

February 2023

WASHINGTON BRANCH AALAS



SAVE THE DATES

2023 Educational Trade Fair

DATE/TIME: June 15th 2023 from 8AM-2PM
LOCATION: UW Center for Urban Horticulture

More details to come in your emails!



QI Manager's Roundtable

DATE/TIME: February 23rd 2023 from 1PM-2PM
LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

Email roundtable@wbaalas.org to register!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR WBAALAS PRESIDENT

Hello WBAALAS!

2022 was an exciting year for the branch, as we were finally able to hold our annual Educational Trade Fair in-person again! It was great seeing you all and I hope you enjoyed visiting with the vendors and watching the fantastic speaker presentations. Stay tuned for more details on this year's Trade Fair happening on June 15th, and please feel free to reach out to me directly if you would like to help organize the event. In addition to the Trade Fair, 2023 will offer Tech Week trivia, webinar broadcasts, Technician and Manager networking events, a summer picnic, and more! New this year, we are announcing a WBAALAS scholarship to help one lucky Technician attend the National AALAS Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah in October.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members, Leandra Mosca (Board Member) and La' Akea Siverts (Board Member), and give a shout out to the rest of the wonderful folks who continue to serve on the board. On a personal note, this is my second time serving as your WBAALAS President and I look forward to working alongside this great group of people once again. I would encourage anyone who is looking for growth opportunities to consider attending a board meeting or helping plan one of our branch activities. Board meetings are held monthly and any WBAALAS member is welcome to attend. Email president@wbaalas.org for details. We are always looking for fresh ideas and perspectives, so please come and join us!

Traci W.

2023 WBAALAS President



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WBAALAS Educational Trade Fair

To the Speakers, Sponsors, Volunteers, and Attendees who made our 2022 IN PERSON Trade Fair possible, we thank you!



We hope to see you back this year on June 15th, stay tuned for more details

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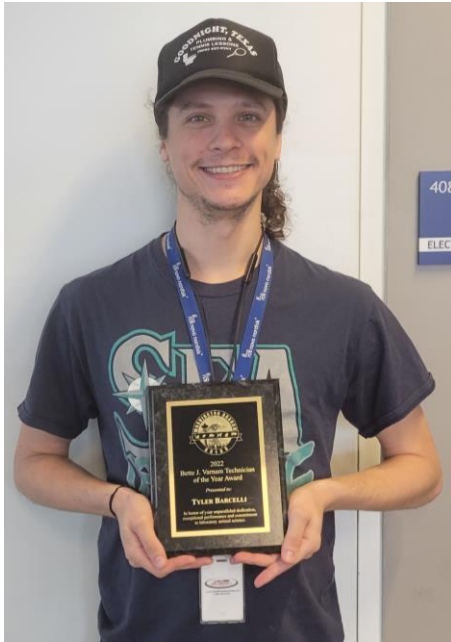
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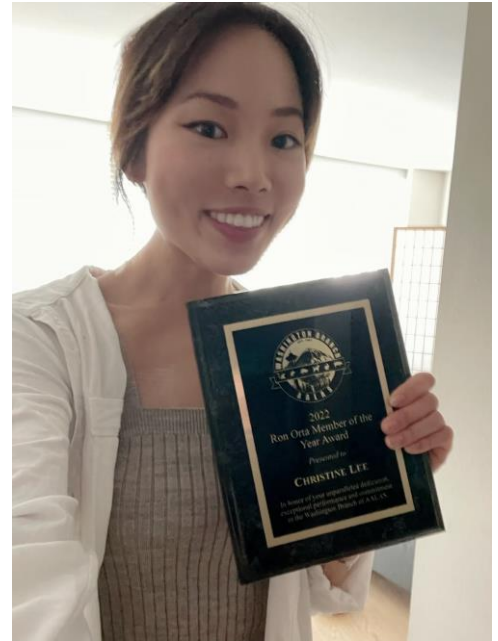
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WBAALAS AWARD NOMINATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 AWARD WINNERS!



Tyler B.



Christine L.

Know someone who meets the intent of these awards? Nominate them now for the 2023 awards!

Award Recipients receive a **plaque** and a **\$100 check**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about each of these awards and nominate someone

Bette J. Varnam Washington Branch Technician of the Year Award

- All animal technicians qualify for this award
- The recipients' of this Award carry on a legacy of a true professional and compassionate colleague.

Ron Orta Washington Branch Member of the Year Award

- All WBAALAS members qualify for this award
- The recipients' of this Award actively participate in the Washington Branch and encourage participation by others in activities which promote Washington Branch AALAS and laboratory animal science in general.

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MEMBER BENEFITS

DON'T FORGET! - Washington Branch AALAS offers members access to **TWO** learning portals!



Washington Branch AALAS Learning Portal

The AALAS Learning Library provides training that is essential for technicians, veterinarians, managers, IACUC members, and investigators working with animals in a research or education setting.

Washington Branch AALAS is proud to be able to offer free access to the AALAS Learning Library to all Branch members!

Research, husbandry, and veterinary staff can earn continuing education credits to maintain certification and licensure (**up to 34 courses approved by AAVSB for RACE CEs**).

[AALAS Learning Library | Washington Branch AALAS \(wbaalas.org\)](#)

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ALAT course

The WBAALAS ALAT Certification Study Course is a 16-week, paced course conducted fully online (on-demand option available).

LAT course

The WBAALAS LAT Certification Study Course is a 7-week, paced course conducted fully online (on-demand option available).

LATG course

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[Certification Study Courses | Washington Branch AALAS \(wbaalas.org\)](#)

If you are already a WBAALAS member but do not have access, please contact education@wbaalas.org

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Keep up to date with news, job postings, and articles in the Lab Animal Community by connecting with us!

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/washington-branch-aalas-716a31a8>



Join our private Facebook group to stay up to date on our HeroRAT, see events happening with WBAALAS, and share posts with others!

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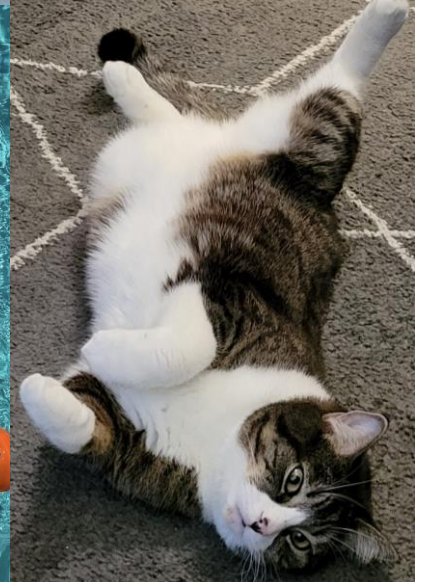
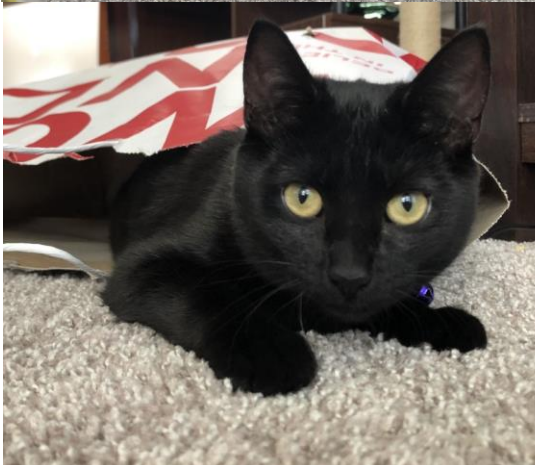
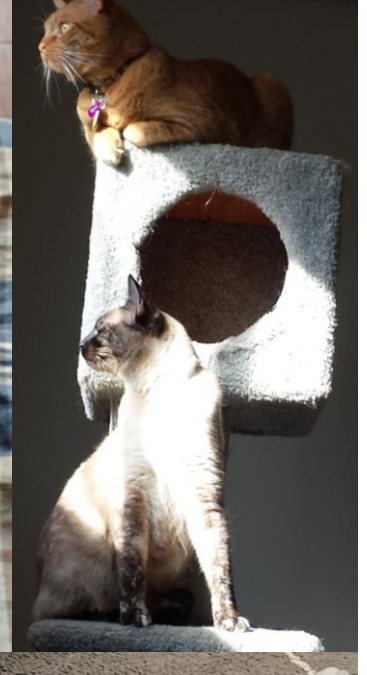
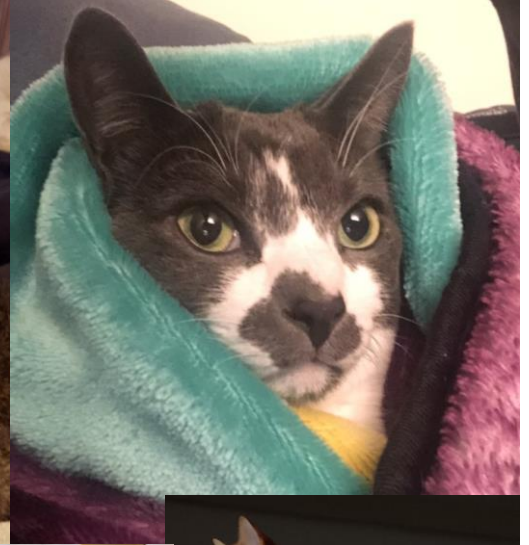
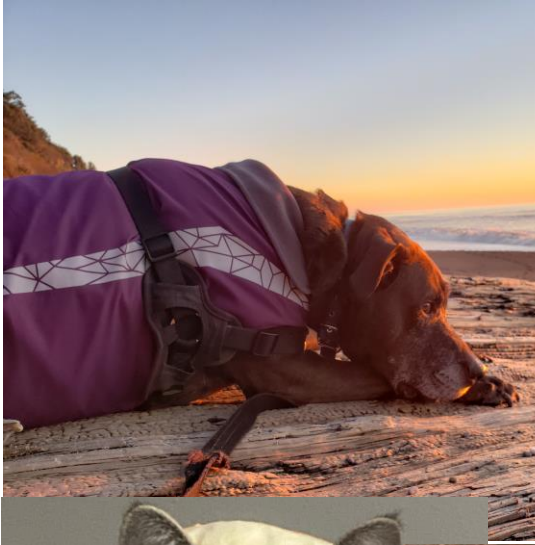
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2023 Scholarship Opportunity

WBAALAS is excited to announce that it will be providing financial assistance for one eligible WBAALAS Member to attend the **AALAS National Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, scheduled October 22-26, 2023**. Scholarship applications will become available soon and the winner will be announced at the **2023 Trade Fair on June 15th, 2023**.

To qualify, you must be a current WBAALAS Member in good standing and have Supervisor approval to attend the meeting. Financial assistance may not cover the entire cost of attending the meeting, so the applicant may also need supplemental support from their Institution (more details to come). The winner will be expected to attend at least two WBAALAS board meetings or help plan a WBAALAS event, and will be encouraged to attend the Emergent Leadership Forum at the AALAS National Meeting.

You may nominate yourself or a deserving colleague for this incredible opportunity! Please stay tuned for more details and feel free to email president@wbaalas.org with any questions.



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The 2023 National Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on **October 22-26, 2023.**

Submit a Topic or Abstract for 2023

The deadline for Topic submissions is **March 15th** and the deadline for abstract submissions is **June 1st**

Visit [AALAS](https://www.aalas.org) for more information

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Upcoming Webinars:

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Episode 22: Fewer Dogs, Better Drugs?

The fate of dogs in classic biomedical research studies is more questionable than ever. So, what are our options? Can we keep up with the demand for new treatments with fewer dogs in biomedical research? Our guest today is Dr. Veronica Maldonado. Dr.

Maldonado is an ACLAM Boarded Laboratory Animal Veterinarian with a PhD in Immunology who has worked directly with animals involved in drug development for over 25 years. She's passionate about caring for research animals, but she's equally passionate about finding ways to reduce the need for them in biomedical studies...especially dogs. And she has a plan...we'll discuss this and more...on today's episode...of GetReal!



Visit getrealpodcast.info to learn more, subscribe to the podcast, and join the conversation!

HeroRAT Update

Catching up with Carolina

Welcome to the latest Impact Update for Carolina, your adopted HeroRAT!

Carolina put her skills to use, sniffing through **1,648 samples** at APOPO's Tuberculosis (TB) detection laboratory in Dar es Salaam - that's one busy little nose! Her diligence alerted lab staff to **47 new cases of TB**, active infections that were missed during screening at partner clinics.

As one of the TB team's highest performing rats, Carolina's accuracy sits at a perfectly balanced **89.5% accuracy rate**.



African giant pouched rats like Carolina are so named because of their ability to cram their cheeks full - a useful skill for carrying food back to the safety of their burrows while evading predators in the wild. Carolina can pack a lot of snacks into those cheeks, which can expand to almost the size of a golf ball!

SNIFFING OUT TB

After a positive indication over a sample, the sound of the clicker sends little Carolina rushing over for some yummy banana at the treat hole. Carolina's job is two-fold; she must ignore any non-TB samples and respond only when she smells the odor of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that causes TB. Each positive indication is rewarded with a treat and lots of praise.



Learn more about APOPO and HeroRATs at apopo.org

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ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I

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Seattle - Conduct laboratory animal care and associated support duties under close supervision according to standards set forth by the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (the Guide) to maintain full accreditation status with the Association for Assessment & Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC).

For more information, visit: <https://careers-seattlechildrens.icims.com/jobs/46980/animal-technician-i/job>

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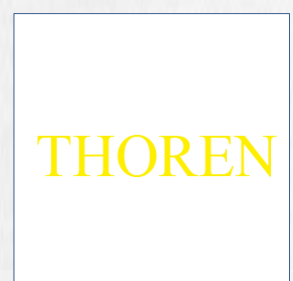
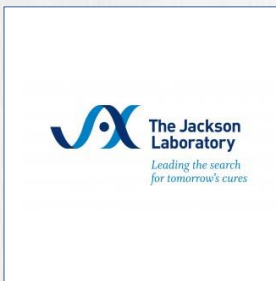
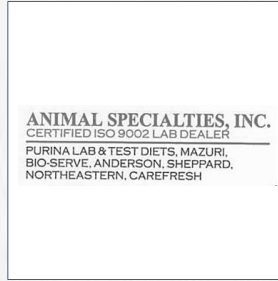
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