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## President's Message

Greetings,

Hope that this finds you doing well. The meeting is coming together very well, and we will have a good group of speakers and topics. It will be held at the Renaissance Ilikai Hotel. Please start making your hotel reservations now, before the rooms fill up. Thanks to those who gave input, we are initiating a new "How I Treat" section of the meeting, to have people give different perspectives on treating a problem behavior. The rest of the AVMA meeting will be rich with behavior, as well.

We are beginning a new project, after a few fits and starts, on education of the public by AVSAB members. We will start with soliciting articles to post on our website, and go from there. For more information contact Janice Willard at [jwillard@turbonet.com](mailto:jwillard@turbonet.com), or you can contact me as well. She will also send out an e-mail to the group via the listserv for volunteers for this project.

Also, we have enough nominees to fill the executive board positions. Since all of the candidates are running unopposed, we will take a vote on the slate at the meeting in Hawaii, unless we have a write-in candidate.

Aloha!  
Melissa

## Our First All Electronic Newsletter

Welcome to the first all digital version of the AVSAB newsletter. What this change offers the association is reduced cost for printing and distribution, ability to make the newsletter available more quickly and increase ease of archiving past edition on the website. For those of you who have registered at [www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us) you will have been notified that the newsletter has been posted and then instructed on how to retrieve it. You can then read it online or print a copy if you like.

For libraries who would like to give their patrons access to the newsletter, we will have all but the current year's worth of newsletters available on the web site in the Public Area. Current editions will only be available to members who are current members and who have registered on the website.

Hope you enjoy the change and look forward to hearing your comments.

John J Ciribassi DVM, Editor

# ACVB's RK Anderson Award to Dr. Lisa Radosta to be Presented in Hawaii

Three resident papers received scores which qualified them for acceptance for full presentations at this summer's ACVB/AVSAB conference. Resident papers were submitted as expanded abstracts to be considered for the award. We are pleased to announce, following a blinded review of all resident papers by a panel of ACVB diplomates, this year's RK Anderson resident paper award, donated by Premier Pet Products has been won by Dr. Lisa Radosta-Huntley for her paper entitled:

"Comparison of Total Thyroxine, Thyroid Stimulating Hormone, Free Thyroxine, Thyroglobulin Autoantibodies and Triiodothyronine in Aggressive and Non-aggressive dogs"

This year's combined ACVB/AVSAB scientific paper session is tentatively scheduled at the Renaissance Ilikai Hotel in Honolulu Hawaii on Monday, July 17 in conjunction with the annual AVMA conference. Thanks to Elizabeth Shull and her review committee, all abstracts have been graded and selected, all presenters have been notified, and we are waiting for the speakers to confirm their participation. The preliminary program/ timetable should be available at the end of next week posted on the AVSAB and ACVB websites. Registration will be handled by the AVSAB and details will be announced as soon as registration opens.

In addition, the general sessions at the AVMA annual conference includes 16 behavior talks on Saturday, July 15th and Sunday July 16th at the convention center — registration details, timetable and housing information can be found at the AVMA website, [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org).

I hope all of you will join us in congratulating Lisa on a job well done. We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's meeting in Hawaii!!

Gerrard Flannigan DVM, MSc.  
Diplomate, ACVB  
Chair, RK Anderson Resident Student Award Committee

## AVSAB/ACVB Meeting Scheduled for Hawaii

Are you heading west this summer to the 50<sup>th</sup> state? Then join us for the second annual cooperative CE seminar put on by AVSAB and ACVB (American College of Veterinary Behaviorists). The meeting will be held:

**Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Renaissance Ilikai Hotel in Honolulu**

**Registration begins at 7 AM and the meeting will run from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.**

**The AVSAB business meeting will follow the scientific meeting.**

Included in this year's program will be:

- A variety of long and short presentations
- 3 ACVB Resident's papers and a resident's award
- AVSAB student paper and award
- Poster Session
- Exhibitor's Area

**NEW FOR 2006** will be the inaugural "How I Treat" Session including three presentations from AVSAB members discussing personal treatment approaches to treating common clinical behavior issues. The intention is to spur practical discussion on diagnostic and treatment options for cases.

A registration form for the meeting is included in this newsletter as well as on the AVSAB web site ([www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us)) and the ACVB site at [www.dacvb.org](http://www.dacvb.org). Additional details of the program will also be available at these sites in the next few weeks as well as in the next edition of the newsletter.

So, if you are joining us this summer print the form and return check, money order and credit card to Dr. Lisa Radosta (address on the form). And for you Jack Lord fans, feel free to write on the form "Book 'em, Lisa." I've always wanted to use that line.

Remember, if you are also attending the behavior session on Saturday and Sunday as part of the AVMA convention, you must register for the AVMA meeting. Further information can be found by going to [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org).

John Ciribassi DVM, Editor



## Dues Reminder!

While the dues deadline is still several months away, the change to a calendar format for dues submission has caused some confusion in the past couple years. So this is merely meant as a reminder of the current dues policy. In order to prevent interruption of your AVSAB newsletters and AVSAB listserv participation, membership dues must be received by December 31, 2006. There is a membership form in the newsletter and one can also be printed from the AVSAB website, [www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us). Fees are listed on the renewal form. Please direct all membership questions to Lisa Radosta DVM at [avsabe@yahoo.com](mailto:avsabe@yahoo.com).

Also, be aware that if you are in default for this year's dues, you will be dropped from membership and the listserv after April 1, 2006. If you are uncertain of your membership status, contact Lisa at the above email address.

# HAWAII

## Registration Form

Circle Prefix: Dr Mr Ms Degree/Suffix for badge: Circle one only DVM VMD PHD RVT LVT other\_\_\_\_\_

Last (family) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First (given) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students: College \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Categories/Fees

Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, refreshment breaks, proceedings and scientific and poster session July 17, 2006 at Renaissance Ilikai Hotel. For updated conference information visit the AVSAB website at [www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us) or the ACVB website at [www.dacvb.org](http://www.dacvb.org)

<u>Conference Registration</u>	<b>Advanced</b> (Must be postmarked by June 1, 2006)	<b>On-site</b>	
ACVB/AVSAB members	\$95.00	\$125.00	_____
SVBT members	\$95.00	\$125.00	_____
Non-members	\$120.00	\$125.00	_____
Veterinary Students	\$25.00	\$ 25.00	_____
		<b>Total Enclosed</b>	_____

Please mail completed forms with accompanying check or money order in U.S. Funds made payable to "AVSAB"

Please Mail Forms to:

**AVSAB**  
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You may also fax the completed form to 610-459-5981 and pay by credit card through Paypal at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). **Credit card payments can only be taken through Paypal. Forms sent with credit card numbers written on the form or included in any other way, cannot be processed.**

**Registration does not include admission/attendance to AVMA Annual Convention July 15-19**

For additional information about the AVMA convention or for housing information please contact the AVMA at [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org)

# 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 Honolulu. Anyone who wishes to vote for a write-in nominee can send a written vote to any member of the Executive Board.*

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## President John Ciribassi, DVM

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Dr. Ciribassi was born and grew up in Jersey City, NJ, attended Southern Illinois University and graduated with a BS in Biology from the University of Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. After

graduation he practiced dairy medicine in Pennsylvania along with his wife, Elise, also an '84 graduate of Illinois. In 1988, they established the Gary at North Veterinary Center, a small animal practice in Carol Stream, Illinois a Chicago suburb. John became interested in veterinary behavior in 1997 and began working in a non-conforming ACVB program with Dr. Andrew Luescher at Purdue University in 1998. In 2002 he began the Chicagoland Veterinary Behavior Consultants, seeing behavior cases part time at specialty referral practices in the Chicago area. His reasoning for running for President of AVSAB is to try to give something back to the behavior community. "There has been a long line of dedicated individuals who have made organized veterinary behavior a reality and have been driving force for advancement of behavior as a respected specialty. I hope to continue that tradition."

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## Immediate Past President Melissa Bain, DVM, DACVB

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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 two years, and a mixed animal practice in southwest Wisconsin for another two years, she

entered into, and completed, a residency in Clinical Animal Behavior at the University of California-Davis in 2000, and became board-certified in ACVB in 2001. She is employed at UC Davis as a clinician, lecturer, and researcher, and is currently working on her Masters in Advanced Clinical Research through the UC Davis School of Medicine. This is all in addition to spending time with her husband, Bob, her 4 year old son, Carson, her cat, Monkey, and her really cool Scotty X, Thumper.

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## President Elect Kathy Meyer, DVM

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Kathy graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School in 1986. She had her first introduction to veterinary behavior through working in Dr. Voith's behavior lab as both an undergraduate and veterinary student. After

nine years in general, small animal practice, she operated the Practitioner Reporting Program for adverse events associated with medical products used in animals at the United States Pharmacopoeia for five years. Since 2000, she has "returned" to veterinary behavior, observing cases with Dr. Reisner at the University of Pennsylvania over a two-year period. She currently has a behavior-exclusive practice for companion animals in Gaithersburg, MD. Hobbies included skiing, tennis, and running, as well as nagging, irritating, and embarrassing teenager children. She has a neurotic Doberman Pinscher, a flock of budgies, and child-phobic Senegal parrot.

# Welcome New Officer Nominees!

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## Recording Secretary Sophia Yin, DVM

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Dr. Sophia Yin, a 1993 graduate of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, is the author of *The Small Animal Veterinary Nerdbook*<sup>®</sup>, a best-selling text book for veterinary students and the past award-winning pet columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle. She earned her Master's in Animal Science in 2001 from UC Davis where she studied vocal communication in dogs and worked on behavior modification in horses, giraffes, ostriches, and chickens. She currently teaches three upper division undergraduate courses in domestic animal behavior in the UC Davis Animal Science Department, and sees animal behavior consults both at San Francisco Veterinary Specialists and in Davis through her behavior housecalls business. She is also the creator of the *Treat & Train: Dog Training System* sold by the Sharper Image and the author of *How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves*.



from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. After Veterinary school, she entered into an internship in Wildlife Medicine at Tufts University, and also worked in small animal practice, as a relief veterinarian, as a director of a wildlife Clinic in

Massachusetts, and for a Behavior-only practice in the East Coast. Laurie completed a residency in Clinical Animal Behavior at the University of California-Davis, becoming one of the newest members of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. She currently is a Clinical Specialist at the University of California Veterinary Medical Center-San Diego Behavior Service. She is the mother to Daniel Owen Long, born on December 29, 2003, and two Australian Terriers, Wilbur and Fern, with whom she competes in agility.

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## Treasurer Lisa Radosta, DVM

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Dr. Radosta graduated from University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. Immediately afterwards she completed a small animal internship at Coral Springs Animal Hospital. For the next two years, she worked in private practice in Coral Springs,

Florida. In September, 2003, she began a residency program in Veterinary Behavior at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She has been the treasurer for AVSAB for the past two years and edited the proceedings for the 2003 Scientific meeting. She has competed actively in obedience competition with her personal dogs for the past 12 years, and now currently resides in Pennsylvania.

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## Member-at-large Laurie Bergman, VMD, DACVB

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Dr. Bergman grew up in Englewood, New Jersey, received her BS from Barnard College and her VMD

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## Member-at-large Petra A. Mertens, Dr. med. vet., FTAV, CAAB, DECVBM-CA, DACVB

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Dr. Petra Mertens received her veterinary degree from the University of Munich. After completing her doctorate in Animal Behavior and Animal Welfare (Dr. med. vet.), she enrolled in the Behavior Residency program at Tufts

University. In 1995, she returned to the Veterinary School in Munich, Germany. Since 1999, Petra has held her current position as Assistant Professor in Behavior Medicine at the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine. Petra is certified in her specialty through the German Veterinary Association (FTAV), the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (DACVB), the European College for Veterinary Behavior Medicine (DECVBM-CA), and the Animal Behavior Society (Certified Applied Animal Counselor). She is the author of numerous articles, book chapters, as well as a speaker at national and international veterinary meetings.

# Interesting Posts from the AVSAB Listserve

Access via [www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us) or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/avsab>



## Television Fixation in a Weimaraner

I wanted to see if anyone had some advice on how to guide a client I saw today.

She has a 3 year old FS Weimaraner whom she states is fixated with the television. She was adopted from a breeder at 6 weeks, has had some formal training according to owner, and was diagnosed with supposed separation anxiety years ago at another veterinary clinic which was treated with Clomicalm (she has since been weaned off over a year). The owner states that a few months ago she was fixated with the air conditioner fan but that seems to have resolved.

The owner states that over the past two weeks she has started to continually stare at the television on or off. She will often pace and drool uncontrollably in front of the big screen TV. The owner reports that her heart races while she is pacing. She has lost 8 lbs in 6 months.

They have unsuccessfully tried to distract her with treats but she will not respond lately (she did initially). Last night, the owner states that she paced and drooled until 2AM.

Does anyone have any suggestions on further questions I should ask or how to treat this dog? I did send off some blood today. T4, TSH, and free T4 was all normal 8/05.

Thank You,  
Christine

If this dog is unable to be distracted from this activity, then I think a seizure disorder should be on the rule-out list, along with the obvious OCD.

If OCD is to be re-considered, another treatment schedule with Clomipramine could be tried again (possibly at a higher dose if needed). Along with the medical treatment, it would be obvious to do all possible to avoid the behavior...place the dog in another room, etc and redirect/countercondition whenever possible (to which she might be more receptive under the influence of medication).

Since a seizure disorder is basically a diagnosis of exclusion, then her response to other treatments and redirection will have to be evaluated. If a seizure disorder is suspected then Phenobarbital may need to be considered.

My 2 cents,  
Peg

On first gloss, this sounds like a compulsive disorder. The duration and initial distractibility make a seizure disorder unlikely. A video of the behavior should help you be sure.

My basic approach would be:

- Teach the dog to relax (see Karen Overall's protocols)
- "Distract" with appropriate activities (constructive play) not treats (which dog will perceive as reward for inappropriate behavior)
- Eliminate the stimulus as much as possible initially as we work on this (cover TV)

- Provide the dog with lots of exercise (both mental (use interactive toys like Kongs and Buster Cubes) and physical)
- Try medication — clomipramine would be my drug of choice for this; do full chem panel, consider EKG or at least watch heart rate and rhythm during treatment

Laurie

## Reactive Rottweiler

I have a staff member with a 2 year old MN Rottweiler with reactive tendencies toward aggression directed at objects and other dogs since being very young. The episodes consist of growling, snarling, and intense staring. This staff member is very good at re-directing him but sometimes the intensity can be extreme. She has a good understanding of behavior techniques and has done desensitization/counterconditioning with minimal success. He is able to learn and highly motivated, he competes in agility coursing and advanced obedience. Recently he has begun to growl at unfamiliar people and objects more (i.e. hunks of dirty snow). At the recommendation of Jean Dodds he was placed on Soloxine at 0.6 mg BID due to a marginal free T4 level and had mild improvement. Behavior mod has shown similar mild improvement. I am wondering about other possible therapeutic approaches. I have even considering Ritalin to treat possible hyperac-

tivity disorder, however he does not present like the dogs with this disorder I have heard about. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Chemical imbalance a possibility? Any use of advanced human psychiatric drugs?

Kevin

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Sounds like a leadership problem between owner and pet. Drugs are of little use here.

DBC

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Have you examined the history of this animal well? Have you observed the instances? Do you have video? There are obviously innumerable possibilities. They REALLY have to be explored.

Mild improvement associated with Soloxine is a bit odd... Hypothyroid animals in general are going to be less active with a diminished affect. Not consistent with the picture. Soloxine would more likely increase the problem as it is described.

I suggest that much more information is needed.

Hyperactivity is quite unlikely due to the reasons stated above. Please don't try Ritalin at this point.

If you want to throw in a "wild card" to get the situation in perspective, try an anti-anxiety medication if anything.. Probability of anxiety/fear being the trigger is much higher than low thyroid or hyperactivity. And appropriate anti-anxiety medication is much less likely to do harm.

Larry

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Here are a few questions that I consider when deciding whether to medicate or no:

I will use the interdog aggression as an example:

Interdog aggression:

1. Am I dealing with normal or illness-related behaviour? The criteria that I use to say that I am dealing with illness-related behaviour are: altered behaviour sequence; behaviour inappropriate for context; severity, duration or frequency of the behaviour excessive for the context; excessive reactivity, etc. Then I establish a differential diagnosis including "mental illness" (for lack of a better term).
2. Is the aggression appropriate for the context? In other words is the "problem" dog responding to a threat or challenge from other dogs or is this dog attacking the other dogs regardless of what the other dogs are doing (not even interacting with him, submitting, etc.).
3. What is the behaviour sequence? Is this behaviour sequence complete? What are the consequences of the fight for each of the dogs involved?
4. How severe are the aggressive events between dogs? Injuries? Is the severity of the aggression appropriate for the context?
5. How frequent are the aggressive events between dogs? Is the frequency appropriate for the context?
6. How reactive is this "problem" dog? In other words, when the dog is involved in a fight can the owner get the dog's attention or is this dog "unable to hear" anything?

I would repeat this exercise (previous questions) for the aggression toward objects and unfamiliar people. My "guess" is that this dog is not normal but I obviously do not have the answers to all my typical questions.

I medicate dogs when I believe there is "mental illness" and choose either TCAs or SSRIs. My goals for medicating these patients are to decrease reactivity and/or anxiety so that the frequency and/or the duration and/or the severity of the behaviour decrease and so that the dog can hear the owner's instructions (decrease the reactivity specifically during undesirable events). Behaviour modification of course is essential to teach the dog appropriate desirable behaviour in order to replace undesirable behaviour. Finally realistic goals

must be set for the behaviour modification that will take into consideration the relative dangerousness of this dog.

Just my two cents!

Diane

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Let me add that this owner has excellent control and leadership of all 7 of her dogs and has worked extensively with this dog. His drive during agility trials is intense and I have seen him running at full speed almost as if frustrated he can't go faster. The owner has mentioned he seems like a human with paranoia disorder. He can be fine at one moment and agitated/aggression the next. This type of behavior has not changed despite heavy exercise (2-4 miles of fast walking per day) or owner control. The dog is generally OK with the other household dogs and easily controlled if any mild problems do arise. I am not convinced this dog can consistently respond appropriately. Thanks for the input.

Kevin

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It sounds like you have a reactive, anxious dog, not a leadership problem. He has been reactive since he was a pup. Diane's post was in depth and well written and I would follow her lead in order to diagnose and treat this problem. You may think to reassess your decision to medicate this dog with Soloxine. You could be making this animal's behavior worse. An MSU panel while on Soloxine would be indicated. You can call there to consult with a clinical pathologist as to when the blood should be drawn in relation to when the pill is given.

Consider anti-anxiety medication, videotape, diary, visiting with the dog when these episodes are likely to occur so that you can take a look at the body language the trigger time, etc.

Good luck,

Lisa



# Primate Behavior/Welfare Educational Session

Submitted by Dr. Wendy Koch

On August 14, 2006, from 1:30-5:30 pm, in Snowbird, UT, the Animal Behavior Society (ABS) will host a special session titled Primate Behavior Studies: Essential to Primate Welfare. This session will explore the relationship between a knowledge of primate behavior and the ability to provide for the welfare of primates, both in the wild and in captivity. The session will be held in memory of Dr. Sylvia Taylor, an active ABS member and the primate field specialist for the USDA, APHIS, AC at the time of her unexpected death in January, 2005. The session will bring together people from the fields of primatology, ethology, conservation biology, and applied animal behavior, along with anyone else interested in primate behavior and/or welfare, for a discussion forum in which all can work together to improve our knowledge and care of the animals which Sylvia loved. Single-day registration will be available for those who want to attend only this session of the ABS meeting. Additional information on both Sylvia and the primate session may be found at: <http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABSCentralOffice/sylviataylorsession/>.

The initial talk (keynote talk) of the session will address the relationship between understanding behavior and providing for welfare; e.g., primate (both human and nonhuman) behavior must be understood to ensure adequate habitat is maintained in the wild and adequate care is provided in captivity, and applied behavioral (and communication) studies can help determine what is important to captive primate welfare. This talk will also include a discussion of current primate communication studies. The next few talks will address research in other applied behavioral aspects of captive primate welfare; e.g., training primates to cooperate with necessary veterinary procedures, conditioning primates to decrease aggression in social housing situations, and using consumer demand types of studies to determine the preferences of captive primates for various husbandry alternatives and enrichment methods. Following these four talks, there will be a panel discussion forum on the interaction of applied behavior

studies and primate welfare.

The next series of talks will address what is known and what still needs to become known with regard to primate behavior in three common captivity situations and in the wild. The three captivity situations to be addressed are the research/dealer facilities, the zoos (and other exhibitors), and the sanctuaries. There will then be a panel discussion forum on these four topics, followed by a panel discussion forum with all eight speakers. Audience participation in these discussions will be highly encouraged.

While the Animal Behavior Society has graciously agreed to host this special session in Sylvia's memory, it is not providing any additional funding to underwrite the appearance of the speakers. Donations are being sought to ensure that all of the speakers will be available to make their planned presentations. Individuals who wish to make donations in Sylvia's memory are welcome to contribute to the funding of this session. It is hoped that the proceedings of this session will be published, and it is planned to recognize all donors if such proceedings do become available, unless a donor wishes to remain anonymous. Any funds collected in excess of the expenses of producing the special session and the proceedings will be used to fund a research grant in Sylvia's honor. More information on the request for donations is available at the website listed above.

Although the speaker list remains tentative until funding for the session has been obtained, the speakers currently planned for the session, by topic, are listed below:

**Sue Savage-Rumbaugh:** Keynote/Communication Studies

**David Seelig:** Social Housing

**Gail Laule:** Veterinary Procedure Conditioning

**Steve Schapiro:** Consumer Demand Studies

**Kate Baker:** Enrichment at Primate Research Centers

**Linda Brent:** Sanctuaries

**Donald Lindburg:** Zoos

**Elizabeth Lonsdorf:** Conservation Biology

# Proposed Bylaws Change

This proposed by-laws change is intended to correct an oversight that occurred when we changed the date in which dues were collected from August 1st (beginning of the fiscal year) to January 1<sup>st</sup> (beginning of the calendar year). Current wording states members are in default if dues are not paid by a period of four months from the “*beginning of the fiscal year.*” Since we made the change to calendar year, in order for the by-laws to be consistent they need to be changed to read a member will be in default if dues are not paid from the “*beginning of the calendar year.*” Here is the actual wording of the bylaws and the proposed changes:

## Current Wording:

### 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.
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.

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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 **calendar year**, his or her membership will be terminated.

This change will be voted on at the annual meeting of AVSAB, in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association Conference in Honolulu on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

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## Attention Early Puppy Education Instructors

The Purdue University Animal Behavior Clinic is conducting an online survey to determine current techniques for early puppy education services in the US and abroad. Your experience and insight is essential in gathering current information pertaining to Puppy Class curriculum, structure and instructor compensation. An online survey can be completed April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 from the Animal Behavior Clinic website at [www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior).

Results will be accumulated and reported in a future publication.

Please visit [www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/pages/research/index.htm](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/pages/research/index.htm) to complete and submit the survey. Contact Jessica Harding, R.V.T at [jharding@purdue.edu](mailto:jharding@purdue.edu) with questions or comments.

Your assistance in this important project is greatly appreciated.

## Penn State On-Line Behavior Survey

I am recruiting volunteers to complete an on-line survey investigating the social, environmental and behavioral factors that might contribute to the longevity and health of dogs. This 99 question survey is being conducted through the Penn State Departments of Biobehavioral Health and Dairy and Animal Sciences. Participants must have owned a dog that has died or been put to sleep within the last 5 years. Those interested can log on to [www.psychdata.com](http://www.psychdata.com) and request survey #10135. In order to have meaningful results, we need a large sample size, so please encourage friends, clients, coworkers, etc., to participate. Also feel free to post this on any list-servs or web-sites that you may be associated with (and send me a note letting me know where it is posted for IRB information). Please contact **Dr. Nancy Dreschel** ([nad5@psu.edu](mailto:nad5@psu.edu)) with any questions or comments.

## Call for Case Reports, Continuing Education and Textbook Reviews

We can't all be exposed to the wealth of behavior information that is available. There are some excellent CE opportunities, behavior text and references as well as published case histories. It would be a great benefit to our members to have brief reviews of talks, books and cases to be printed in the newsletter.

Whenever you attend a seminar, see an interesting case or read a newly available behavior text, consider sharing your experience with your colleagues. Write a brief review and send it to me via email or snail mail. Thanks much in advance.

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# Websites Related to Animal Behavior



*This is not an inclusive list, nor by listing these websites does AVSAB endorse their products or services (except, of course, the AVSAB website!!)*

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## New Sites for This Issue

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<http://vein.library.usyd.edu.au/links/behaviour.html>

The University of Sydney Veterinary Education and Information Network (VEIN) was launched at the beginning of May, 2001. VEIN is an information service for veterinary and animal scientists, and allied animal health professionals, with a focus on access to high quality information and lifelong learning in the 21st Century knowledge economy. Services are provided on and off the Web. VEIN is of particular relevance to professionals based in Australasia.

<http://asab.nottingham.ac.uk/>

Association for the Study of Animal Behavior

[www.assab.org/](http://www.assab.org/)

Australasian Society for the Study of Animal Behavior

[www.applied-ethology.org](http://www.applied-ethology.org)

The International Society for Applied Ethology

<http://web.unbc.ca/isbe/index.htm>

International Society for Behavioral Ecology

[www.bga.org/](http://www.bga.org/)

Behavior Genetics Association

The purpose of the Behavior Genetics Association is to promote scientific study of the interrelationship of genetic mechanisms and behavior, both human and animal; to encourage and aid the education and training of research workers in the field of behavior genetics; and to aid in the dissemination and interpretation to the general public of knowledge concerning the interrelationship of genetics and behavior, and its implications for health and human development and education.

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## Organizations

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[www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us)

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

[www.dacvb.com](http://www.dacvb.com)

American College of Veterinary Behaviorists

[www.svbt.org](http://www.svbt.org)

Society of Veterinary Behavior Technicians

[www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)

Delta Society

[www.animalbehavior.org](http://www.animalbehavior.org)

Animal Behavior Society

[www.apdt.com](http://www.apdt.com)

Association of Pet Dog Trainers

[www.apbc.org.uk](http://www.apbc.org.uk)

Association of Pet Behaviour Counselors

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## Animal Welfare and Human-Animal Bond

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[www.censhare.umn.edu/](http://www.censhare.umn.edu/)

Center to Study Human-Animal Relationships and Environment, University of Minnesota

<http://members.aol.com/guyh7/aahabv.htm>

The American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians

[www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/Animal\\_Alternatives/main.htm](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/Animal_Alternatives/main.htm)

University of California Center for Animal Alternatives

<http://animalwelfare.ucdavis.edu/>

University of California Center for Animal Welfare

[www.soton.ac.uk/~azi/azi.htm](http://www.soton.ac.uk/~azi/azi.htm)

Anthrozoology Institute, University of Southampton

[www.tufts.edu/vet/cfa/confsems.html](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/cfa/confsems.html)

Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy

[www.vet.purdue.edu/depts/vad/cae/](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/depts/vad/cae/)

Purdue University, Center for the Human Animal Bond

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## University Websites

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[www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/main.htm](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/main.htm)

University of California Center for Companion Animal Behavior

[www.vet.cornell.edu/abc/](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/abc/)

Cornell University Behavior Service

[www.vet.uga.edu/erc/behavior/index.htm](http://www.vet.uga.edu/erc/behavior/index.htm)

University of Georgia Applied Animal Behavior

[www.cvm.umn.edu](http://www.cvm.umn.edu)

University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine (has Behavior Service)

[www.vet.upenn.edu/cias/](http://www.vet.upenn.edu/cias/)

University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society

[www2.vet.upenn.edu/labs/equinebehavior/](http://www2.vet.upenn.edu/labs/equinebehavior/)

University of Pennsylvania Equine Behavior Lab

[www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/)

Purdue University Animal Behavior Clinic

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## Products

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[www.gentleleader.com/](http://www.gentleleader.com/)

Gentle Leader

[www.kongcompany.com](http://www.kongcompany.com)

Kong toys

[www.ah.novartis.com/](http://www.ah.novartis.com/)

Novartis Animal Health

[www.premier.com](http://www.premier.com)

Premier Pet Products

[www.clickertraining.com](http://www.clickertraining.com)

Karen Pryor's website on clicker training

[www.webtrail.com/petbehavior/](http://www.webtrail.com/petbehavior/)

BehavioRx Pet Behavior Systems

# Upcoming Behavioral Meetings

March 18 – 22, 2006

## American Animal Hospital Association

Long Beach, CA  
Gary Landsberg, Andrew Luescher  
Contact: [www.aahanet.org/yearly\\_conference/Long\\_Beach/](http://www.aahanet.org/yearly_conference/Long_Beach/)

April 7 – April 8, 2006

## Addressing Canine Behavior Challenges: Solutions for the Real World

Boston, MA  
For all members of the behavior team, veterinarians, technicians, behaviorists, trainers and owners!  
Speakers: Dr. Nicholas H Dodman, Mr. Brian Kilcommons, Dr. Alice Moon-Fanelli; Contact: Continuing Education Dept. 508-887-4723; [susan.brogan@tufts.edu](mailto:susan.brogan@tufts.edu), web site: [www.tufts.edu/vet/continedu](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/continedu)

April 8-9, 2006

## Taking the Bite Out of Canine Aggression: The behavioral, bond, and physiological

New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animals Learning Center, Stratham, New Hampshire  
Myrna Milani  
Components underlying normal and inappropriate canine behavior.  
Contact: Susan T. Carney  
[scarney@nhspca.org](mailto:scarney@nhspca.org)  
Manager of Behavior and Training Programs  
603-772-2921 ext 112  
[www.nhspca.org.training/classes.html](http://www.nhspca.org.training/classes.html)

June 8-11, 2006

## Pet Dog Training: Practical Application Of Learning Theory

Center for Applied Animal Behavior  
San Diego, California  
Ian Dunbar  
Many pet dog trainers and dog

behavior problem counselors are still struggling to achieve an optimal balance between education and experience, between the use of rewards and punishments, and between making training fun yet still producing precise and reliable results in timely fashion. None of these variables, techniques, or goals need be, nor should be, mutually exclusive. Indeed, this four-day seminars will present a comprehensive training program that provides the quickest and easiest route for pet owners to produce a good-natured, well-behaved, and mannerly pet dog.  
[www.jamesandkenneth.com](http://www.jamesandkenneth.com)

June 17 – 20

## The tenth annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (SBN) Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

Pittsburg, PA  
Being held Saturday June 17 through Tuesday June 20 at the Marriott Pittsburgh City Center in downtown Pittsburgh, PA, and has been planned to immediately precede and integrate with the 6th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology being held at the new Pittsburgh convention center. Expanding on the tradition of the Conference on Reproductive Behavior (CRB), established over 30 years ago, the SBN meeting fosters interactions among scientists interested in the neuroendocrine, social, and environmental factors that regulate reproduction, aggression, affiliation, ingestion, learning and memory. In addition, the meeting promotes interactions with neuroendocrinologists using multi-disciplinary and comparative approaches that study these behavioral endpoints. The scientific program will be composed of sessions of invited speakers integrated with contributed short talks and poster presentations.  
[www.sbn.org/Meeting/2006](http://www.sbn.org/Meeting/2006)  
[gibbsr@pitt.edu](mailto:gibbsr@pitt.edu)

July 2006

## Joint AVSAB/ACVB Paper Session AVMA Annual Meeting

Honolulu, HI  
[www.dacvb.org](http://www.dacvb.org)  
[www.avsab.us](http://www.avsab.us)

August 12 – 16, 2006

## Animal Behavior Society – Annual meeting

August 12-16, 2006  
Snowbird, UT, USA  
[www.animalbehavior.org/](http://www.animalbehavior.org/)

November 2 – 5, 2006

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August 15 – 23, 2007

## International Ethological Conference IEC 2007

Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

# American Veterinary Society Of Animal Behavior Membership Application

(Check one):  Renewal  New Member

If this is a renewal, is your address information on this form correct?

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Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Employment:

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Major interest in animal behavior:

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Academic Degrees, schools and dates:

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## I hereby apply for membership in the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

- \$40.00 Regular Membership. Open to veterinarians only.** Includes Newsletter, Yahoo Group and registration for annual meeting (voting privileges included).
- \$40.00 Affiliate Membership. Open to non-veterinarians who have been approved by the executive board.** To be considered for approval **you must have a Ph.D. in animal behavior or a closely related field** and be currently active in research and/or practice of applied animal behavior. Your curriculum vitae must accompany your application. You will be granted membership if approved by the board. Also includes newsletter, Yahoo group access and registration for annual meeting (voting privileges included). *Renewing affiliates who have not submitted a curriculum vita in the past 2 years, please submit one with renewal form.*
- \$7.50 Student Membership. Currently enrolled veterinary students.** Includes newsletter, Yahoo group access and registration for annual meeting (no voting privileges).
- \$30.00 Quarterly Newsletter** Subscription only (no voting privileges).
- \$10.00** Additional fee for membership or subscriptions outside North America.

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## I agree to abide by the principles of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of faculty if a student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

May we release your name to the public for referrals?  Yes  No

➡ **Return to: Lisa Radosta DVM, 3 Fox Valley Lane, Glen Mills, PA 19342.** For questions, email Dr. Radosta at [avsabe@yahoo.com](mailto:avsabe@yahoo.com).