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## President's Message

I hope everyone has had a happy, healthy, prosperous summer. Even though it seems like I just saw you all in Nashville, it's time to start thinking about Denver. I am pleased to announce that the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) will have their first annual paper presentation session at the 2003 AVMA meeting in Denver. Diplomates of the ACVB and individuals who have completed or are currently in ACVB-approved residency training programs are invited to submit abstracts for this by the *November 1* deadline. This session is tentatively scheduled for the Sunday evening prior to the AVSAB paper and poster sessions on Monday, and will likely include a dinner. In order to simplify the registration process for both meetings, AVSAB members will be able to register for one or both meetings on a single registration form, which members will receive with their March newsletters. We are excited about this cooperative effort and the opportunity to expand the quantity and quality of behavior continuing education at the annual AVMA meeting. The deadline for submission of abstracts for the AVSAB paper and poster sessions is *December 1*.

I would like to again thank our sponsors: Premier Pet Products for the delicious lunch buffet, Doskocil Manufacturing for the audiovisual support and poster board rental, Veterinary Pharma-

cies of America for our morning snacks and beverages, Novartis Animal Health and Premier Pet Products for sponsorship of the student award, and Novartis Animal Health for providing brochures, newsletters, and our booth display. I would also like to offer sincere congratulations to Dr. R.K. Anderson and Ruth Foster for their accomplishments, and a very special thank you to Sharon Bennett and everyone at Premier for such a lovely tribute. And to the speakers, poster presenters, Executive Board members, poster judges, booth volunteers, and everyone who assisted with the meeting – THANK YOU. I would also like to congratulate Drs. Michelle Posage and Terry Marie Curtis for their poster presentation awards.

Due to the length of the proceedings notes from the AVSAB meeting in Nashville, they will not be published in the newsletter. However, you can still purchase a copy of the AVSAB 2002 Meeting Proceedings by sending a check made out to "AVSAB" for \$15 to Dr. Feldman.

Please renew your membership by paying your dues for 2002-2003. Any members who have not paid by November 1 will be removed from the database and will not receive a December newsletter.

Keep grinning and wagging your tails.

Lynne

## ACVB Paper Session Announced

The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) is pleased to announce that it will hold its first scientific paper session at next year's AVMA meeting in Denver. Papers will be presented by college diplomates and residents and will be open to all conference attendees. The meeting will be coordinated with the paper and poster session of the AVSAB, with plans to hold the

college paper session on Sunday night and the AVSAB meeting on Monday (based on room availability). In effect, the combined sessions of ACVB and AVSAB will provide a full day and a half of continuing education of research and advancements in the field of veterinary behavior. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters. See you in Denver in 2003!

# Thanks To Our Sponsors!

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior would like to thank the following companies for their help in sponsoring our 2002 Annual Meeting in Nashville:



**Novartis Animal Health U.S., Inc.,**  
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**Doskocil Manufacturing/Petmate®**  
[www.petmate.com](http://www.petmate.com) – Sponsor of the paper presentations (audiovisual equipment) and poster presentations.



**Premier Pet Products**  
[www.gentleleader.com](http://www.gentleleader.com) – Sponsor for the buffet luncheon and poster reception, and sponsor in part for the Student Award for Excellence in Behavior Research.

And thank you to the following companies for donations of products for our raffle and awards:



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## Gentle Leader Event Recap

In honor of 1,000,000 dogs in the U.S. wearing the headcollar  
Sunday, July 14, 2002, Nashville, TN

Don't know how we successfully pulled off the surprise for Ruth and R.K, but we did it!!! (Even when the AVMA inadvertently listed the tribute dinner in the conference program schedule). R.K. had absolutely no idea about the celebration. And, when he saw the crowd of people at the reception, his first thought was "this couldn't be a belated birthday party, could it?" When he learned of the true reason for the event, he was thrilled with all the people who gathered to honor the Gentle Leader. He was shocked and happy to also see his family in the crowd.

Ruth knew there was some sort of Gentle Leader meeting but had no idea what was in store. The fact that her entire family and more than 100 friends and colleagues came to show their support of the Gentle Leader astounded her!

After drinks and appetizers, the event kicked off with music and a presentation on a giant 17-foot screen with lots of fun photos of dogs playing, sleeping, swimming and even "doing their business" wearing their Gentle Leaders. Sharon Bennett, Premier's Founder & CEO, welcomed everyone and invited the crew to enjoy their meal. During dessert, Sharon shared a couple greetings from the many letters and videos sent in by those who couldn't make it to Nashville. Sharon also introduced Kojiro Ito, the distributor and promoter for Gentle Leader in for Japan, who had flown all the way from Tokyo just to be with R.K. and Ruth for the event (and later presented them a gift of beautiful kimonos). She then read two moving letters from dog owners whose relationships with their dogs were saved because of the Gentle Leader.

Next, Sharon introduced several friends and colleagues who shared inspiring stories of Ruth and R.K.'s dedication to dogs and their owners. Featured speakers included: Kay Terry, Patent Attorney and Alpha-M Board Member; Julie Jackson, Training and Behavior Education Manager, Premier Pet Products; Dr. Gary Landsberg, Veterinary Behaviorist, Doncaster Animal Clinic; Dr. Patricia Olson, Director of Canine Health and Training, Guide Dogs for the Blind; Terry Ryan, AKC Judge, Author and Trainer; Dr. Karen Overall, Veterinary Behaviorist, University of Pennsylvania.

Then Premier's President Evan Wooton astounded everyone by announcing that the Smithsonian Institution had chosen to include the Gentle Leader in its new exhibit "Inventions at Play," opening July 19th. He talked about how the Gentle Leader has joined the ranks of other great inventions that have revolutionized many aspects of daily life, including Post-In Notes, the telephone, Velcro and the microwave oven. The exhibition highlights great inventors, their creative stories and their inventions. The exhibition is in the National Museum of American History and runs through December.

Evan and Sharon presented Ruth and R.K. with a specially commissioned bronze sculpture in honor of their wonderful invention, and to commemorate over 1,000,000 Gentle Leaders distributed through Premier. Ruth and R.K. closed the event by expressing their gratitude to everyone for the personal and professional support they've received over the years. And R.K. still couldn't believe everyone pulled off the surprise!

We wish you the very best and thank you for your continued support of Gentle Leader. And, thank you for making the evening so special for Ruth and R.K.

# Premier Pet Products Hosts Dinner Celebration to Honor Gentle Leader Inventors

The innovative headcollar is now worn by 1,000,000 dogs in the U.S.

Premier Pet Products, makers of the Gentle Leader Headcollar, hosted a dinner on Sunday, July 14, at the American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference to honor Gentle Leader co-inventors Dr. R.K. Anderson and Ruth Foster. One million dogs are now wearing the product in America.

“Thanks to R.K. and Ruth, a million dogs are better-behaved family members,” says Sharon Bennett, CEO of Premier Pet Products. “These two individuals are literally saving dogs’ lives by providing owners a valuable training tool. Most people don’t realize that behavior problems are the number one reason why people surrender their dogs to shelters. We are proud to celebrate R.K. and Ruth’s commitment to strengthening the bond between people and their dogs.”

In the 1980’s, Anderson and Foster joined forces to accomplish a common goal: to develop a tool to help people control their dogs in a humane way that didn’t choke the dogs like traditional choke chain or prong collars. With combined veterinary medicine, obedience training and shelter operation experience of more than fifty years, they brainstormed numerous ideas and tested many prototypes before landing on the answer. Their solution was a headcollar which not only removed the painful pressure from the front of the dog’s throat, it also corrected unwanted lunging and jumping. They named their new invention the “Gentle Leader Headcollar.”

The reason the Gentle Leader headcollar has made such an impact in the training arena is its unique appeal to both owners and their dogs. The Gentle Leader prevents “pulling” on the leash by allowing people to gently steer a dog’s head like a horse halter does by controlling the animal’s nose and head. And, the placement of the nose loop and neck strap eliminates the uncomfortable pressure of a traditional collar on the dog’s throat.

The headcollar has two soft nylon



*Ruth Foster and Dr. R.K. Anderson (right) receiving a specially commissioned bronze sculpture from Premier’s President Evan Wootton and Sharon Bennett, Premier’s Founder & CEO.*

straps – the neck strap portion fits high and snugly at the back of the neck above the windpipe and the other portion loops loosely around the nose behind the corners of the mouth.

“The single most important tool for keeping dogs alive in this country is the Gentle Leader headcollar. It is more effective at retaining a relationship between dog and owner than any product, at any price,” says Gary Wilkes, Dog Trainer, Pioneer Clicker Trainer. “In my honest estimation, Dr. R.K. Anderson and Ruth Foster have saved more lives than all of the shelters put together.”

Pioneering the positive reinforcement training, Anderson and Foster developed the Gentle Leader headcollar in the 1980’s. Now the product is worn by a million dogs in the U.S. With overseas partners, the product is also distributed and licensed in Canada, Europe, South America, Australia, Japan, South Africa and the Middle East.

“The thousands of thank you letters we receive from grateful dog owners are a true testament to the effectiveness of R.K. and Ruth’s invention,” comments Erica Trout Premier’s Gentle Leader Product Manager. “The Gentle Leader is really catching on among caring dog owners.”

At the July 14<sup>th</sup> tribute dinner honoring both Anderson and Foster, the featured speakers included: Sharon Bennett, CEO, Premier Pet Products; Terry Ryan, AKC Judge, Author and Trainer; Dr. Gary Landsberg, Veterinary Behaviorist, Doncaster Animal Clinic; Dr. Karen Overall, Veterinary Behaviorist, University of Pennsylvania; Julie Jackson, Training and Behavior Education Manager, Premier Pet Products; Dr. Patricia Olson, Director of Canine Health and Training, Guide Dogs for the Blind; Kay Terry, Patent Attorney and Alpha-M Board Member; and Evan Wootton, President, Premier Pet Products.

To celebrate the contributions of Anderson and Foster, a one-time, silver Honorary Edition of the Gentle Leader will be given out to all dinner guests.

Headquartered in Richmond, VA, Premier Pet Products was founded by pet people for pet people. Bringing joy to millions of people and their pets, Premier manufactures and distributes innovative pet products to thousands of trainers, veterinarians and retail stores around the world. Its products are widely recommended by leading trainers and veterinarians.

# Gentle Leader Dog Collar and Its Inventors Featured In New Smithsonian Exhibition

**Dr. R.K. Anderson and Ms. Ruth Foster are recognized for their legendary discovery**

**WASHINGTON D.C., July 19**

What do the inventors of the Gentle Leader headcollar, Post-it Notes, Velcro and the microwave oven have in common? Play! “Invention at Play” the latest exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History showcases the influence of child-like “play” on the creative mind. The exhibition highlights the stories and creations of numerous innovators including the co-inventors of the Gentle Leader headcollar: Dr. R.K. Anderson and Ms. Ruth Foster. The exhibition opens July 19 and continues through December.

“Invention at Play is an interactive exhibition that celebrates creative skills

that are really accessible to all people,” said Arthur Molella, center director. “Dr. R.K. Anderson and Ms. Ruth Foster are wonderful examples of inventors who played around with dog collar ideas by examining how wild dogs control their young in nature.”

“While R.K. and Ruth had an amazing background in science and animal behavior, that’s not the sole factor that lead them to discover the Gentle Leader,” comments Dr. Karen Overall, Board-Certified Veterinary Behaviorist, University of Pennsylvania. “It was their tireless determination to find a more humane training collar that didn’t cause dogs to choke or gag. They did not give up until they came up with a tool that worked with the dog’s natural instincts to control unwanted behaviors.”

Anderson, and Foster, “played” with various materials and prototype collars for five years until they landed on the training tool that is today called the “Gentle Leader,” now the leading headcollar recommended by trainers and veterinarians.

The principle behind the Gentle Leader headcollar is one that allows owners to communicate with their pet in a way that dogs instinctively understand. The nose loop encircles the dog’s muzzle and applies light pressure in the same manner in which the lead dogs naturally communicate with dogs lower in rank. Because of the placement of the nose loop, the dog immediately understands his place in the hierarchy. The

dog considers the owner his leader.

The collar has two soft nylon straps — the neck strap portion fits high and snugly at the back of the neck above the windpipe and the other portion loops loosely around the nose behind the corners of the mouth.

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comfortable pressure of a traditional collar on the dog’s neck.

“Ruth and R.K.’s legendary invention has contributed to making a 1,000,000 dogs more well-behaved family members.” says Premier Pet Products CEO Sharon Bennett. “We are proud to be able to provide people with such a valuable training tool.”

The “Invention at Play” exhibition will travel to a number of sites across the United States after its run at the museum. For more information, call 202-357-1593. Other featured inventors and their creative stories include: Stephanie Kwolek, the chemist who invented Kevlar; Newman Darby, inventor of the sailboard; and Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone.

The story of the Gentle Leader and its inventors can be found in the exhibition section called “Borrowed from Nature.” The Smithsonian’s Lemelson Center is located in the National Museum of American History, 14 Street and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C.

The Gentle Leader is the number one headcollar endorsed by veterinarians and trainers. It is manufactured by Premier Pet Products, headquartered in Richmond, VA. Founded by pet people for pet people, Premier manufactures and distributes innovative and humane pet products to thousands of trainers, veterinarians and retail stores around the world.

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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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## Organizations

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[www.avma.org/avsab](http://www.avma.org/avsab)

American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

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

American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (still under construction)

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

Fat Cat, Inc.

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

Karen Pryor's website on clicker training

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF AVSAB

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**Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee  
July 14, 2002**

- 1) Dr. Lynne Seibert called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.
- 2) The minutes were approved as circulated.
- 3) Dr. Steve Feldman read the treasurer's report.
  - a) Checking: \$4,000.00. C/D \$20,000.00.
  - b) See addendum for proposed budget for the fiscal year 8-01-02 to 7-31-03. This budget assumes continued corporate sponsorship.
- 4) There were no other officer's reports.
- 5) Reports of standing committees:
  - a) Dr. Margaret Duxbury reported on the Program committee. She thanked Drs. Flannigan, Derr and Ricoh for their help as judges.
    - i) This year there was a submission deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup>. This enables the agenda to be published in JAVMA prior to the annual AVMA conference.
    - ii) There will again be a December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the meeting in Denver.
  - b) Dr. Lynne Seibert reported on the booth committee.
    - i) The booth was almost completely covered this year.
    - ii) The Denver AVMA conference is the only one that the booth will be at in 2003.
  - c) Dr. John Ciribassi reported on the student award committee.
    - i) He said that there was an impressive student submission this year.
    - ii) There was a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for 2002 with an extension of one month.
    - iii) The deadline will be April 1<sup>st</sup> for next year. There will be no extension.
    - iv) The submission procedure will be the same for 2003.
    - v) The procedure and deadline date will be published on the website, in the newsletter and emailed to veterinary schools.
  - d) Dr. Margaret Duxbury reported on the student chapters
    - i) There were 4 student chapters in 2001. In 2002, there are 6 or 7.
    - ii) University of Minnesota has an active chapter.
    - iii) Student chapters will be eligible for a service award, the parameters of which will be decided later.
    - iv) The proceeds of the raffle this year will go to this award.
    - v) She reported that some advisors have let their membership lapse. She asked that all advisors return the information for current membership when required.
  - e) Dr. Steve Feldman requested help with the registration committee.
  - f) Dr. Debra Horwitz reported that there was nothing to report in regards to the public relations committee.
  - g) Dr. Jaqui Neilsen reported that there were four new members to the American College of Veterinary Behavior. They include: Dr. Melissa Bain, Dr. Marsha Reich, Dr. Pat Pryor, and Dr. Lynne Seibert. There are now 30 members of the ACVB. She also reported that Dr. Bonnie Beaver, the executive director of ACVB is also the president elect of the AVMA.
  - h) Dr. Horwitz reported that the International meeting committee sold all additional proceedings except three. It is still possible to purchase from the UFAW.
- 6) Unfinished Business
  - a) Proposal 1 : Move the dues date from August to January
    - i) Dues paid in August would be good until January two years later.
    - ii) In January of 2005, the regular annual dues would apply and be due in January thereafter.
    - iii) Memberships overdue by four months or more would be terminated.
    - iv) April would be the new due date for renewed memberships before being terminated.
    - v) Dr. Laurie Bergman made a motion to adopt the proposal. Dr. John Ciribassi seconded.
    - vi) Motion passed unanimously.
  - b) Proposal 2:

- i) Add to the by-laws the guidelines for creating the annual budget.
  - ii) Dr. Kathy Meyer made a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Terry Curtis seconded.
  - iii) There was a standing vote and the motion passed unanimously.
  - c) Proposal 3:
    - i) Reincorporating in Illinois
    - ii) Dr. Amy Marder volunteered to research the issue. Can AVMA serve as an agent? Is it possible to purchase hours from AVMA in exchange for agent status?
    - iii) Dr. Bonnie Beaver is the in-state volunteer in Texas at this time.
- 7) General Orders
- a) Proposed Changes to the Constitution :
    - i) Article VII, section 2 shall read: Amendments to this constitution may be approved using mail in ballots only if there is unanimous approval of the proposed amendments by all voting members of the Society.
      - (1) Standing vote. Two-thirds majority. The amendment passes.
    - ii) Article VII, Section 3 shall read: Motions to amend proposed constitutional amendments may not introduce any new changes outside the scope of the original notice given prior to the meeting.
      - (1) Dr. Nicole Hird made a motion to accept the amendment. Dr. Tracy Kroll seconded the motion.
      - (2) In favor: 44, Opposed: 4. The motion passes.
    - iii) Article VII, Section 4 shall read: Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be in concordance with the legal statutes of the state of incorporation of the Society. Amendments can be generated by any of the following methods: a) decision of the Executive Board, b) support of 10% of the voting membership, c) majority support at the annual meeting.
      - (1) Dr. John Ciribassi made a motion to accept the amendment. Dr. Amy Marder seconded the motion.
      - (2) Unanimous vote. Motion passes.
  - b) Proposed changes to By-Laws
    - i) Article II, Section 2 shall read: Regular members shall submit evidence of a veterinary medical degree with membership application.
      - (1) Dr. Tynes made a motion to accept the proposal. It was seconded.
      - (2) Standing vote. Vote was unanimous. The motion passed.
    - ii) Article II, Section 3 shall read: Affiliate membership requires the following: a) doctoral (PhD) degree in animal behavior, or a related discipline, from an accredited college or university, b) formal request to the Executive

Board for affiliate membership, c) submission of a curriculum vita along with application, d) majority vote of the Executive Board of the Society, e) proper payment of dues, f) Affiliate memberships established prior to 2002 require graduate educational training in animal behavior, or a related discipline from an accredited college or university. Members given affiliate status prior to 2002 shall retain their memberships so long as they comply with the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Principles of Ethics as may be adopted by the Society, or until such time that there is lapse in the payment of dues, g) Non-veterinary members who were members in good standing of the Society prior to 1986 and became affiliate members at that time, shall retain affiliate membership status until such time that there is a lapse in the payment of dues or membership is terminated for other reasons, h) Any member (regular, affiliate, or student) who allows his/her membership to lapse through non-payment of dues must reapply for membership and meet the current requirements for membership of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society.

(1) Dr. Amy Marder made a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. John Ciribassi seconded the motion.

(2) In favor: 37, Opposed: 3. The motion passes.

iii) Article III, Section 1 shall read: A general meeting of the members shall be held each year. At least every other year, this meeting will coincide with the meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association. With a majority vote of the active membership, the annual meeting may be scheduled to occur at a time and location apart from the American Veterinary Medical Association meeting.

1) A motion was made to accept the proposal. Dr. John Ciribassi seconded the motion.

2) There was a standing vote and the motion passed unanimously.

iii) Article III, Section 3 shall read: The place of meeting for the annual meeting shall be at the same place at which the meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association is held each year, or an alternate location determined by majority vote of the active members.

1) Dr. John Ciribassi made a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Petra Mertens seconded the motion.

2) There was a standing vote and the motion passed unanimously.

iv) Article III, Section 5 shall read: Any action to be taken at a meeting of the members shall require a majority of the number of eligible members present and exercising their right to

vote.

- 1) Dr. Laurie Bergman made a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Melissa Bain seconded the motion.
- 2) Standing vote. The motion passed unanimously.
  - v) Article III, Section 7 shall be deleted from the By-laws
    - (1) Dr. Laurie Bergman made a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Melissa Bain seconded the motion.
    - (2) Standing vote. The motion passed unanimously.
  - vi) Article IX, Sections 1,2,3, shall read: 1. The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin in 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 express 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.
    - (1) Dr. Tracy Kroll made a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Laurie Bergman seconded the motion.
    - (2) Standing vote. The motion passed unanimously.
  - vii) Article X, Sections 1 and 2 shall read: 1) Annual dues of members shall be determined at the annual meeting. Any action taken shall require a 2/3 majority present who are eligible to vote. 2) Dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of August in each financial year. Starting January 2005 and thereafter, dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of January each year.
    - (1) A motion was made to accept the proposal. Dr. Laurie Martin seconded the motion.
    - (2) Standing vote. The motion passed unanimously.
  - viii) Article XII, Sections 2, 3 and 4 shall read: 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) Motions to amend proposed constitutional amendments may not introduce any new changes outside the scope of the original notice given prior to the meeting. 3) Proposed amendments to the By-laws must be in concordance with the legal statutes of the state of incorporation of the Society. Amendments can be generated by any of the following methods: a) decision of the Executive Board, b) support of 10% of the voting membership, c) majority support at the annual meeting.

- (1) Dr. Lore Haug made a motion to accept the amendment. Dr. Tracy Kroll seconded the motion.
- (2) Standing vote. Unanimous vote. Motion passes.

- 8) New Business
  - a) Appointment of new officers
    - i) Dr. Amy Marder - Immediate past President.
    - ii) Dr. Melissa Bain – president-elect
    - iii) Dr. Steve Feldman – Secretary- Treasurer
    - iv) Dr. Lisa Radosta – Recording Secretary
    - v) Dr. John Ciribassi – Member at Large
    - vi) Dr. Petra Mertens – Member at Large
  - b) Proposal to let executive board open up a general discussion with ACVB to coordinate plans at AVMA in order to expand the scientific meeting.
  - c) Motion to increase the annual membership dues.
    - i) The executive board voted to charge to cover the cost of the scientific meeting instead of increasing membership dues.
- 9) Committees
  - a) Program Committee
    - i) Margaret Duxbury – chair
    - ii) Reviewers: Dr. Lore Haug, Dr. Tracy Kroll, Dr. Janice Willard, Dr. Lorna Reichl, and Dr. Gerry Flannigan.
    - iii) Poster Judges: Dr. Amy Marder, Dr. Larry Myers, Dr. Terry Curtis, Dr. Traci Shreyer
  - b) Registration Committee: Dr. Steve Feldman – chair, Dr. Lisa Radosta, Dr. Tracy Kroll, Dr. Kathy Meyer, Dr. Valarie Tynes.
  - c) Booth Committee: Dr. Rolan Tripp – chair, Dr. Amy Marder, Dr. Petra Mertens.
  - d) Student Award Committee: Dr. John Ciribassi– chair, Dr. Laurie Bergman, Dr. Kathy Gove, Dr. Kathy Meyer, Dr. Nicole Hird.
  - e) Student Chapters: Dr. Petra Mertens – chair
    - i) Student chapter advisors need to be employed by the university and be an active AVSAB member.
    - ii) Requirements for student chapter advisors are to be printed in the September newsletter.
  - f) Newsletter committee:
    - i) Volunteers are needed to write an article or get other people to write articles.
    - ii) Dr. Kathy Meyer, Dr. Anne Beebe, Dr. Janice Willard to write articles.
  - g) Dr. Debra Horwitz is the liaison to the international meeting committee.
  - h) Listserv moderators : Dr. Steve Feldman, Dr. John Ciribassi.
- 10) Announcements
  - a) Dr. Nicole Hird said that the AAFP meeting on feline behavior in Tempe Arizona will be held on October 19-20.
- 11) A motion was made by Dr. Tracy Kroll to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Dr. John Ciribassi seconded it.
  - a) Meeting adjourned.

# AVSAB Committees

Committee chairpersons and the executive board would like to encourage participation in the following committees. The individuals listed below can be contacted for information about joining. Thank you to those individuals who have already volunteered to serve as chairpersons and committee members.

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## I. Program Committee

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Responsible for selection and organization of paper and poster presentations for annual meeting in conjunction with AVMA meeting. Our thanks go to Dr. Margaret Duxbury for her dedication in making this year's meeting educational and enjoyable.

**Chairperson:** Dr. Margaret Duxbury  
(mxduxbury1@yahoo.com)

**Reviewers:** Drs. Lore Haug, Tracy Kroll, Janice Willard, Lorna Reichl, and Gerry Flannigan.

**Poster Judges:** Drs. Amy Marder, Larry Myers, Terry Curtis, and Traci Shreyer

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## II. Registration Committee

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Responsible for organizing and assisting with registration for the annual meeting

**Chairperson:** Dr. Steve Feldman  
(avsabe@yahoo.com)

**Members:** Drs. Lisa Radosta, Dr. Tracy Kroll, Dr. Kathy Meyer, Dr. Valarie Tynes

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## III. Booth Committee

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Responsible for arranging for booth space at meetings, scheduling AVSAB members to work at booth, and providing materials for the booth. Our appreciation goes to Dr. Rolan Tripp for his work with the booth this past year.

**Chairperson:** Dr. Rolan Tripp  
(Rolan -Tripp@AnimalBehavior.net)

**Members:** Drs. Amy Marder and Petra Mertens

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## IV. Student Award Committee

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Responsible for publicizing and selecting the recipient of the AVSAB award for student excellence in behavior research to be awarded at the annual meeting. Our gratitude goes to Dr. John Ciribassi for his work on this committee this past year.

**Chairperson:** Dr. John Ciribassi (drjdvm@msn.com)

**Members/Reviewers:** Drs. Laurie Bergman, Kathy Gove, Kathy Meyer, and Nicole Hird

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## V. Student Chapters

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Responsible for providing guidelines for the development of new AVSAB student chapters, assisting current chapters and advisors, and keeping lists of current student members and officers. Student chapter advisors need to be employed by the university and be an active AVSAB member.

**Chairperson:** Dr. Petra Mertens  
(merte006@tc.umn.edu)

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## VI. Newsletter Committee

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Responsible for organizing newsletter contents and submitting articles for publication in the quarterly newsletter. Volunteers needed to submit articles for the newsletter.

**Chairperson:** Dr. Melissa Bain (mjbain@ucdavis.edu)

**Member:** Dr. Amy Marder. Drs. Kathy Meyer, Anne Beebe, and Janice Willard to write articles.

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## VII. International Meeting Committee

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**Chairperson:** Dr. Debra Horwitz is the liaison to the international meeting committee.

(DebHdvm@aol.com)

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## VIII. Listserv Moderators

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Drs. Steve Feldman (avsabe@yahoo.com) and John Ciribassi (drjdvm@msn.com)

# Clinical Residency in Veterinary Behavior at the University of Georgia

A three-year clinical residency in Veterinary Behavior will be available at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine beginning July 1, 2003. Pre-requisite is the DVM or equivalent and a 1-year clinical internship or equivalent. Previous clinical rotations and experience working with other board certified behaviorists, as well as coursework and continuing education in animal behavior and veterinary behavior are desirable.

The University of Georgia Behavior Residency program provides education and experience to qualify the individual to take the certification examination of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. The resident will also complete a MS degree by the end of the third year and has the option to continue after the 3-year residency and complete a PhD degree in addition. Formal coursework available includes Animal Cognition, Learning Processes, Biological Foundations of Behavior, Sensory Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Statistics in Psychological Research, Physiological Psychology, Comparative Psychology, Operant Conditioning, Classical Conditioning, Neuroanatomy for Behavioral Scientists, Sociobiology, Comparative Cognition, Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, Psychopharmacology, Neurophysiology, Advanced Clinical Pharmacology, Statistics, Primate Social Organization, Veterinary Behavior (numerous topics), Clinical Behavior, and other subjects. Specific courses selected

will depend on the residents' strengths and weaknesses at the time they begin the program, and their long-term career plans.

The Behavior Service operates full time on a year-round basis with the assistance of a full-time nurse. The resident will be expected to see a minimum of 400 cases, including dogs, cats, parrots, rabbits and horses. Food animal behavior and welfare will be studied through cooperation with the Dept. of Large Animal Medicine, the Department of Animal and Dairy Science and the Poultry Disease Research Center, which collectively have herds or flocks or beef cattle, dairy cattle, pigs, sheep and chickens. Llamas and goats can be studied at nearby privately owned farms.

The resident will be expected to complete a research project in basic or clinical domestic animal behavior and to submit that project to a refereed journal. The resident will also be expected to present their research to at least one annual meeting of the ACVB or AVSAB. Equipment available includes numerous video cameras (digital, 8mm and SVHS), and the Observer Video Analysis System, which will allow the resident to study details of their patients' and research subjects' behavior.

The resident will be expected to participate in teaching both didactic and clinical courses to sophomore, junior and senior veterinary students, and to participate in teaching Continuing Education courses to graduate veterinarians.

Continuation in the program from year-to-year is contingent on

satisfactory performance. Salary for the first year is \$24,850. Tuition is waived; however, student fees (currently about \$440 per semester), are the responsibility of the individual selected for the program. Professional liability insurance is provided, but health insurance is the responsibility of the individual. A Georgia Veterinary Practice License is required and can be obtained through the institutional employment licensing agreement after arrival.

The following are required for application for the position: a one-time \$50 application fee (for the graduate school), a graduate school application form, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, GRE scores not older than 5 years, statement of career goals and reasons for seeking this program, a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation. Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2002.

The University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia, in an area noted for its low cost of living. It is within easy driving distance of the Georgia coast, which has many barrier islands, some with populations of feral horses and/or pigs, the southern end of the Appalachian mountain chain, and Atlanta, a large metropolitan area.

For additional information, contact: Dr. Sharon Crowell-Davis, Department of Anatomy and Radiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602, Phone 706-542-8343, email: [scrowell@vet.uga.edu](mailto:scrowell@vet.uga.edu).

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# Residency Program in Behavior at the University of California, Davis

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This is a 3-year program, the overall objective of which is to provide the clinical experiences and learning opportunities sufficient to enable the resident to meet the requirements to sit the board examination of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB) while contributing to the clinical service and teaching programs of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at U.C. Davis. The specific objectives are outlined below.

A. Provide advanced training and skills in clinical animal behavior. This training will emphasize the diagnosis and treatment of problem and abnormal behavior of dogs and cats, as well as other domesticated and pet animals.

B. Provide clinical teaching experience of veterinary students rotating through the Behavior Service. This teaching experience will be in conjunction with other senior clinicians associated with the Service.

C. Provide experience in designing and implementing at least one and preferably two research projects in clinical animal behavior. This research experience will lead to at least one publication in an approved peer-reviewed journal that is first-authored by the resident. The resident may also engage in other research activities in collaboration with clinicians associated with the VMTH. The research is expected to be presented at House Officer Seminar Day.

D. Provide limited training in the diagnosis and treatment of cases in the Neurology Service and the Avian-Exotic Service by means of 2-week rotations through these Services. Experience in other Services (Medicine, Equine) may be arranged according to the interests and background of the resident.

E. Provide guidance in obtaining advanced knowledge regarding species-typical behavioral patterns, learning theory, concepts in ethology, role of the central nervous system in behavior, hormonal influences on behavior and behavioral pharmacology through auditing courses, participating in seminars and workshops, and self study.

The resident will spend approximately 65-75% of her or his time in the clinics. Duties will include the receiving, diagnosis, and therapy of behavior cases presented to two clinical centers; the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and the UC-Veterinary Medical Center in San Diego, under the supervision of, and in consultation with, the senior staff including at least two diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists. Over three years, it is expected the resident shall be responsible for about 400-600 cases. The resident is also expected to handle numerous telephone calls from veterinary practitioners seeking consultations.

Twenty-five percent of the resident's time will be spent in rounds and seminars, attendance at relevant courses and other self-study, and in clinical research. The residency is

intended to prepare the resident to sit the board examination of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

The Behavior Service has operated as an independent service for over twenty years and has provided residency training for veterinarians who are now diplomates in ACVB.

The U.C. Davis campus is an ideal study center for residency training in behavior because of the intellectual resources available on campus in the area of basic animal behavior and the long-standing reputation of the School of Veterinary Medicine in research and teaching in clinical animal behavior. Residents will spend part of their time at the UC School of Veterinary medicine – San Diego Center as well as at UC Davis. U.C. Davis has more animal behaviorists (located in 11 departments in three schools and colleges) than any other campus in the world and has a world-renown Ph.D. graduate group program in animal behavior. The Animal Behavior Ph.D. program makes available coursework, seminars, and workshops that are a valuable resource in the training of residents in the basic discipline of animal behavior. The existence of a medical school makes advanced coursework in psychopharmacology and other relevant subjects available.

The applicant must have a DVM or equivalent degree from a veterinary educational institution approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association and must have completed a 1-year internship or equivalent. The residency program is three-years and usually begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year accepted.

The current salary for the first year of the residency program is \$34,752.00, with 16 hours of vacation accrued monthly. Continuation into the subsequent years is contingent upon satisfactory performance.

**Applicants must request and complete a special application form and submit it along with** (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a letter of intent, (3) transcripts from veterinary school(s), and (4) three letters of recommendation to: Resident Affairs Coordinator, Room 2019, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-8747. Although this residency program is not part of the Veterinary Internship/Residency Matching Program, selection will be in accordance with the guidelines of this program. Application deadline is December 10, 2002. You may visit the website for a full description at <http://www.vmeth.ucdavis.edu/vmeth/residency/sares>.

The University of California, Davis, and the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital are interested in candidates who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities, and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity.

All residents are strongly advised to obtain a California license within the first year of the residency.

# AVSAB Award for Student Excellence in Applied Animal Behavioral Research

**DEADLINE IS April 1st, 2003.**

Papers should be mailed to:

Dr. John Ciribassi  
1042 Mountain Glen Way  
Carol Stream, IL 60188  
630-231-5210  
drjdvm@msn.com

Papers must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a **current veterinary student**.
- The paper must be in the format for application to a scientific publication, i.e. it must have a cover page, an abstract, materials and methods, discussion and references.
- **Research must have been completed while in veterinary school.**
- The paper should not have been previously published, and not yet received final acceptance for publication in a journal prior to the submission deadline.
- Three copies are to be submitted to Dr. Ciribassi, typed, doubled spaced.

- Alternately, the paper can be submitted via email or computer disc as a Microsoft Word document. Send to the above address or email address.
- All identifying references to author, location, clinic or university must be deleted, except for on the cover page of the document.
- The winner must attend and present their paper at the AVSAB paper presentation session held in conjunction with the AVMA Annual meeting in Denver, CO on July 21, 2003. The award will be given at the AVSAB meeting after the winner presents their paper.

The recipient will be notified by May 15 prior to the AVMA Annual Meeting. An abstract of the award winning paper will be printed in the AVSAB newsletter. The cash portion of the award shall be a **\$1500.00** from which the student can be used to help defray the cost of attending the meeting. An abstract of the winning paper will be provided for the meeting attendees and printed in a subsequent issue of the AVSAB newsletter. If no suitable papers are submitted, the award will not be given.

## Call for Papers: 2003 Annual Scientific Symposium American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior

Deadline for Abstracts: December 1, 2002  
JULY 21, 2003 – DENVER, COLORADO USA

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

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

- Complete title of presentation
- Name(s) of author(s) including degrees and specialty board certifications, with the presenting author listed FIRST
- **Affiliation:** address of presenting author (street address, department, institution, city, state, zip code, country, office phone number, and email address)
- **Presentation format:** Paper only, Poster only, or Prefer paper, but will present as poster if not selected for paper presentation

- **Type of abstract:** Original research, Clinical report, Retrospective study, or Topic review. Please note that preference is typically given to original research proposals rather than review topics
- **Abstract:** minimum of 150 words, maximum of 500 words, single-spaced, 12 font: Proposals must consist of previously unpublished material

Submit abstracts to Dr. Margaret Duxbury, AVSAB Program Chair; 1299 South Shore Drive, Amery, WI 54001 USA email: [mduxbury1@yahoo.com](mailto:mduxbury1@yahoo.com)

If selected, only the person listed as primary author on the abstract can make the presentation. Please do not submit abstracts if you will not be in attendance at the meeting. In order to balance the program, the program committee may limit the number of presentations given by a single individual. Veterinary students interested in paper submission competition (Student Award for Excellence in Behavior Research) should contact Dr. John Ciribassi [drjdvm@msn.com](mailto:drjdvm@msn.com)

It is the responsibility of those submitting proposals to confirm receipt of material by the December deadline and to submit it in the proper format in order to receive full consideration. We look forward to seeing you all in Denver.

# Upcoming Meetings with Behavior Emphasis or Lectures on Animal Behavior

**September 5 – 8, 2002**

## **Equine behavior lectures – Dr. Robert M. Miller**

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

**September 12, 2002**

## **Buffalo Academy of Veterinary Medicine**

Buffalo, NY  
Contact: Steven Schulz, (716) 625-8145; Email  
[Sms73@cornell.edu](mailto:Sms73@cornell.edu); or Ann Hill (716) 839-1100; Email  
[drannhill@asah.net](mailto:drannhill@asah.net)

**September 12 – 15, 2002**

## **Tufts Animal Expo 2002 Boston, MA**

Many lectures on canine and feline behavior, behavior problems and treatment, and genetics of behavior. Also lectures on animal assisted therapy, animal shelter and rescue work, and dog training, as well as a Gentle Leader fitting workshop.

Contact: Susan Brogan, phone 800-642-2200; Website:  
[www.tuftsanimalexpo.com](http://www.tuftsanimalexpo.com); Email:  
[SBrogan@infonet.tufts.edu](mailto:SBrogan@infonet.tufts.edu)

**September 14 – 15, 2002**

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

Equine Behavior Lab at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine  
Social and reproductive behavior of equids - How horses communicate - Learning in horses - Behavior modification for common problems such as trailering, injection shyness - Stereotypies - cribbing, weaving, pacing, head shaking - Maternal and foal behavior and problems - Early intensive handling of foals - Discussion panel of experts on current products and methods of training and handling - Equine welfare - Current methods of veterinary behavior evaluation and therapy. Tour a Semi-feral Herd

\*May be filled up for September course, but there is a course in February, 2003.

Contact: Bonnie Millar, 610-444-5800, X2121; Email  
[millar@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:millar@vet.upenn.edu); Website <http://caltest.nbc.upenn.edu/behavior>

**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**

## **27<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Conference**

Tunis, Tunisia (in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea)

Animal Welfare - Pain Management - Ethics - Laboratory animal medicine - Neuropathology of Aged Animals  
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](mailto:conord.vet@planet.tn); Website: <http://worldvetunisia2002.com>

**September 25 – 29, 2002**

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

Portland, Oregon  
Attendees and speakers at the conference include veterinary behaviorists, veterinarians, psychologists, behaviorists, trainers, veterinary technicians, pet sitters, and a host of dog folks. Speakers include Drs. Nancy Curran, Myrna Milani, Karen Overall, Patricia McConnell, Pamela Reid, Donna Starita, Sophia Yin, a host of CPDT trainers, counselors, and people trainers.  
Contact: Phone: 916-443-3855; Website: [www.APDT.com](http://www.APDT.com)

**September 28 – 29, 2002**

## **Equine Behavior**

Reno, NV (University of Nevada-Reno)  
Content of Seminar: To present veterinarians, veterinary technicians, horse owners, and horse trainers with the most current information and research in equine behavior. Learning principles, training, routine management, and overcoming behavioral problems will be discussed. The goal is to provide the audience with information that will enable them to handle and treat their horses more safely and efficiently as well as manage and prevent common behavior problems.  
Contact: Becky Frankeny Phone 775-849-0120; Fax 775-849-3129; Email [fogsfolly@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fogsfolly@worldnet.att.net)

**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, Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW)**

Berlin, Germany  
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  
Contact: Phone: ++49-30-5168-201; Fax: ++49-30-5126-104; E-mail: [symposium@izw-berlin.de](mailto:symposium@izw-berlin.de); Website: [www.IZW-Berlin.de](http://www.IZW-Berlin.de).

**October 2, 2002**

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**European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology (ESVCE) Meeting – Anxiety in Companion Animals**

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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 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)

Contact: Dr Eva Biosca c/Numancia, 85-89 esc.b, 12-1<sup>a</sup> - E 08029 Barcelona Spain - Phone: 0034 93 322 35 27; E-mail: [ebios@vetpress.org](mailto:ebios@vetpress.org); Website: <http://www.esvce.org/meetings/granada-index.html>.

**October 3 – 6, 2002**

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

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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; E-mail: [secre@avepa.es](mailto:secre@avepa.es); Website: [www.avepa.es](http://www.avepa.es)

**October 6 – 10, 2002**

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**American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Annual Conference Milwaukee, WI**

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Morning session on October 7<sup>th</sup>: Behavior, Training, and Enrichment

Contact: Wilbur Armand, 6 North Pennell Road, Media, PA 19063; Phone 610-892-4812, Email: [aazv@aol.com](mailto:aazv@aol.com); Website: [www.aazv.org](http://www.aazv.org).

**October 11, 2002**

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**AVMA 2002 Animal Welfare Forum**

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Milwaukee, WI

Contact: AVMA, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Ste 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173; Phone 847-925-8070, ext 211; Website [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)

**October 9 – 13, 2002**

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**Wild West Veterinary Conference**

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Reno, Nevada

Small animal and equine behavior lectures  
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](mailto:mbobrow@earthlink.net); Website: [www.wildwestvc.com](http://www.wildwestvc.com)

**October 15 – 17, 2002**

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**Atlantic Coast Veterinary Conference**

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One day of small animal behavior by Dr. Vint Virga and one day of avian behavior by Dr. Ken Welle.

Contact: Atlantic City, NJ 08401 Atlantic City, NJ; Phone 973-379-1100; Website: [www.acvc.org](http://www.acvc.org); Email: [judyapaamc@earthlink.net](mailto:judyapaamc@earthlink.net)

**October 16, 2002**

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**Behavioural First-Aid: Handling & referring behaviour problems within a veterinary context**

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Presented by the APBC in association with CABTSG Sixways Conference Centre, Worcester Rugby Club, Worcester, England

Contact: APBC, PO BOX 46, Worcester, 9YS; Phone: 01386 751151; Fax: 01386 750743; E-mail: [apbc@petbcent.demon.co.uk](mailto:apbc@petbcent.demon.co.uk); Website: [www.apbc.org.uk/firstaid1.htm](http://www.apbc.org.uk/firstaid1.htm)

**October 19 – 22, 2002**

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**American Association of Feline Practitioners Fall Conference**

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Tempe, AZ

The focus of this meeting is Behavior of Cats. Speakers include Drs. Bonnie Beaver, Sharon Crowell-Davis, Karen Overall, Jaqui Neilson, and Peter Neville.

Contact: AAFFP/AFM, 200 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 900, Nashville, Tennessee 37219; Phone: 615/259-7788, 800/204-3514, fax 615/254-7047 or email [aafp@walkermgt.com](mailto:aafp@walkermgt.com). Website: [www.aafponline.org](http://www.aafponline.org)

**October 27, 2002**

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**Feline Behavior Problems**

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Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Understanding feline social behavior and communication, kitten development and problem prevention, feline housesoiling - diagnosing and management (including case workshops), feline compulsive disorder, feline aggression - diagnosing and management (including case workshops).  
Drs. Andrew Luescher and Sarah Heath

Contact: Phone: 765-494-7225; Website: [http://www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/pages/continuing\\_ed/seminar.htm](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/pages/continuing_ed/seminar.htm)

**November 2 – 3, 2002**

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**Update on Diagnosis and Treatment of Small Animal Behavior Problems: A Team Approach for Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians and Assistants**

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

Open to veterinarians and veterinary technicians  
Contact: Sandi Kilgo, Phone 706-542-1451, Website: <http://go-live.vet.uga.edu>; Email: [skilgo@vet.uga.edu](mailto:skilgo@vet.uga.edu)

**November 4, 2002**

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**Avian Behavior Master Course University of Georgia, Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA**

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Enrollment limited to 25 veterinarians

Contact: Sandi Kilgo, Phone 706-542-1451, Website: <http://go-live.vet.uga.edu>; Email: [skilgo@vet.uga.edu](mailto:skilgo@vet.uga.edu)

**November 9 – 10, 2002**

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**Two-day Course for Veterinarians, Stallion Owners and Managers Focusing on Concepts and Skills for Safe, Efficient Handling and General Management of Breeding Stallions**

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Equine Behavior Lab at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine  
Course is repeated in March, 2003  
Contact: Bonnie Millar, 610-444-5800, X2121; Email [millar@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:millar@vet.upenn.edu); Website <http://caltest.nbc.upenn.edu/behavior>

**January 4, 2003**

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**Alberta Veterinary Medical Association**

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Crowne Plaza, Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton  
Contact: [midge.landal@avma.abca](mailto:midge.landal@avma.abca)

**January 18 – 22, 2003**

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**The North American Veterinary Conference**

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Orlando, FL  
Small animal behavior lectures by Drs. Horwitz and Landsberg  
Contact: 4421 NW 39th Avenue, Bldg. 1-A, Gainesville, Florida, 32606; Telephone: 800-817-9928 U.S. and Canada; 01-352-375-5672 International; FAX 352-336-6827; Email: [info@navconline.com](mailto:info@navconline.com); Website [www.navconline.com](http://www.navconline.com)

**February 9 – 13, 2003**

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**Western Veterinary Conference**

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Las Vegas, NV  
Contact: 2425 East Oquendo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89120-2406; Phone 702-739-6698; Fax 702-739-6420; Email [info@westernveterinary.org](mailto:info@westernveterinary.org); Website [www.wvc.org](http://www.wvc.org)

**February 20 – 21, 2003**

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**Two-day Course for Veterinarians, Horse Professionals and Enthusiasts**

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Equine Behavior Lab at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine  
Social and reproductive behavior of equids - How horses communicate - Learning in horses - Behavior modification for common problems such as trailering, injection shyness - Stereotypies - cribbing, weaving, pacing, head shaking - Maternal and foal behavior and problems - Early intensive handling of foals - Discussion panel of experts on current products and methods of training and handling - Equine welfare - Current methods of veterinary behavior evaluation and therapy. Tour a Semi-feral Herd  
\* Registration due December 1, 2002; \$500  
Contact: Bonnie Millar, 610-444-5800, X2121; Email [millar@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:millar@vet.upenn.edu); Website <http://caltest.nbc.upenn.edu/behavior>

**March 15 – 16, 2003**

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**Two-day Course for Veterinarians, Stallion Owners and Managers Focusing on Concepts and Skills for Safe, Efficient Handling and General Management of Breeding Stallions**

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**April 3 – 6, 2003**

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**British Small Animal Veterinary Association**

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Main program: welfare section, dangerous dog legislation, electronic training aids. Behaviour section: compulsive disorders in canines, aging dogs, intraspecific aggression in canines, medical differential diagnosis for behavior cases, canine fears and phobias. Technician program.  
Contact: BSAVA Congress Office, Woodrow House, 1 Telford Way, Waterwells Business Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 4AB; Phone: 01452 726720; Fax: 01452 726701; International Phone: 44 1452 726720; International fax: 44 1452 726701; Email: [congress@bsava.com](mailto:congress@bsava.com); Website: [www.bsava.com](http://www.bsava.com)

**April 3, 2003**

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**Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy Study Group (CABTSG)**

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Emerging issues in behaviour and welfare  
Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, England  
Contact: Mrs. P. Appleby, Interface, Hillside, Upper Street, Defford, Worcs WR8 9AB; Phone: 01386 750534; Fax 01386 750743; Email [Pauline.interface@virgin.com](mailto:Pauline.interface@virgin.com); Website: [www.bsava.com](http://www.bsava.com) (Satellite meetings)

**August 18 – 20, 2003**

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**Fourth International Veterinary Behaviour Meeting**

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Queensland, Australia (Caloundra)  
Latest information in clinical behavioural medicine from around the globe will be presented in lecture and poster format from leading experts from all nations.  
Contact: Doreen Culliver, Conference Manager, AVA Conference Organising Service, PO Box 4259, Kingston ACT 2604, Australia; Phone: 61 6273 8855; Fax: 61 6273 8899; Email: [avacos@ava.com.au](mailto:avacos@ava.com.au)

**August 20 – 22, 2003**

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**12th National Urban Animal Management Conference**

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Queensland, Australia (Caloundra)  
Information on relationship between private client behavioural services and community based animal control services, social assets and liabilities associated with companion animals and their behaviour, information access in urban animal management and behaviour, rationalizing funding for animal management, community/public expectations about urban animal ownership, microchip performance testing, vertical and horizontal integration the pro pet approach to urban animal management, pest management.  
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**Nov 1 – 2, 2003**

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**Psychopharmacology for Veterinarians**

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The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens.  
Enrollment limited to veterinarians.  
Contact: Sandi Kilgo, Phone 706-542-1451, Website: <http://go-live.vet.uga.edu>; Email: [skilgo@vet.uga.edu](mailto:skilgo@vet.uga.edu)

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