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A Letter from the president

Greetings SEAALAS Members:

Another year has begun. Time seems to pass so quickly, at least for me. Our year started with a great meeting and program that was held in Athens GA. Thanks again to the Program Committee, vendor and sponsors, speakers and moderators, and especially to the Technician Tips presenters. It was great to see the participation.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend this meeting then you should make plans now to attend and participate in the meeting next year. The 2010 SEAALAS meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Augusta GA. Start working on developing those presentation ideas now. Stephanie Gumbis will be on the look out for volunteer presenters for the Technician Tips segment of the program.

I would also like to again thank the incoming officers and board as well as last year's officers, board members, committee chairs and members, and Executive Director for their dedicated service. Thanks too our group of vendors for their support throughout the year.

The Athens meeting was followed closely by International Technician Week. The theme for this year is, "Technicians are the Key to Success." Certainly this is a very accurate statement. I think it is important for facility managers, supervisors and administrators to remember to carry on with the message throughout the entire year. Please share your ideas, experiences, and pictures of Tech Week events with the rest of the membership.

As we enter this year, I also wanted to be sure to invite everyone to contribute and participate. SEAALAS is an organization run by volunteers for the benefit of the laboratory animal community and the animals. The officers and the board members encourage your input, ideas, suggestions, and comments. We are looking forward to an energized and active year as we plan for the 2010 National Meeting to be held in Atlanta.



Thank you very much,

Mark, Elly, and Brady
(the pig and dog behind
the man!)



From The Editor

Hi Guys!

First off, I'd like to introduce myself as your new newsletter editor and Communications Chair for 2009! Sandy Williams has done a great job with the newsletter over the past couple of years, so I have some big shoes to fill!

I would like to congratulate Amy Dryman and the rest of the 2008 Program Committee on a job well done! The meeting in Athens was awesome! Amy and the others at UGA did a fabulous job putting everything together! I hope you all had as much fun as I did—The annual awards banquet is always such a great way to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and learn lots of new things about the world of Laboratory Animal Science outside of your normal environment.

Anyway, I am looking forward to spending the year serving SEAALAS! I hope you guys enjoy my first newsletter attempt...don't be too tough on me, I'm still learning!

**- Jessica McLaughlin
BS, RLATg**

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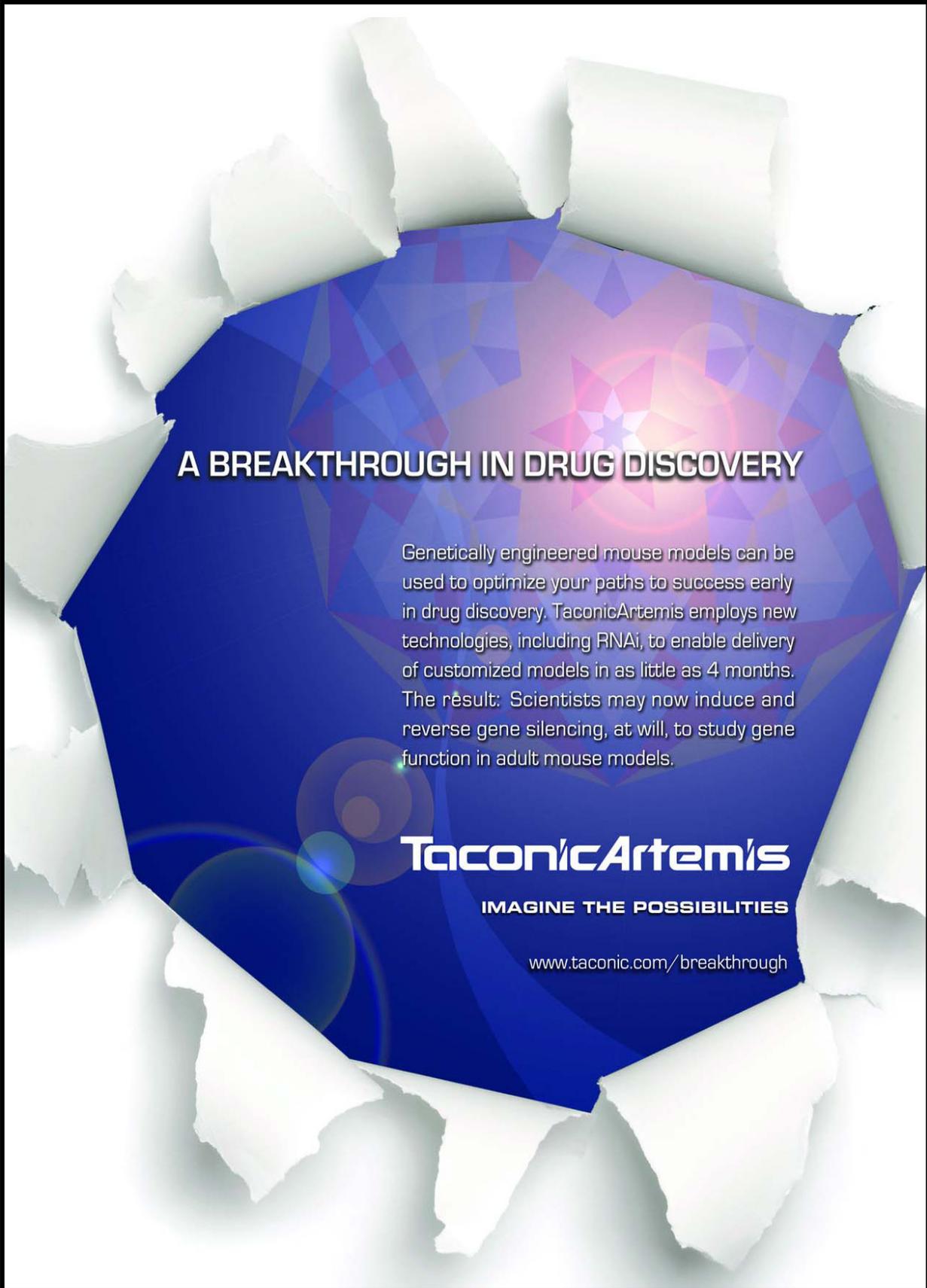


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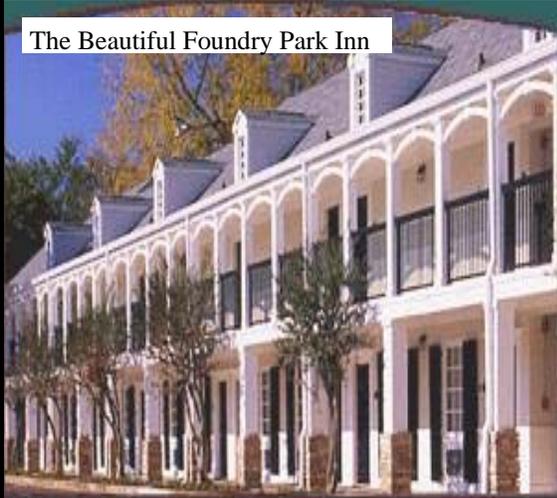
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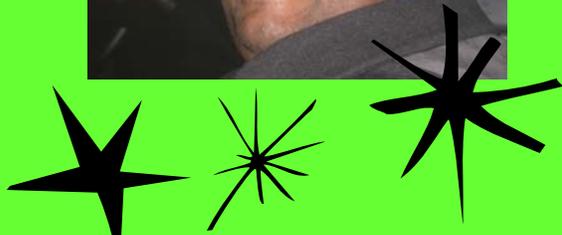
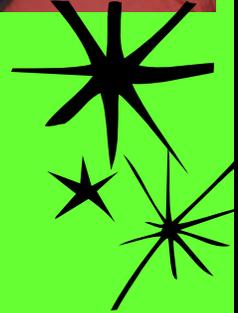
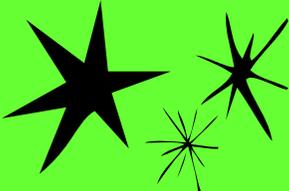
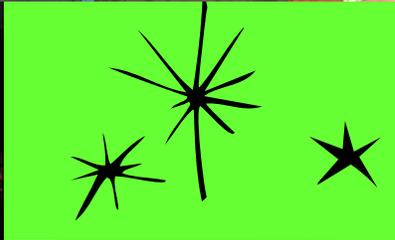
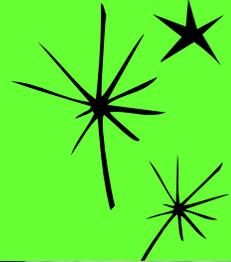
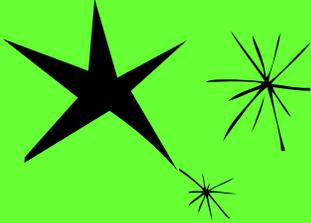
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AWARDS BANQUET



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AWARDS BANQUET



We began the awards ceremony by honoring our 2008 Committee Chairs. Then we gave out our other annual awards to some very deserving SEALAS members!



Winner,
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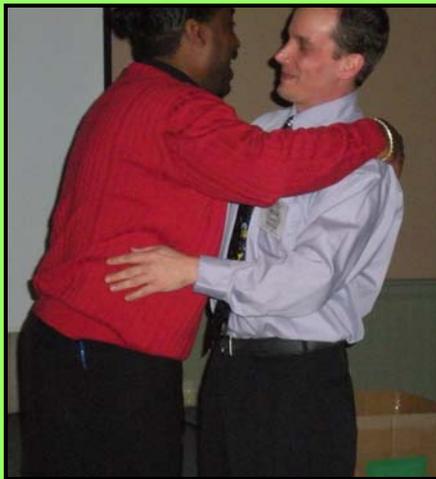
Winner, Technician of the
Year,:
Donna Owens
MUSC

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

AWARDS BANQUET



Dean Blake, our 2008 President, finished the ceremony by passing the gavel and welcoming in our 2009 SEAALAS President, Mark Sharpless!



Mark closed out the meeting by introducing our new Officers:

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Day in and day out we walk past some of the same smiling faces we see in the hallways and animal rooms. Who are these technicians moving about the facility, changing cages, racks, and performing a number of duties? What do some of these technicians do and how do they impact the day to day function of our animal programs?

Technicians come from all walks of life; some with educational backgrounds, unique life skills and even certifications in the field. There are techs who work while concurrently pursuing a degree program, some from general fields, some science or even vet med. Techs bring a varied background from previous vocations related to public service, medicine, and other service oriented fields. Many bring skills such as organization, observation, nurturing and a hard working ethic to an animal facility. Today, our field is recognized for all that it has to offer veterinary medicine and research by providing certification programs through AALAS.

Technicians vary in both background and skill level. One may see a technician performing cage changing on a daily basis, but may also perform duties that include: tail bleeding, teeth/hoof trimming, breeding, fostering, injections of many routes, gavaging, harvesting of tissues and organs. There are techs who are proficient in surgical procedures such as vasectomies, c-sections, and assisting with general surgeries and implants. While others have the patience and skill to handle difficult animals such as primates and other species, what we don't always see is the gentle balance between the tech and the animals. Technicians are most often the first to befriend and stabilize fractious temperaments when the animal comes to trust the technician and feels safe in their presence through sight, smell and sound. The impact of the technician working directly with the animal is very important to the behavior of the animal and the research itself. Not only is it important to provide a safe, dry environment for the animals, but also to provide a place in which the physical parameters are stable and stress free. Most of us are keenly aware of how important it is to keep animals fairly content and reasonably happy because it has a definite effect on the well being of the animal and the outcome of one's research. If an animal is stressed in any way, their blood chemistries will be evidence of the aspect. Animal programs work hard to reduce these variables that in turn result in good science. Your techs use their keen observation skills to detect these subtle changes in your animal rooms and research.

In general, we find that our techs are very important for all that they contribute to a good animal program. Their skills are unlimited and versatile; their backgrounds as varied as their interest in the different typed of research conducted. We all rely on the skills of our technicians to observe and communicate with the animals and staff for a greater good. For all that they do, we are grateful to have such wonderfully well rounded and talented individuals working in the field today.

-Author unknown

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“Our goal is to provide unsurpassed service as a complement to our exceptional product line,” said Mike Sidelsky, Sr., RLATG, facility specialist for Allentown, and the program's primary instructor. “To that end, we've dedicated ourselves not only to direct instruction on our cages and racks, but to the continuing education of the biomedical research community as a whole through ongoing training and support.”

Mr. Sidelsky has over 45 years of experience in the field of lab animal science, including 40 years as a supervisor, manager, and director of animal facilities. Prior to joining Allentown, his previous 28 years were dedicated to rodent housing – including working with infectious disease and its containment, and husbandry – including breeding and producing 39,000 SCID mice. He has served on Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees, is a faculty member of the Institute of Laboratory Animal Management, and has maintained accreditation by AAALAC International.

“We were preparing for an upcoming AAALAC site visit,” said a facility manager who was an early participant in the training program. “And the instruction we received from Allentown not only helped us pass through with flying colors, but provided our staff with comprehensive training that we could continue to apply going forward.”

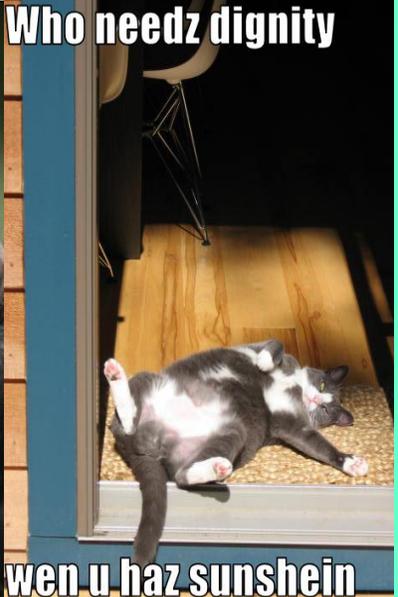
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Curley is an adult Hanford minipig who was on a wait list to be included in an experimental surgical protocol. It was noticed that he developed a tumor on his ear which was surgically removed. The tumor turned out to be a fibro sarcoma which has been preserved in cell culture. The tumor line will be used to develop a transplantable line of tumors for study in swine and interventional treatments. Because of the tumor, Curley was removed from the protocol. During his stay at MUSC Curly learned a few tricks. Tina has taught him to walk on the weight scale on his own, play fetch, and even tag.

From the moment they laid eyes on each other there was an unbreakable bond. They would glide along the hallway without a care in the world. Their friendship is truly something special. They enrich each other, said Ray Deas, Tina's supervisor. Tina had the opportunity to adopt him and take him home to live on her farm, because she befriended him over the months that he was housed here at MUSC.

Tina has built him a state of the art large animal house with a fenced in yard on the farm. He has adjusted well to living outdoors and loves to play in the mud and lie in the sun. They play fetch and tag in the afternoons. He has become a part of the family and is enjoying his new home.

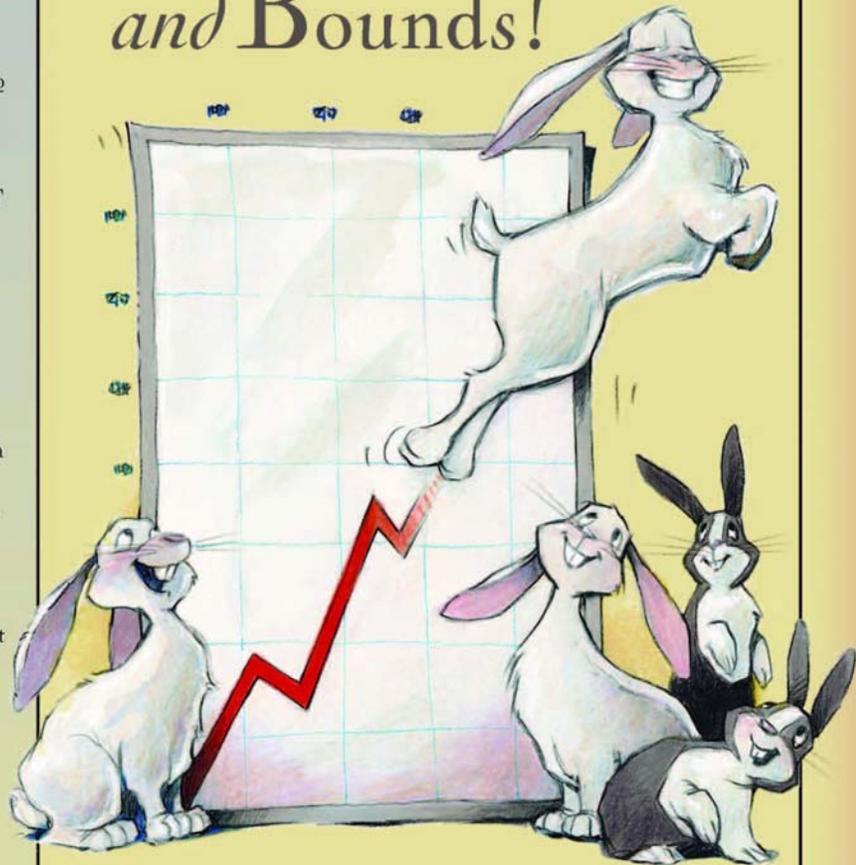
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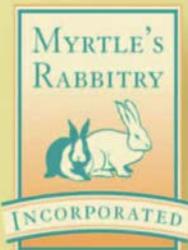
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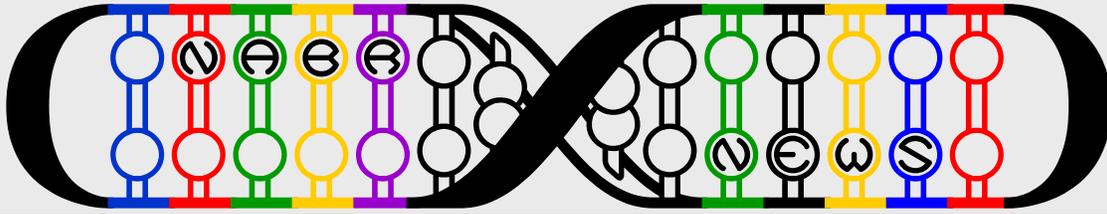
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FBI: Four Arrested for Violation of the AETA

2009-02-20 News Stories

In a press release issued on 2/20/2009, the FBI announced the arrest of four individuals stemming from a series of threatening incidents involving University of California researchers.

According to the statement, **Nathan Pope, Adriana Stumpo, Joseph Buddenberg, and Maryam Khajavi** were named in a complaint filed in federal court in San Francisco Thursday, and each were alleged to have "used force, violence, or threats to interfere with the operation of the University of California in violation of the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA)." Two of the animal rights activists, Nathan Pope and Adriana Stumpo, were arrested in Charlotte, North Carolina upon returning to the U.S. from Costa Rica. The other two were arrested in California.

The FBI is still investigating several incidents occurring as far back as October of 2007. In February of 2008, Mr. Pope, Ms. Stumpo, and Ms. Khajavi, allegedly attempted to use force to enter the private home of a University of California researcher in Santa Cruz. In June of 2008, Mr. Buddenberg, Mr. Pope, and Ms. Stumpo allegedly produced and distributed fliers encouraging the targeting of animal researchers, an action which preceded two firebomb attacks outside the homes of researchers in Santa Cruz.

"With so many legal options to make their voices heard and to effect [*sic*] policy change, it is inexcusable and cowardly for these people to resort to terrorizing the families of those with whom they do not agree," said Charlene B. Thornton, special agent in charge of the FBI's San Francisco office. "The FBI intends to pursue those involved in this sort of extremist activity to the full extent of the law."

If found guilty of violating the AETA (Title 18 U.S.C. § 43), each defendant could face up to five years in prison. The AETA is a comprehensive federal law that broadens the Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992 by increasing penalties, extending coverage to family members of researchers and entities and individuals who do business with animal research facilities, while specifically exempting First Amendment protected activities. It is important to remember that NABR members were instrumental in helping secure congressional passage of the AETA, which was signed into law November 27, 2006.

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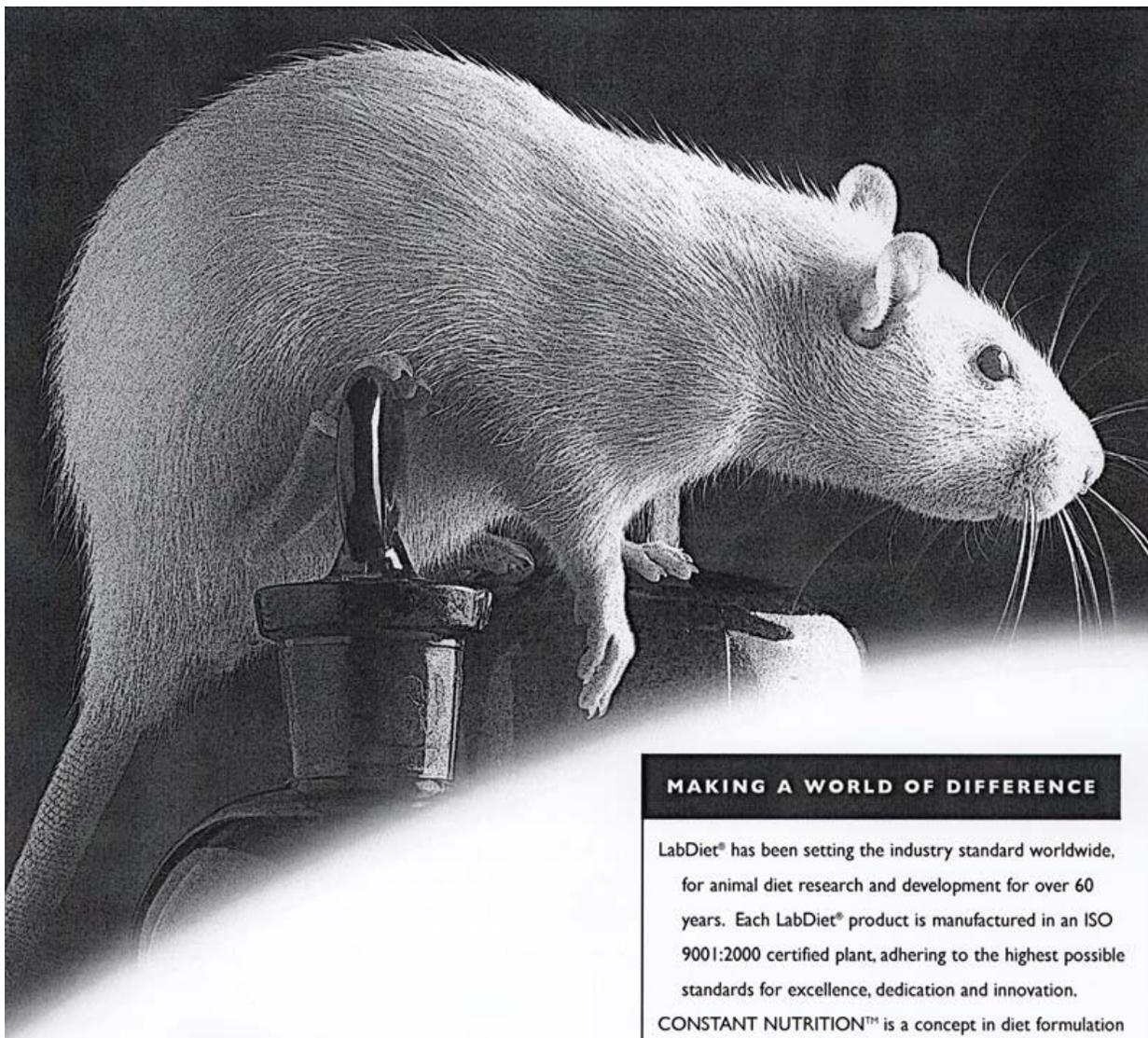
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MEET THE TECH

By Deidre Wright RLAT

20 Questions with Deidre Meet... Megan Fowler!!!

- 1. Where in the South East do you live**
Athens, Georgia. In the Piedmont Area.
- 2. Where were you born?**
Vidalia, Georgia
- 3. Where do you work?**
The University of Georgia-University Research department of Animal Resources (URAR)
- 4. What was your current job?**
Laboratory Animal Technician I
- 5. What is your biggest pet-peeve at work?**
Others who can't mind their own business.
- 6. If you could change careers, what would you do?**
Well, first and foremost- professional student. But, since that's unrealistic, probably something with wildlife- I love the outdoors!
- 7. What did you want to be when you were little?**
At first, a paleontologist, but then I was dead set for years and years to be a veterinarian. .
- 8. Do you have any pets?**
Sure do- My little Frenchie, Jabbo!
- 9. What is the one thing that you must have in your refrigerator?**
Cheese!!!
- 10. What is something that you collect?**
Posters.
- 11. Who is the person that you admire the most?**
My mother.
- 12. What are three words that would describe you?**
Silly, Stubborn, Eccentric
- 13. What is your favorite TV show?**
I usually hate most shows that are popular today, but sadly, the one I try to make a point to watch regularly is the Bad Girls Club...they are just insane!
- 15. Favorite book?**
More of a magazine article kind of girl. I love *Psychology Today* and *Archaeology*.
- 16. Any Hobbies?**
Pastelling, walking/hiking.
- 17. What CD do you have playing in your car?**
None- iPod!
- 18. What is your worst Habit?**
Caring too much what others think...and twirling my hair.
- 19. First thing you notice about someone?**
Their TEETH!
- 20. What is something that is silly, but fun that you like to do?**
Scream and sing in my car.
- 21. Finish this sentence....I would like to...**
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Tech Tips

Reducing Post-Surgical Stress in Small Animals



Large, cumbersome wound clips can cause stress and irritation in small animals and rodents—they're also a pain to remove!

During the time I worked as a Lab Animal Technician at Memorial Health, I noticed that the Investigators were using large wound clips to close surgical incisions in xenograft and intracranial tumor implantation procedures in mice and rats. The incisions for these procedures are generally very small, but required closure to prevent infection.

The problem with this practice is that the wound clips caused the animals to scratch and pick at the surgical site, and often needed to be removed a few days later—which required physical or chemical restraint of the animal.

Before I worked at Memorial, I was a vet tech at a small animal clinic, and we had successfully used surgical adhesive as an alternative to superficial sutures and staples for years. It seemed to cut down on post-operative irritation of the skin, and as a result, we saw a decrease in complications related to licking, scratching, and chewing.

I applied this concept at Memorial, and we began to use Vetbond in place of wound clips to close incisions in our mice and rats. The investigators were leary at first, but they eventually came to appreciate the convenience of not having to take the extra time to remove the wound clips.

The adhesive is quick and easy to use with a little practice, and it holds well enough and long enough for small incisions to heal. As with the animals at the vet clinic, there was sporadic dehiscence, but these occurrences were no more frequent than complications related to the use of wound clips.

Submitted by Jessica McLaughlin, BS, RLATg



Surgical adhesives like Vetbond or Nexabond can eliminate the need for wound clips in some procedures

Submit your Tech Tips to Jessica McLaughlin at jessicaallen32001@yahoo.com!!!!

Institutional News

It has been a while since our last newsletter, and we have some catching up to do!!

We are among the many Americans that are facing budget cuts in this tough economic crisis, but we are all trying to stay positive and optimistic for the future.

Congratulations are in order:

Roxanna Vaughn passed her AALAS LAT Certification
Technician of the Month Awards have been given to the following employees for their outstanding work:
August: Jakera Mims
September: Amanda King
October: Chao Sun
November: Amanda King
December: Tina Carden
January 2009: Rebecca Gregory

DLAR awarded Tina Carden the 2008 Tech of the Year Award.

Congratulations to you all and keep up the good work!!

Donna Owens and Jennifer Munoz were among all of the festivities at the Athens, SEAALAS Annual Meeting. Donna was awarded the SEAALAS Tech of the Year for 2008. Jennifer was awarded the Clinton S. Smith award. We are very proud to have these award winners on our team for all of their hard work and dedication.

Submitted by: Deidre Wright, RLAT

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



We had a packed house!!!



Things got "serious" with Green Trivia!!



2009 Tech Talk winner, "Superhero"
Gabrielle Hammons from Priority One
Services, Inc./CDC

The meeting was held in beautiful Athens, Georgia this year and was hosted by the University of Georgia.

This year's meeting focused on how we can refine our practices as Animal Care professionals to "go green and go clean".

We started the meeting off with the annual Tech Talks and enjoyed a variety of topics from quarantine practices to working with rabid hamsters!

The tech talks were fun and informative— as always!

After the Tech talks, we formed teams and enjoyed some "Green Trivia". After a heated competition, the "Smart Team" emerged victorious!



Tech Talk Speakers

Institutional News



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Happy New Year!!!!

Things are moving along smoothly here in the PRL at Georgia Tech. We have a new species going into our Reptile room - Pueblan Milk Snakes. We have never housed snakes so we had a lot of questions about how to house them and what type of bedding to use, etc. I put a question on the AALAS Listserv and I got some great responses and help. This type of snake is very popular as a pet and is very "people friendly" once it gets to know you. One staff member has a fear of snakes so I hope this helps her overcome her fear. The room they will be housed in currently has a couple of species of desert lizards so the humidity is very low. I was told that if the snakes do not shed in one complete piece then the room is too dry. That was a very interesting fact. I have attached a picture of the snakes which are a very beautiful color pattern. The milk snakes can often be mistaken for Coral snakes which are poisonous. "Red on yellow - kills a fellow" or "Red touching black - is a friend of Jack"



For AALAS International Lab Animal Technician Appreciation week we planned a few things to show our appreciation to the PRL staff. On Tuesday, Stacey Cohen from CRL dropped by with some food and goodies. On Wednesday, we all went out to lunch and had a great time. On Friday we invited all the researchers and PI's to drop by in the morning for a little meet and greet. We had a nice turnout and it was nice getting to know people outside of their research

We will definitely do this again next year!

Submitted by **Kim Benjamin, B.A., RLATG**



Institutional News



Emory University Division of Animal Resources-DAR, Atlanta Ga

The DAR mourns the passing of Michelle Kulasiewicz.

A member of our division for over twenty years, Michelle was the customer service coordinator in the business office. She lost her battle with cancer on January 24, 2009. She was always upbeat and ready to help the investigators and the division with their requests. Michelle held the office of Secretary of SEALAS in 1997 and was awarded the Membership Participation Award in 1993. In 2001, she received Emory's Award of Distinction, one of 10 selected university wide. Michelle was the "go to" person to get a resolution to your problem or an answer to your question. She was very passionate about her husband, Glenn and their son, Kyle and Bret Favre! Michelle loved to declare a "dress down Friday" anytime the boss was out of town on a regular dress Friday. We miss her greatly.



We do have some good news in that we have three SEALAS Award winners to applaud! Francisco (Cisco) Calderon was winner of the Linda Hazel Memorial Award, Agnes Nanje was winner of the Purina Pro Lab Award and Marsha Howard was winner of the Sally Papp Participation Award. We are very proud of all three, and especially of Cisco. He actually went to the awards dinner and we didn't have to hog-tie him!

We have no new employees but do have two open positions for animal care. We are also working hard on certification efforts. We hope to have at least 10 technicians sit for the ALAT exam before May.

The DAR will be participating in the Emory University [**Relay for Life**](#) event on April 3, 2009. This event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. We've participated 4 times in the past and this year it will have bitter sweet memories for us. We started the team the year that Michelle was first diagnosed with cancer. Because we care for the animals used in cancer research, our department has a special relationship with [**Relay for Life**](#). The name of our team is "All Creatures Great and Small". I encourage you all to participate in your community's event. Let's cure cancer!

Submitted by Nancy L. Miller

Institutional News



The University of Georgia

University of Georgia **Vet Med** Animals Resources

Hi Everyone!

This year has been busy so far for the Vet Med Animal Resources crew. In the past year, we have gained 3 new employees at the Animal Health Research Center (AHRC). Vicki Ellis and Allison Liljedahl transferred from the Life Sciences Division, while Heather Chapman is new to the University and lab animal care. The AHRC is also having a big year with the introduction of horses to the containment facility this spring! Additionally, our Central Animal Facility has just completed the renovation of the floors throughout the facility.

The last few weeks have been full with the SEAALAS meeting, which we were able to send 10 people to, and Tech Week. This year's Tech Week included Monday morning breakfast, Wednesday and Thursday lunches, as well as the increasingly popular end of the week Paintball game. We are also pleased to congratulate Vicki Ellis on her extraordinary Tech Talk at the SEAALAS meeting, "Seeing with Green Eyes"! Additionally, Allison Liljedahl passed her LAT this past year. We look forward to even more successes this coming year.

Submitted by Allison Liljedahl, RLAT

Institutional News



The University of Georgia

News from UGA Animal Resources Life Sciences:

Hi everyone!

The year has gone quickly. Our facilities are working hard at going green. The new Green Team chaired by Vicki Ellis is looking into ways that we may achieve our goals to reduce, reuse and recycle.

The UGA Pharmacy Animal Facility is up and running. The facility is housing mice and rats for the faculty of the College of Pharmacy.

We had a few changes in our staff recently. Allison Liljedahl transferred from URAR-LS to URAR-VM. Vicki Ellis transferred from URAR-LS in August to URAR-VM. Kristine Wilcox was promoted to Facility Supervisor at Boyd Animal Facility. Lauren Luken was promoted to Administrative Associate I.

We also welcome Robin Johnston, Stephanie Bradshaw and Carolyn Jones to our team.

Congratulations to Chris King, who was elected to the AALAS Board of trustees as District IV Trustee.

Several URAR-LS staff members attended the 59th National AALAS Meeting in Indianapolis. It was the first national meeting for Andrew Webb, Megan Fowler, Chris Lozo, and Trey Wills. They all participated in the Technician Fun Fair. Trey and Amy both won a Fun Fair shirt and Megan won an I-Tunes gift card in the drawing of participants that scored above 80%. Actually everyone placed above 95% and will be getting a certificate!

Amy Dryman presented a poster titled "Contamination Control Mat: Solving a Hairy Situation". She did an excellent job on it!

The meeting was as usual very informative and the trade show was as big as ever! There was a lot to see and learn about.

Our SEAALAS meeting was a big success. We had a great time and enjoyed all of the talks. Another big hit was the trivia game that everyone played. We enjoyed the competition among the tables and look forward to another one in the future.

We just finished up our Tech week on Friday, Feb. the 6th which was a lot fun. Getting together and seeing everyone was great! There was breakfast, lunches and of course the paintball on Friday to finish it off with a bang. Again a special thanks to everyone in making the facilities look great once again and in making sure the animals have the best care possible.

Submitted by Terri McCurley

Institutional News



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

We are doing a little early Spring cleaning since we are loosing some storage space we once had. We are turning in old equipment and working with our Green Environment Management team here to recycle glass water bottles that we no longer use -- instead of just throwing them into the trash, especially all that we learned about recycling at the SEAALAS meeting last month! If you are interested in mouse or rat glass water bottles and sipper tubes let me know...



Water bottles, sipper tubes and racks to hold bottles during washing.



Lisa Lefebvre and Chris Carter

In January, Lisa Lefebvre, Colleen Oliver and I attended the SEAALAS meeting in Athens. I would like to congratulate the Program Committee for doing such a wonderful job putting the meeting together! The attendance was outstanding, the talks were all very interesting, the banquet dinner was delicious and the Trivia on Thursday was a lot of fun for everyone. I was surprised by the southern treat on Friday morning when the hotel served a full blown southern breakfast that was YUMMY with bacon, sausage, biscuits eggs, grits, pancakes and fruit!! I thought it was a great idea when the program committee sent out a survey to attendees to get feed back after the meeting.



Don Raleigh, Sandy Williams, Mark Smith



Scott Hoy, Chris Kanaby, Colleen Oliver

Submitted by: Sandy Yurevich -Williams RVT, LATG

Institutional News

Yerkes Primate Center

Kudos:

Yerkes would like to congratulate Mark Sharpless for being named SEAALAS President for 2009.

Yerkes would like to congratulate Christina Birkett and Gretchen Jeff on their recent promotions to Animal Care Technician II.

Yerkes would like to congratulate the following employees on their recent certifications:

James Kanu, Animal Care Technician I, LAT

Christina Birkett, Animal Care Technician II, ALAT

Gretchen Jeff, Animal Care Technician II, ALAT

Tech Week:

This year, Yerkes Tech Week Committee, made up of animal care technicians, came up with a number of great ideas. Tech Week included making enrichment items, working in the new sustainability garden, going bowling together and other appreciation gatherings. Yerkes would also like to thank our vendors for their support and for supplying some great give away items.

Building Update:

The Clinical Veterinary Medicine Administration and Research Building is nearly complete. The building will be dedicated during a ceremony in April.

Submitted By Emily Rios

Institutional News



Hello SEAALAS!

We have several announcements to make so I'll dive right in. If I haven't welcomed Kathy Thompson to Georgia State, we'll welcome her with open arms. She's doing great out at the Language Resource Center and has already made a positive impact.

Congratulations are in order for Dan Rice who passed his ALAT certification exam in January. Way to go!

We'd like to thank Mike Morrison a temporary employee who was awarded Employee of the Quarter. He has consistently gone above and beyond in performing his job duties.

I've taken on another hat in the SEAALAS organization and have agreed to be chair of the Awards Committee... but don't worry, I'll still be your loyal news source.

And lastly, Dean enjoyed being President but much prefers being Past President. Good luck, Mark!

That's it for now.

Matt Davis

Institutional News



Medical College of Georgia

GEORGIA'S HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Hello Everyone,

Everything is going just fine here at Medical College of Georgia. Our Associate Director Dr. Nancy Rodriguez was recently appointed to the position of Interim Director for the Laboratory Animal Service Division. We are currently evaluating new rodent housing (Animal Care Systems and Innovive) in our Cancer Research Center animal facility, using our sentinel animals. We would also welcome our new staff members, Janus Bibbs, Bernard Hughes, David Robinson, Spencer Johnson, Cory Williams, and Tertius Durham.

We also congratulate Jamie Frank for passing her Lab Animal Certification Test. Demetrius Ruffin, Janus Bibbs, Jacqueline Moredock, and myself recently attended the SEAALAS meeting in Athens Georgia, which was a great experience for all of us. We are looking forward to coming to another meeting, in the near future.

Last week we recognized International Technician Week. Dr. Rodriguez coordinated pizza and a movie for the entire staff during our lunch hour. We also received breakfast several mornings that week, and goodie bags to finish the week off. Several PIs showed their appreciation by sending emails and baked goodies. We all enjoyed the activities that were planned and felt very appreciated.

Submitted by,
Trenton Davis (Lab Animal Caretaker)



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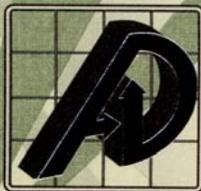


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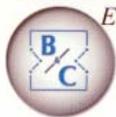
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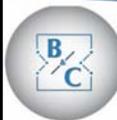
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