

I am a 1984 graduate of the University of Illinois. I spent my first four years after graduation in a mixed practice in North Central Pennsylvania where I did mostly dairy practice. My wife Elise is also an '84 Illinois graduate. We opened a small animal practice in Carol Stream, Illinois in 1988. Carol Stream is a western suburb of Chicago. In 1996 I began seeing behavior cases in our practice and also joined AVSAB that year at the Louisville meeting. I was in charge of the AVSAB public education booth for 2 years and also was involved with redesigning the AVSAB brochure. I have authored and edited the web site for the past 3 years as well. Currently I am chairing the student award committee. I am currently pursuing sitting for the ACVB boards in 2003 with Dr. Andrew Luescher of Purdue University as my mentor.

I would like to continue to help AVSAB grow as an organization to meet the needs of the members as well as to help the veterinary community become more aware of clinical veterinary behavior.

(President's Message from page 1)

stay at the booth exhibit on Sunday during the AVSAB meeting (spouses, friends, significant others, technicians). I will be bribing booth workers with homemade chocolate chip cookies (just in case that helps). My thanks to Rolan Tripp for coordinating booth activities.

This is an election year for AVSAB. We have one candidate for each of the positions, whose names are listed later in the newsletter. They will be officially inducted at the Business Meeting on July 14, 2002. I am incredibly pleased and excited to have the opportunity to work with such a capable group of people. To Amy, Melissa, John, Petra, Lisa, and Steve – my gratitude for your willingness to serve AVSAB. I would also like to express my gratitude to Laurie Martin who generously stepped in to serve as an interim Executive Board member in Victoria Voith's absence. Her input and experience have been extremely valuable at a time when many important decisions needed to be made.

The AVSAB YahooGroup continues to be an active source of information for members. Due to the new guidelines prohibiting policy discussions on the list, Steve Feldman has created a policy folder. I encourage any members with policy suggestions or concerns to post them for inclusion in the folder. I will be checking regularly for your comments. My thanks to Wendy Koch for prompting the creation of the policy folder, and Steve Feldman, whose hard work makes it possible for us to have a discussion group. He has devoted much time and energy to accommodating member requests and making certain that the YahooGroup runs smoothly.

You may have received a complimentary copy of the newsletter of the newly formed technician group, the Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians (SVBT). I would like to thank them for sending copies to us, compliment Julie Shaw on an excellent newsletter, and wish them well. If you did not receive a copy of their newsletter and would like more information about SVBT, visit the website at www.svbt.org.

Members are encouraged to submit items for inclusion in the June newsletter. The deadline for submissions is May 13, 2002.

Cheers,
Lynne

NASHVILLE

AVMA Registration

Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center

Friday July 12, 2002	8 am – 8 pm
Saturday July 13, 2002	7 am – 5 pm
Sunday through Tuesday July 14-17, 2002	8 am – 5 pm

Saturday July 13, 2002

AVMA Educational Sessions

Morning

- Avian physical examination: pet birds in your practice _____ Samuel Vaughn
- Canine agility: overview of training and common injuries _____ Patti Schaefer
- Rabies: reemergence of the disease _____ Charles Rupprecht
- Pharmacologic considerations in geriatric patients _____ Terrence Clark
- Impact of nutrition in geriatric patients _____ Dennis Lawler
- Puppy training and problem prevention _____ Debra Horwitz
- Puppy development and welfare _____ Debra Horwitz
- Kitten development and problem prevention _____ Debra Horwitz
- Topical gels for systemic drug delivery: too good to be true? _____ Katrina Mealey
- Wildlife: managing captive stress for wild patients _____ John Huckabee
- Wildlife release criteria: evaluation for survival _____ John Huckabee
- Veterinary acupuncture – various topics _____ Maria Glinski
- AVMA wellness guidelines for animals used in animal-assisted activities, animal-assisted therapy, and resident animal programs _____ John New
- A physician's perspective of the healing power of the human-animal bond _____ William Thomas
- Selection, medical, and behavioral screening of birds for use as therapeutic interventions _____ Susan Orosz

Afternoon

- Routine avian grooming revisited _____ Brian Speer
- Nutritional factors affecting olfactory function in sporting dogs _____ Eric Altom
- Oxidation and aging _____ Richard Meadows
- Behavior problems in senior dogs _____ Debra Horwitz
- Cognitive dysfunction in senior dogs _____ Debra Horwitz
- Pharmacologic considerations in pediatric patients _____ Terrence Clark
- Unique medical considerations in neonatal and pediatric patients _____ Dennis Lawler
- Development of pharmaceuticals for man and animals _____ Jane Owens-Clark
- How to critique veterinary medical literature _____ Giselle Hosgood
- Selection, medical, and behavioral screening of cats for use as therapeutic interventions _____ Debra Horwitz
- Selection, medical, and behavioral screening of dogs for use as therapeutic interventions _____ Mark Haines

Sunday July 14, 2002

AVSAB Annual Scientific Sessions

Gaylord Opryland Hotel

Includes lunch, refreshment breaks, 12-20 minute paper presentations, student research award, and a mid-day poster session with awards

- 7:30 – 8:15 am Registration
8:15 am – 4:00 pm Scientific session (see schedule on next page)
11:30 am – 1:20 pm Lunch and poster session
4:00 – 6:00 pm AVSAB General Business Meeting
6:30 – 10:00 pm Alumni Receptions

Monday July 15, 2002

AVMA Educational Sessions

Early Bird CE: Human-animal bond (Thomas Catanzaro), requires pre-registration

Morning – Behavior sessions sponsored by Hills Pet Nutrition

- Behavioral aspects of breeding cats and raising kittens _____ Patrick Melese
- Environmental and social enrichment for indoor cats _____ Vint Virga
- Psychogenic alopecia in cats _____ Gary Landsberg
- Preventing and treating intraspecies aggression in cats _____ S Crowell-Davis

Afternoon – Behavior sessions sponsored by Hills Pet Nutrition

- Feline elimination problems _____ Beth Strickler
- Treatment and management of aggression of shelter animals:
before and after adoption _____ Amy Marder
- Uses of crates in the treatment of separation anxiety in dogs ____ Victoria Voith
- Behavior problems in the senior dog _____ Kersti Seksel

Other sessions on Monday

Nutrition, endocrinology, neurology, complementary and alternative medicine, free-roaming and feral cats and the public (see AVMA bulletin or website for topics)

AVMA Family Night 6 – 9:15 pm

Tuesday July 16, 2002

AVMA Educational Sessions

Morning

- Aggression between dogs _____ Ellen Lindell
- Behavioral aspects of selective breeding in working dogs _____ Walter Burghardt
- New concepts in addressing canine behavior: guide dog schools _ Patricia Olson
- Unruly and annoying behaviors in dogs and cats _____ Jacqueline Neilson

Afternoon

- Clinical treatment of thunderstorm phobia _____ Barbara Simpson
- Medicinal herbs for treatment of behavior problems _____ Stefanie Schwartz
- Risk factors for the development of feather picking disorder ____ Lynne Seibert
- Interactive videodisc promoting pet safety for children _____ John New, Elizabeth Shull,
Michael Sims

Other sessions on Tuesday

Human-animal bond, complementary and alternative medicine, and laboratory animal medicine (see AVMA bulletin or website for topics)

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting — Paper Program

Sunday, July 14, 2002

7:30 - 8:15 AM	Registration, Coffee and Refreshments, Raffle	
8:15 - 8:40 AM	Comparison of Dogs' Reactions to Four Different Head Collars	L Haug DVM; BV Beaver DVM, DACVB
8:40 - 9:05 AM	Retention of Dogs in Their Households: Its Association with Puppy Socialization Classes and Other Factors	MM Duxbury DVM; RK Anderson DVM, DACVB
9:05 - 9:30 AM	Barking in Domestic Dogs: Context Specificity and Individual Identification	S Yin DVM
9:30 - 9:55 AM	Behavior Problems After Adoption	A Marder DVM
9:55 - 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 - 10:40 AM	Treatment of Separation-Related Anxiety With a Synthetic Dog Appeasing Pheromone - Preliminary Results	E Gaultier DVM, MSc; P Pageat DVM, PhD
10:40 - 11:05 AM	Agonistic Behaviors and Social Spacing in the Llama	NK Gerstenfeld MS; SL Crowell-Davis DVM, PhD, DACVB
11:05 - 11:30 AM	Aggression in Domestic Ferrets	V Staton MS, PhD
11:30 - 1:20 PM	LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION	
1:20 - 1:45 PM	AVSAB STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD	
1:45 - 2:10 PM	Possible Implications of Oxidative Stress in Clinical Veterinary Behavior Medicine	S Zicker, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN; K Overall, MA, DVM, PhD, DACVB
2:10 - 2:35 PM	Behavior Changes in Cats Infected By Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)	E Gaultier DVM, MSc; JP Beaufile DVM
2:35 - 3:00 PM	Effects of the Immune System on Behavior	NA Dreschel DVM
3:00 - 3:20 PM	BREAK	
3:20 - 3:45 PM	Attitudes and Opinions of Cat Owners and Veterinarians about the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Feline Urine Marking	L Bergman VMD; BL Hart DVM, PhD, DACVB; M Bain DVM, DACVB; K Cliff DVM
3:45 - 4:10 PM	Long-term Treatment of Urine Marking in Cats: A Comparison of Fluoxetine and Clomipramine	V Tynes DVM; B Hart DVM, PhD, DACVB; K Cliff DVM; M Bain DVM, DACVB
4:15 - 6:00 PM	AVSAB BUSINESS MEETING	

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting — Poster Session

Sunday, July 14, 2002

Adaptation of adopted cats to their new home: A retrospective study.

Beaumont-Graff E, Gaultier E.

A comparison of two selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors for urine marking in cats with every other day treatment: a double-blind clinical trial

Bergman L, Hart B, Cliff K, Bain M

Behavioral signs of post-operative pain in cats

Cloutier S, Newberry R, Cambridge AJ, Tobias KM

Proximity and affiliative behavior as it relates to familiarity and relatedness in the domestic cat (*Felis catus*)

Curtis T, Crowell-Davis SL, Knowles R

Small animal behavior problems in a referral practice in Spain

Fatjo J, Amat M, Manteca X

Herbal psychotropic substances with possible uses in veterinary medicine

Feldman S

Novel food preferences in primates

Funk A

Influence of density and cage conformation on stress in domestic cats.

Gaultier E, Laveissiere A, Pageat P.

User friendly bibliographic resources for companion animal welfare, human-animal interactions, animal-assisted therapy, and pet "overpopulation"

Hart L, Wood M

Operant and two-choice preference applied to equine welfare

Haupt KA, Lee J, Floyd T

Use of clomipramine in the treatment of inter-cat aggression

Kroll TL

Twenty-four hour time budget of a herd of pot-bellied pigs

Krupp-Despain WA, Morgan E, Crowell-Davis SL

Developing a mental wellness program for animals

McMillan FD

Emotional pain management

McMillan FD

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

Overall K, Dunham A

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

Overall K, Dunham A

Etiology of fecal soiling of buckets by horses

Perry P, Haupt KA

Predicting client follow-up after initial pet behavior consultation

Posage M, Lindsay M, Marder A

Review of Campbell's test as a behavior test for puppies: the capacity of the test to detect dominant individuals

Rodriguez C, Fatjo J, Manteca X

The effects of design on the behavior of animals and their owners in a veterinary practice

Seksel K, Robinson K, Walker L

AVSAB Award for Student Excellence in Applied Animal Behavior Research

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2002

Submissions are still being accepted from current veterinary students for the animal behavior research competition. Three copies of the paper should be submitted to:

Dr. John Ciribassi

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Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

630-653-1000, 630-653-1013 (fax), drjdvms@msn.com

The recipient of the \$1500.00 award must be able to attend and present the paper at the AVSAB meeting on July 15, 2002 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Papers must be in the format for application to a scientific publication. It should include a cover page, an abstract, an introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion section, and references.

Papers should be double-spaced and devoid of all references to author and location, except for the cover page, which should contain the contact information of the author.

The paper cannot have been previously published and must not have been accepted for publication in a journal prior to the submission deadline.

AVSAB Yahoo Group Guidelines

It is customary on many internet discussion groups to moderate messages so that the content conforms to the guidelines that are formulated for the listserv. In response to requests from members, the Executive Board voted unanimously to adopt and enforce guidelines for our listserv. The following rather universal internet guidelines were drafted to help direct members who post messages on the AVSAB YahooGroup. This may result in a brief delay between the time a message is posted and when it actually appears on the board.

Subject Matter

All posts should be on topic and related to the subject matter of this AVSAB YahooGroup. Anything dealing with animal behavior, psychology and psychopharmacology, references to publications and research, animal training products, veterinary and behavior seminars, residencies, workshop announcements, and announcements from the AVSAB Executive Board are acceptable. *Off-topic postings, postings containing flaming, explicit or graphic material, or foul language are examples of unacceptable posts.* Personal "chat" discussions should take place through private email. Moderators will delete any message posted that does not conform to the YahooGroup guidelines or proper netiquette.

Proper Posting and Netiquette

[a] When you join the YahooGroup, monitor the messages for a few days to get an idea of appropriate subject matter. This is commonly referred to as lurking. Start posting when you feel comfortable with the group.

[b] Remember that the AVSAB YahooGroup has members from many countries. Do not assume that all will understand references to television,

movies, pop culture, local geography, or current events in your country. If you must use the reference, please explain it.

[c] Always place an appropriate title in the subject header. Keep it short and succinct.

[d] Please limit messages to a single subject.

[e] When replying, edit your messages properly. This includes eliminating headers and footers (to/from/subject/date, and signature lines). Do not include the entire original message in your reply to the group. If you must refer to something to make your response clear, then cut and paste only that which is necessary and relevant. It is customary to place your reply below any quoted text from the original message.

[f] Do not use "all caps" except to emphasize singular words. This makes your message easier to read and eliminates the perception that you are "screaming."

[g] File attachments are NOT permitted for two reasons. First, they carry the danger of virus infection. And second, not everyone's computer is capable of reading them.

[h] Resist the temptation to "flame" others on the list. Remember that these discussions are "public" and meant for constructive exchanges. Treat others on the YahooGroup as you would want them to treat you.

[i] When replying to a message posted to a discussion group, check the address to be certain it's going to the intended location (person or group). It can be very embarrassing to reply incorrectly and post a personal message to the entire discussion group.

[j] Use your own personal Email account. Do not subscribe using a shared office account.

[k] Other people on the list are not interested in your desire to be added or deleted. Any requests regarding administrative tasks, such as being added or

removed from a list, should be made to the appropriate area, not the list itself. These requests should be sent to the following respectively:

Subscribe: avsab-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Unsubscribe: avsab-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

[l] Use short, concise paragraphs. Give credit where credit is due (when quoting others).

[m] Use discretion when forwarding a long mail message to the group. It is preferable to reference the source of a document and provide instructions on how to obtain a copy. If you must post a long message, warn the readers with a statement at the top of the mail message. Example: WARNING - LONG MESSAGE

[n] Use a signature on all posts. Signature lines may be a maximum of 4 lines for personal or professional information.

[o] Do not post private email without permission.

[p] If you are planning to be away from your computer for an extended period, and you are using an auto-responder, please set your preferences for "no mail" before going away. This will prevent your mailbox from being inundated with mail, and our list will not be flooded with your auto-reply messages.

[q] There is no restriction on the number or length of posts by the list owner. However, Yahoo Groups does restrict messages to 1 MB to prevent mail bombs.

No Advertising Or Spam (Cross-posting)

Advertising is not permitted. Cross-posting (posting the same message to multiple discussion lists) is considered poor etiquette and spam) and will not be tolerated. Minor offenses and first time violators will be warned privately. Subsequent violations will result in stronger action and may include unsubscribing

and/or banning list member.

Misunderstandings

[a] Treat others as you wish to be treated. Neither flaming nor harassment will be tolerated. Should a misunderstanding arise, first try to resolve it directly with the other person by email (not through the list). If that fails to bring about an amicable resolution, notify a moderator to intervene.

[b] If another person posts a comment or question that is off the subject, do NOT reply to the list or keep the off-subject conversation going publicly.

[c] In the event a member contests the deletion/non-posting of their de-

sired message, privately email the Executive Board and request a review of the message in question.

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AVSAB Think Tank

The Executive Board has opened a folder in the Files Section on the AVSAB YahooGroup Website (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/avsab>) that contains members' letters on policy issues. The majority of members on the listserv do not desire messages that deal with topics of AVSAB business policies. The Board realizes that policy discussions are important to some members. Therefore members who wish to discuss non-behavior-related issues will have their messages placed in the AVSAB Think Tank Folder. The rules of Netiquette will apply to these messages, and messages need to comply with those standards (see Message #2007, 12-6-01).

Please post your Think Tank messages to the regular YahooGroup and they will be moved into the AVSAB Think Tank Folder within a day or so. Just put the word "Policy" in the Subject Line. On a weekly basis, the addition of new messages to the Folder will be announced to prompt interested members to look there.

Any comments to this announcement will be placed in the new folder. Although this has been stated, messages on the general AVSAB YahooGroup should deal with animal behavior, behavior counseling, psychology, psychopharmacology, references to publications and research, animal training products, veterinary and behavior seminars, residencies, workshop announcements, and announcements from the AVSAB Executive Board.

You need to apply for a "Yahoo! ID" to be able to access the YahooGroup AVSAB website.

Kudos!

Dr. Bonnie Beaver was presented with the 2001 Leo K. Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award this past October. This prestigious award is presented to a veterinarian who has made significant contributions to our understanding and appreciation of human-animal relationships. As a charter member and one of the founders of the American College of

Veterinary Behaviorists, as well as the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, Dr. Beaver has clearly earned this distinction. She has demonstrated excellence as a teacher, lecturer, researcher, author, practitioner, professor, and leader. We are privileged to have her as a member and grateful for her many contributions to the field of animal behavior. Congratulations, Dr. Beaver!

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President: Christ Hill, chill@iastate.edu

University of Minnesota

Dr. Petra Mertens
merte006@tc.umn.edu
President: Sara Stawikoski,
staw0001@umn.edu
or Naomi Thompson,
thom1495@umn.edu

Upcoming Meetings

March 23-27, 2002

American Animal Hospital Association - AAHA 69th Annual Meeting

Boston, MA

Contact: AAHA Member Service Center
800-883-6301; 303-986-2800

Web site: www.aahanet.org

American College of Veterinary Behaviorists Track, Sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

Topics include: canine behavior for everyday practice, feline behavior for everyday practice, separation anxiety and thunderstorm phobia—when panic strikes, feline house soiling, and case discussions

April 3, 2002

Combined meeting of the CABTSG - Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy Study Group, Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association

Council House, Birmingham

“Emerging Issues in Behaviour and Welfare”

A joint one-day behavior meeting will be held on Wednesday April 3, 2002 at the Council House Birmingham. The theme for the day will be “Emerging issues in behaviour and welfare.” The morning will consist of four invited presentations. The CABTSG AGM will be held during an extended lunch break.

The afternoon will be divided into three sessions. The first will be devoted to 15-minute presentations on the specific theme of “Emerging issues in behaviour and welfare.” There will be a total of 4 such presentations in the session. The second session will be devoted to 15-minute presentations on the specific theme of “Advances in treatments for behaviour disorders in companion animals.” There will be a total of 4 such presentations in the session. The third session will consist of 15-minute free communications relating to any aspect of companion animal behavior practice or research, and there will be 2 such presentations in the session.

Fees for the Study Day are as follows:

Members (CABTSG or ESVCE) £70.00

Non-Members £90.00

Full time students and VN students
£25.00 - on production of evidence
from their institution

Contact: Sarah Heath at
heath@vetethol.demon.co.uk or 11
Cotebrook Drive, Upton Chester
Cheshire CH2 1RA, England
Registration: Mrs. Pauline Appleby,
CABTSG Study Day Organizer, Inter-
face, Hillside, Upper Street, Defford,
Worcs, WR8 9AB; (44) 01386 750534;
Fax (44) 01386 750743; Email
Pauline.interface@virgin.net

April 4-7, 2002

45th British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) Congress Birmingham, United Kingdom

The largest small animal veterinary
conference in the world

Behavioural content: 1-day on feline
behavior, 1-day nurses program, spe-
cialist sessions, and research abstracts
Contact: BSAVA Congress Manager,
Woodrow House, 1 Telford Way,
Waterwells Business Park, Quedgeley,
Gloucester, GL2 4AB United Kingdom;
44-01452 726700, FAX 44-01452
726701; congress@bsava.com

April 7, 2002

Behavioral Management in the Veterinary Clinic

Suzanne Hetts, PhD, Certified Applied
Animal Behaviorist

Aimed at veterinarians and veterinary
technicians. Seminar includes the fol-
lowing topics:

- Using behavioral knowledge to de-
crease patient stress and arousal for
safer handling

- Integrating a behavior wellness pro-
gram into the veterinary clinic

Registration is \$150 prior to March 1 or
\$175 after March 1 (lunch included)

Contact Michelle Borelli, event coordi-
nator at info@geminidogs.com or go to
<http://www.geminidogs.com/>

[Suzanne Hetts Sunday.htm](#)

April 13-14, 2002

11th Annual WEZAM Exotics Conference

Madison, WI

Speakers: Drs. Alan Fudge, Mark
Mitchell, Kenneth Welle

Contact: University of Wisconsin,
School of Veterinary Medicine, 2015
Linden Drive West, Madison, WI
53706-1102

April 18 - 21, 2002

The ContinuEd[®] International Symposium on Feline Medicine

San Francisco, CA

Contact: PO Box 1659, Mercer Island,
WA 98040; 206-230-8363, FAX 206-230-
8359 VetCE@aol.com

April 27, 2002

“Understanding the Horse’s Mind” with Robert M. Miller

University of Montreal, Canada

Contact Micheline Filion Carriere 450-
773-8521, ext 8379

April 28-30, 2002

23rd Annual Conference on Avian Medicine and Surgery

Washington, DC

Three days of basic and advanced
avian medicine and surgery lectures
and labs. Over 18 contact hours.

Contact: Dr. Keath L Marx, 610 N Main
St, Suite 291, Blacksburg, VA; 540-961-
0138, FAX 540-953-0230;
office@masaav.org

May 4, 2002

“Equine Behavior and Misbehavior” with Dr. Robert M. Miller

University of Zurich Veterinary School,
Switzerland

Contact Dr. Stéphane Montavon, Les
Ecuries Coup de Coeur, C.P. 197, CH-
1580 Avenches/VD Switzerland

May 4-5, 2002

W.B. Saunders and Mosby Animal Behavior Conference

Fear and Anxiety in Companion Animals: Prevention, Detection, and Treatment

Boston, MA – Westin Copley Place
Faculty: Drs. Sharon Crowell-Davis, Debra Horwitz, Katherine Houpt, and Gary Landsberg

Contact: Jenny Besser at Mosby Continuing Education and Training, 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146; 800-826-1877; 314-453-4172 (FAX); www.mosby.com/Animal

May 19-25, 2002

Postgraduate Course in Applied Clinical Behavioral Medicine

North American Veterinary Postgraduate Institute, Continuing Education Symposia; Orlando, FL; Caribe Royale Resort Suites

Instructors: Drs. Karen Overall, Jacqui Neilson, Kersti Seksel, and Vint Virga

Organized and sponsored by the North American Veterinary Conference

Format: small group, lectures, luncheons, dinner discussions (video and real case presentations), and hands-on laboratories (case management, demonstrations of learning principles and behavior modification techniques).

Single inclusive fee (\$2900 prior to April 15, \$3150 after April 15) includes registration, hotel, meals, coffee breaks, course materials, and complimentary registration to the 2003 North American Veterinary Conference. Registration is limited to 30.

Contact The North American Veterinary Conference (TNAVc) 4421 MW 39th Avenue, Building 1-A, Gainesville, FL 32606; 352-375-5672; fax 352-375-4145; Email tnavc@navconline.com; web site www.navconline.com

May 29 – June 1, 2002

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Conference

Dallas, TX

Contact: ACVIM@acvim.org; 1997 Wadsworth Blvd, Suite A, Lakewood, CO 80215-3327; 800-245-9081 or 303-231-9933, FAX 303-231-0880 website: www.acvim.org

May 29 – June 1, 2002

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

National Conference on Animals in Distress

Fort Worth, TX; Phone 202-452-1100
Principles and Techniques of Behavior Modification

June 5-9 2002



The DOGS! Course is directed mainly toward veterinary technicians and dog trainers, but veterinarians and anyone interested in dog behavior are welcome. The course format includes lectures and hands-on workshops. The following topics will be covered:

- Normal canine behavior
- Puppy development
- How to run a puppy class
- Prevention of behavior problems
- Principles of learning
- Humane and effective training techniques
- Behavior modification techniques: systematic desensitization, counter-conditioning, response substitution
- Understanding behavior problems
- Application of behavior modification techniques as part of the treatment of behavior problems

There will be in-class workshops focusing on how to apply the principles of learning and behavior modification techniques to problem cases. Four hands-on practicum sessions will focus on puppy classes, training normal dogs, and on applying behavior modification techniques to problem dogs.

Participants will have the opportunity to take a written, closed book exam to earn a DOGS! course certificate. Participants will designate a proctor in their area to administer the exam. After having passed the exam, participants should be qualified to:

- Offer high-quality puppy classes and obedience training classes
- Educate owners on pet choice and prevention of problems
- Educate owners on training and learning
- Assist a veterinarian or certified ani-

mal behaviorist in the treatment of behavior problems. A **veterinarian is responsible for the diagnosis and differential diagnosis** of a behavior problem, as well as for the medical work-up, pharmacological treatment and the development of a treatment plan (including behavior modification techniques to be used on the case). The veterinarian or applied behaviorist would then refer clients with this treatment plan to the veterinary technician or trainer who can help the client to implement the required behavior modification techniques.

- In cooperation with the veterinarian, incorporate a behavior program into a veterinary service

Participants of the DOGS! course will thus become an essential part of the “behavior team”, sharing responsibilities for a comprehensive behavior program with veterinarians and/or certified animal behaviorists. We believe that this is a niche with great potential.

The registration fee for the course is \$700 and includes course notes, training equipment, snacks, lunches, banquet dinner, DOGS! 2002 T-shirt, and a trip to Wolf Park.

Email Julie Shaw RVT, (shawjk@purdue.edu) with your mailing address if you would like to be added to the DOGS! 2002 waiting list. People on the waiting list will be sent registration information in early March 2002. The first 40 registrants will be accepted into the DOGS! 2002 course.

June 5-9, 2002

Ladies Equine Clinic – Drs. Robert Miller and Curtis Pate

Clark, CO; Home Ranch, 970-879-1780

June 10-14, 2002

Short Course in Zoo Medicine

Knoxville, TN

Contact: Dr. Ed Ramsay, PO Box 1071, Knoxville, TN 37901-1071; 865-974-5576; eramsay@utk.edu

June 10-16, 2002

Horsemanship Clinic – Drs. Robert Miller and Bill Smith

Clark, CO; Home Ranch, 970-879-1780

June 20-23, 2002

4th Annual International Conference on Exotics (ICE)

Key West, FL, United States
Contact: ICE2002, PO Box 541749, Lake Worth, Florida 33454-1749; 800-946-4782, 561-641-6745, FAX 561-641-0234; Dana@exoticdvm.com

July 13-17, 2002

American Veterinary Medical Association 139th Annual Conference

Nashville, TN; Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center. Two days of behavior continuing education. Contact Sharon Curtis Granskog, AVMA's Public Information Division 847-925-8070 ext 275 or Joanne Mazur at 847-925-8070 ext 293
Website: www.avma.org; Email: sgranskog@AVMA.org

July 14, 2002

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Annual Scientific Session

Nashville, TN; Gaylord Opryland Hotel (in association with AVMA meeting). Format includes 12 paper presentations of 20 minutes each and an extended lunchtime poster session. Registration is free to AVSAB members (includes lunch); members will automatically receive registration information; non-members contact Dr. Steve Feldman for details at avsabe@yahoo.com

July 13-17, 2002

Animal Behavior Society (ABS) 39th Annual Meeting

Bloomington, Indiana
Website www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Program; contact Emilia Martins at emartins@bio.indiana.edu or Meredith West at mewest@indiana.edu

July 31 – August 4, 2002

Seminar on Equine Behavior at “Ride with the Stars” – Dr. Robert M. Miller

Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY
Contact Pam Alford at 800-411-0857

July 31 – August 4, 2002

1st European Conference on Behavioural Biology

Muenster, Germany
“Conflict and Resolution”
Website www.behaviour2002.de

August 6-10, 2002

36th International Congress of Applied Ethology (ISAE)

Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands
Website www.isae2002.org

August 7-11, 2002

Society for Theriogenology/American College of Theriogenologists

Annual Conference and Symposium
Colorado Springs, CO
Contact: Melinda Kuest, 200 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 900, Nashville, TN 37219; Phone 615-244-3060; Website: www.therio.org; Email: mkuest@walkermgt.com

August 11-17, 2002

Chico Basin Conference – Dr. Robert M. Miller

Chico Basin Ranch, Colorado Springs, CO
Contact Duke Phillips at 719-683-7960

August 16-20, 2002

Society for the Study of Social Problems

“Exploring irrationalities in the human-nonhuman relationship”
Chicago, Illinois
Contact Lisa Anne Zilney, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, 906 McClung Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996; Email lzilney@utk.edu

August 17-20, 2002

Central Veterinary Conference Bartle Hall Convention Center; Kansas City, MO

The Central Veterinary Conference (CVC) is a four-day conference with more than 450 clinical, practice management, and team-oriented educational sessions and 30 hands-on wet

labs. The 2001 conference attracted 5,662 attendees. The CVC offers 36.5 hours of continuing education credits for veterinarians and 25.5 hours for technicians. Watch upcoming issues of [Veterinary Economics](#), [Veterinary Medicine](#), and CVC website for updates on the 2002 conference

Behavior sessions: Drs. Andrew Luescher, Petra Mertens, and Amy Marder. Sponsored by Premier Pet Products.

Contact: CVC, 8033 Flint, Lenexa, KS 66214; 800-255-6864 ext 6; 913-492-4300 ext 6; Email: cvc@vetmedpub.com

August 20-21, 2002

International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ)

Animal Arenas: Spaces, Performances, and Exhibitions
University College, London UK

A central theme of this conference is to ask what performances, exhibitions, and the spaces in which they occur reveal about the human societies that created them. Topics will include sociological, anthropological, cultural, and historical aspects of zoos, religious ceremonies, competitive and sporting events, circus and show animals, taxidermy, hunting, falconry, working dog trials, and safaris. The conference will also host a free topic poster session. www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/isaz2002.html

August 22-25, 2002

Conference on Homeless Animal Management and Policy

Reno, Nevada; 516-883-7767, FAX 516-944-5035

August 23-27, 2002

International Society for Comparative Psychology (ISCP)

Chicago, IL - Hotel Intercontinental
Joint meeting with the American Psychiatric Association
Contact Gary Greenberg, Department of Psychology, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260; Email gary.greenberg@wichita.edu

August 27-31, 2002

Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) Annual Conference and Expo

Monterey, CA
Avian behavior section included
Contact: 561-393-8901;
www.conferenceoffice.com/aav/

September 5-8, 2002

Equine behavior lectures – Dr. Robert M. Miller

Pagosa Springs, CO at Parelli Savvy Days
800-642-3335

September 12-15, 2002

Tufts Animal Expo 2002

Boston, MA
Contact: Susan Brogan, phone 800-642-2200; website:
www.tuftsanimalexpo.com; Email:
SBrogan@infonet.tufts.edu

September 25-27, 2002

Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine Annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians Indianapolis, IN

Contact: 1240 Lynn Hall, Room 1177E, Conference Division, Purdue University, 1586 Stewart Center, Room 110, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-1240; 765-494-7220 (conference center), FAX 765-494-0567

September 25-29, 2002

27th World Veterinary Conference

Tunis, Tunisia (in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea)
Contact: Worldvet Tunisia 2002 Organizing Committee, PO Box 267, Tunis Mahrajene, 1082 Tunisia; Phone +216-1-566-881; FAX +216-1-565-009
E-mail conord.vet@planet.tn; <http://worldvetunisia2002.com>

September 28-29, 2002

Symposium (in France) on Early Equine Learning - Dr. Robert M. Miller

Contact Mr. Bertrand 404 rue Provinciale, B 4458 Fexhe-Slins, Belgium

September 29 – October 2, 2002

International Symposium on Physiology and Behavior of Zoo Animals (IZW)

Berlin
Topics include: reproductive biology, stress, behavioural science, wildlife conservation, evolutionary genetics, and nutrition

Workshops include: non-invasive hormone monitoring, costs and benefits of aging, animal welfare and conservation, communication in mammals, chronoethology, ultrasonography in conservation biology
www.IZW-Berlin.de

October 2, 2002

ESVCE Meeting – Anxiety in Companion Animals

Granada, Spain
A one-day behavior medicine meeting will be held on Tuesday October 2, 2002 in Granada, Spain. The theme for the day will be “Anxiety and Anxiety disorders.” The morning will consist of 3 presentations of 45 minutes each from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. The AGM of ESVCE will be held during an extended lunch break.

The late morning and afternoon will be divided into three sessions. The first two will be devoted to 30-minute presentations on the specific theme of anxiety by those involved in both research and practice within the field of companion animal behavior medicine. There will be a total of 6 presentations in the session. The second session will consist of 20-minute free communications relating to any aspect of companion animal behavior practice or research, and there will be 4 presentations in the session.

Fees for the Study Day are as follows: Members (AVEPA or ESVCE): euros 100.00, Non-members: euros 125.00, Full-time students: euros 30.00 (on production of evidence from their institution)

October 3-6, 2002

World Small Animal Veterinary Association 27th World Congress and Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Association 8th Congress

Barcelona, Spain

Contact: Secretary Office of AVEPA, Avda. Republica Argentina, 21-25, Barcelona, Spain; Phone 00-34-93-418-73-12, Fax 00-34-93-418-39-79 website: www.avepa.es; secre@avepa.es

October 6-10, 2002

American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Annual Conference

Milwaukee, WI
Contact: Wilbur Armand, 6 North Pennell Road, Media, PA 19063; Phone 610-892-4812, Email: aazv@aol.com

October 9-13, 2002

Wild West Veterinary Conference

Reno, Nevada
Contact: MaryAnne Bobrow, 6060 Sunrise Vista Drive, Suite 1110, Citrus Heights, CA 95610-7098; Phone 916-723-9920, Fax 916-723-8781; Email: mbobrow@earthlink.net

October 15-17, 2002

Atlantic Coast Veterinary Conference

Atlantic City, NJ; Phone 973-379-1100

November 2-3, 2002

Prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of behavior problems in companion animals: A team approach for veterinarians and veterinary technicians

University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Contact: Dr. Bruce Hollett, Phone 706-542-1451, Website: go-live.vet.uga.edu; Email: bhollett@vet.uga.edu or skilgo@vet.uga.edu

November 4, 2002

Master class in behavioral medicine

University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Contact: Dr. Bruce Hollett, Phone 706-542-1451, Website: go-live.vet.uga.edu; Email: bhollett@vet.uga.edu or skilgo@vet.uga.edu

November 1–2, 2003

Psychopharmacology for Veterinarians

University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Contact: Dr. Bruce Hollett, Phone 706-542-1451, Website: go-live.vet.uga.edu; Email: bhollett@vet.uga.edu or skilgo@vet.uga.edu

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Suggested deletions are denoted by a strikethrough. Proposed additions are denoted by *italics in bold*.

All suggested changes must be voted on at the AVSAB Annual Business Meeting in July 2002. See the December 2001 issue of the AVSAB newsletter for a complete copy of the Constitution and Bylaws with previous proposed amendments included.

Constitution of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

3. Votes on amendments can be only yes/no votes on the proposal as written.

— OR —

3. Motions to amend proposed constitutional amendments may not introduce any new changes outside the scope of the original notice given prior to the meeting.

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior By-laws Not-for-profit Corporation

ARTICLE IX

1. The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on ~~the first day following the annual meeting and end at the annual meeting each year.~~ *August 1 and end on July 31 of the following calendar year.*

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare an annual operating budget and to submit it to the Society at the annual meeting that immediately precedes the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the active voting members present at that annual meeting.

3. The Executive Board, which being an elected body is representative of the membership, shall have the ex-

press authority to spend an additional twenty percent of the annual budget without approval of the voting members if the Board deems it necessary in order to meet unforeseen expenses.

ARTICLE X

1. Annual dues of members shall be determined at the annual meeting. Any action taken shall require a 2/3 majority of the number of members present who are eligible to vote. ~~For such purposes, ballots received from eligible voting members shall be considered and included in the number of members present.~~

2. Dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of August in each fiscal year. *Starting January 2005 and thereafter, dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of January each year.*

3. When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of four months from the beginning of the fiscal year, his or her membership will be terminated.

ARTICLE XII

1. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a majority of the voting membership present at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting, if at least two days written notice is given of an intention to alter, amend, or repeal these By-Laws or to adopt new By-Laws.

2. *Amendments to these By-laws may be approved using mail-in ballots only if there is unanimous approval of the proposed amendments by all voting members of the Society.*

3. *Votes on amendments can be only yes/no votes on the proposals as written.*

— OR —

3. *Motions to amend proposed constitutional amendments may not introduce any new changes outside the scope of the original notice given prior to the meeting.*

Dues Date Change

At the 2001 General Business meeting held in Boston, AVSAB members discussed changing the membership dues collection date from August to January. Members expressed concern over how the transition should be handled, and asked the Executive Board to formulate a method for incorporating the change without loss of income.

The following proposal has been approved by the Executive Board and will be presented to the general membership at the 2002 General Business meet-

ing in Nashville for final approval.

This proposal will avoid any loss of income during the date change, and it will also avoid the need to collect dues twice in a single calendar year. This proposal will not affect the payment of dues this year.

August 2003 dues will be collected for 17 months of membership. Memberships paid in August 2003 will continue until January 2005 (17 months, rather than 12 months). To compensate for the extra months of membership,

dues in August 2003 will be increased to an amount that is compensatory for the added 5-month period. In January 2005, dues will return to the usual annual fee, payable every 12 months, and due in January each year. Members who do not pay their August 2003 dues by December 1, 2003 will be removed from the membership database as stipulated in our Bylaws. Individuals submitting membership applications during the year of 2004 will pay the current rate for a 12-month membership.

Call For AVSAB Booth Volunteers

The booth shipment and display costs are generously underwritten by Novartis Animal Health. The AVMA will provide a non-commercial booth space for AVSAB during the AVMA Convention in Nashville. The contract with AVMA for the booth space stipulates that the booth have a representative at all times. The booth is an excellent vehicle for sharing AVSAB's mission with over 8,000 practitioners, technicians, and guests. New members will be able to join at the booth this year. Unfortu-

nately, the exhibition times overlap with behavior presentations, so perhaps spouses, significant others, or friends attending the meeting can help out. We would particularly like to have the booth well-staffed on Saturday so that AVMA attendees can hear about our organization, join, and attend our meeting on Sunday. A proposed schedule follows. Please contact Dr. Rolan Tripp at: Rolan-Tripp@AnimalBehavior.net to sign up for a shift.

YES! I would like to represent the AVSAB at the following times:

(please check)

Set-Up — Friday, July 12

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 13

- 9:15 – 10:30 am
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm
- 1:30 – 2:45 pm
- 2:45 – 4:00 pm
- 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Sunday, July 14

- 11:15 am – 1:30 pm
- 1:30 – 3:45 pm
- 3:45 – 6:00 pm

Monday, July 15

- 9:15 – 10:00 am
- 10:00 – 10:45 am
- 10:45 – 11:30 am
- 11:30 – 12:15 pm
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm
- 1:45 – 2:30 pm
- 2:30 – 3:15 pm
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm
- 4:00 – 5:15 pm

Tuesday, July 16

- 9:15 – 10:00 am
- 10:00 – 10:45 am
- 10:45 – 11:30 am
- 11:30 – 12:15 pm
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm

Tear Down — July 16

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm

Your Information

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

To sign up for a shift please contact Dr. Rolan Tripp:
Rolan-Tripp@AnimalBehavior.net
Phone: 714-523-9425
Fax: (707) 221-1379

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Clinton, MD 20735

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Regular

**Ms. Marguerite Farricker
Gleason**
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Student

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Barcelona, SPAIN
Regular

Dr. Thomas Fell, Jr.
Mobile, AL
Regular

Ms. Kelley Gebhardt
Chapel Hill, NC
Student

Mr. James Hummel
Raleigh, NC
Student

Ms. Laura Kozminski
Columbus, OH
Student

Dr. Mary Anne Leason
Victoria, BC, CANADA
Affiliate

Dr. Lori Leonard
Concord, VA
Regular

Dr. Emily Levine
Scottsdale, AZ
Regular

Dr. Diane McMullen
Summerfield, FL
Regular

Dr. Stuart Porter
Weyers Cave, VA
Regular

Dr. Kathleen von Ruff
Gibson City, IL
Regular

Ms. Page Wages
Raleigh, NC
Student