

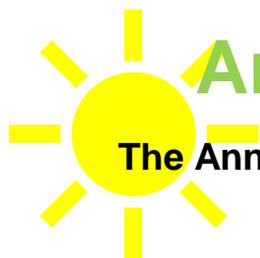
WASHINGTON BRANCH AALAS



SAVE THE DATES

2023 Educational Trade Fair

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



Annual Summer Picnic

The Annual Summer Picnic is finally back!

DATE/TIME: August 12th 2023 from 11AM-2PM
LOCATION: Golden Gardens



2024 D8 Meeting

The 2024 D8 Meeting will be hosted by WBAAALAS
Details will be coming soon!

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CATCHING UP WITH WBAALAS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR WBAALAS PRESIDENT

Greetings WBAALAS!

Can you believe that we are already halfway through 2023? It has been a busy year already, and we still have many great things to look forward to as a branch. June 15th is our annual Educational Trade Fair, and stay tuned for details regarding our summer picnic at Golden Gardens on August 12th. I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Even more exciting news on the horizon...WBAALAS will be hosting the District 8 AALAS Meeting in Seattle in the spring of 2024! The D8 Planning Committee is working hard to secure a fantastic venue in downtown Seattle and put together an outstanding program of events. This is a large undertaking, and we would encourage anyone who would like to get more involved to please contact me at president@wbaalas.org for more information. There are many opportunities to help shape this event by participating in one of the various committees, or helping out with local arrangements. Your voice matters!

On a personal note, I am grateful to serve on the board with such a dedicated group of individuals. We couldn't provide all of the branch resources and events for our members without their hard work and organization. Please check out our various educational and networking opportunities on the WBAALAS website (www.wbaalas.org) or on our Facebook page (email us if you would like to be added to the WBAALAS Facebook group).

Traci W.

2023 WBAALAS President



CATCHING UP WITH NATIONAL

EDUCATIONAL TRADE FAIR

Join us for the 2023 WBAALAS Educational Trade Fair



UW Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street
Seattle WA 98105



June 15th, 8AM-2PM



Tentative Schedule:

TIME	ACTIVITY		
7:00am – 8:00am	Event Set Up (exhibitors, speakers, and WBAALAS staff)		
8:00am – 9:00am	Attendee Check-In / Breakfast / Vendor Hall		
9:00am – 10:05am	Educational Session A <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Douglas Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-9:30am – Advanced Strategies in Zebrafish Breeding and Colony Management Dante D’India, Seattle Children’s 9:35-10:05am – Bat Housing, Husbandry, and Enrichment Jamie Lovaglio, Rocky Mtn. Labs </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Isaacson Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-9:30am – TBD Cindy Pekow, VA Puget Sound 9:35-10:05am – SPAC: Getting out-of-this-world results on your certification exam Amanda Kizer, Kizer Learning </td> </tr> </table>	Douglas Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-9:30am – Advanced Strategies in Zebrafish Breeding and Colony Management Dante D’India, Seattle Children’s 9:35-10:05am – Bat Housing, Husbandry, and Enrichment Jamie Lovaglio, Rocky Mtn. Labs 	Isaacson Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-9:30am – TBD Cindy Pekow, VA Puget Sound 9:35-10:05am – SPAC: Getting out-of-this-world results on your certification exam Amanda Kizer, Kizer Learning
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1:20pm – 2:00pm	Raffle / Awards		
2:00 – 3:00	Event Clean-Up (exhibitors and WBAALAS staff only)		

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WBAALAS AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us at the Trade Fair at 1:20PM for the raffle and awards session where we will announce the winners of the annual WBAALAS Awards!

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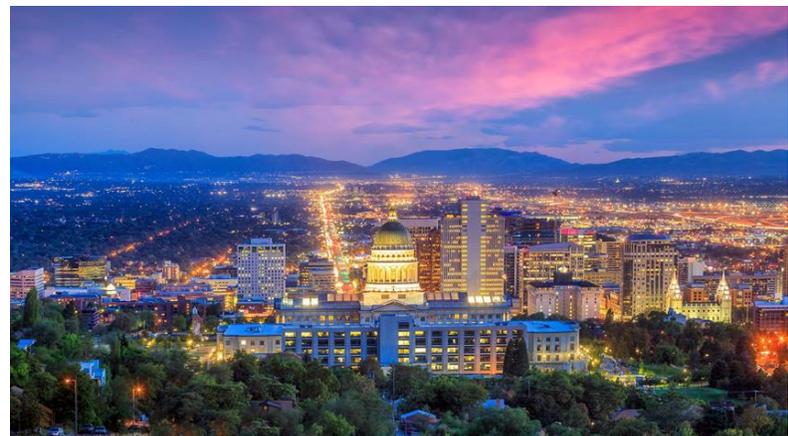
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We will also announce the winner of our first Scholarship opportunity.

The winner will receive **\$1000 towards attending the 2023 National AALAS Meeting**

Scholarship Sponsored by:
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ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



The Annual Summer Picnic is back!

Join us August 12th at Golden Gardens

Eat good food, enjoy the sun, play games and win prizes!

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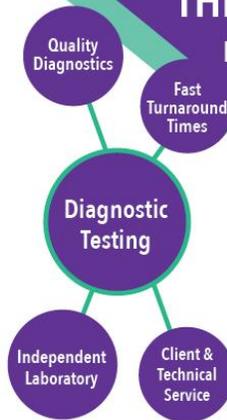


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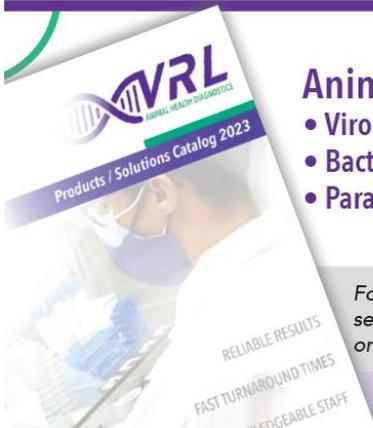
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It's our pleasure to (re)introduce you to two **FREE** member benefits. As a Branch member, you are eligible for a free account on the **AALAS Learning Library**, an online training site for certification and continuing education in the laboratory animal science field. If you are studying for certification, you can also enroll for free in an on-demand online **Certification Study Courses** to make studying easier and maximize your retention.

These two resources work together just like peanut butter and jelly, providing a comprehensive, integrated solution for your learning and professional growth. Here's how that works...

The AALAS Learning Library, hosted by AALAS, is like peanut butter. It is rich, substantial, and packed with the essential resources for your professional development. It lays out fundamental concepts, best practices, and in-depth knowledge necessary for you to succeed in laboratory animal science.

We've partnered with Kizer Learning to provide **free access** to their popular on-demand Certification Study Courses. They are like the jelly. These certification study programs are designed to hit the sweet spot for a range of learning styles, whether you prefer visual, auditory, or kinesthetic learning. Simply select your flavor and enjoy! These courses offer a dynamic and engaging learning environment to help you absorb and retain the knowledge in the certification training manuals.

When you bring together the peanut butter (the AALAS Learning Library) with the jelly (the Certification Study Courses) they fuse into a perfect learning sandwich. The certification manual gives you the concepts and facts, while the study course provides practical study tools that power up your learning. Together, they ensure you're not just reading and forgetting, but actively engaging with the content and applying it in a way that's meaningful and memorable.

Just like peanut butter and jelly, these resources are fantastic on their own, but when paired together, they create a comprehensive learning experience that is satisfying, enjoyable, and effective.

Ready to start learning? Reach out to education@wbaalas.org and we'll get you signed up.

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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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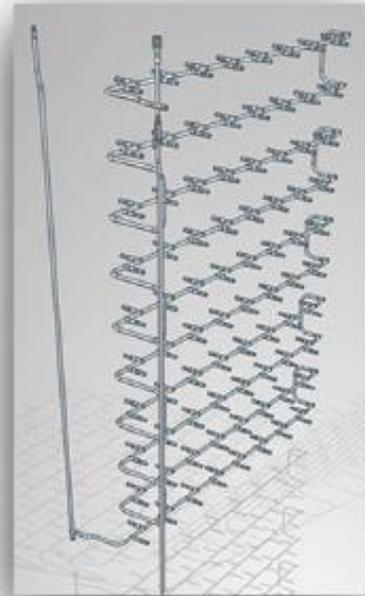
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AALAS Webinars

Upcoming Webinars:

[NO Pain – ALL Gain! Pain Recognition and Analgesic Techniques for Laboratory Animals](#) will be on July 12th, 2023 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm CT.

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Episode 25: X Discrimination

Today we'll catch up with Trina who lost her beautiful boy, Austin, to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy two years ago. It turns out that her journey with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy isn't over yet because, contrary to popular belief, girls and women are also affected by this devastating and deadly disease. But the scientific and medical communities have ignored this fact for decades. Well, Trina has had enough! And she's on a mission to put girls and women with this rare disease on the research calendar. We'll discuss this and more with her today on 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!

Your HeroRAT has had another productive month. Carolina searched through **2,125** samples and found an additional **41** new patients with tuberculosis (TB). This raised her accuracy rate to **86.5%**.



The exact same task would take a lab technician in one of our partner clinics using conventional microscopy, around three months! The speed at which Carolina helps APOPO identify new patients, also means that armed with a diagnosis they can finally receive treatment and be cured!



Learn more about APOPO and HeroRATs at apopo.org

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FRUITY FACTS



APOPO's Training and Innovation Center in Tanzania, served up roughly 20,000 tomatoes, 4,400 carrots, and 936 kg (2,063 lbs) of peanuts to our rats last year! HeroRATs love their fresh fruit, eating 5,987 kg (almost 6.6 US tons) of avocado, banana, and watermelon annually. Carolina's absolute favorite fruit is watermelon!

TIME TO PLAY



Our HeroRATs get regular scheduled playtime in large shaded play enclosures containing elevated platforms with ramps, climbing branches with leaves, tire tunnels, natural mulch and earth to dig in and lots of space to run around. Carolina enjoys her playtime and climbs from branch to branch, exploring each new form of enrichment.



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Catching up with Carolina

DRUG-RESISTANT TB



APOPO's TB detection rats, including Carolina, are finding drug-resistant TB!

In most cases, TB is treatable and curable; however, people with TB can die if they do not get proper treatment. Sometimes drug-resistant TB occurs when bacteria become resistant to the drugs used to treat TB. This means that the drug can no longer kill the TB bacteria.

In a study, the HeroRATs identified 88% of drug-resistant TB detected using Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra. A paper has been published for the first time in The Union's Public Health Action journal. It suggests that there is a great potential for screening of contacts of multidrug-resistant TB patients using rats, especially in low- and middle-income countries, where resources are limited.

[Read the Full Paper](#)



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RESEARCH ASSOCIATE I – LAB ANIMAL SERVICES

ALLEN INSTITUTE

Seattle - The Research Associate I is responsible for executing a variety of laboratory tasks and/or experiments in a high-throughput laboratory and animal care environment following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Good judgment and problem-solving skills are required for recognizing and reporting process deviations, recognizing and reporting noncompliance with animal use protocols, and operation of complex laboratory instrumentation. The Research Associate I is expected to comply with regulatory requirements, adhere to SOPs and to work efficiently in a team environment. Excellent manual dexterity, attention to detail and the willingness to work in a deadline-driven atmosphere is mandatory. The Research Associate I is expected to work with little to no supervision on procedural tasks involving handling of mice.

For more information, visit: <https://alleninstitute.org/careers>

ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S

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>

ANIMAL CAGE WASHER

BENAROYA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Seattle - The Animal Cage Washer is needed to provide the basic husbandry needs of the rodents housed in the vivarium by cleaning and sterilizing caging and other equipment while maintaining supplies and the general appearance and cleanliness of the facility.

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ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I-II

Seattle - The Animal Technician I-II performs routine animal husbandry tasks, and maintenance of animal facilities and equipment. This is considered an entry level position for individuals with no prior experience in laboratory animal care procedures or individuals who are transitioning from other animal care positions. Focus will be on gaining skills.

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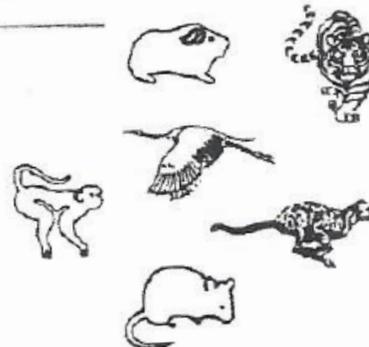
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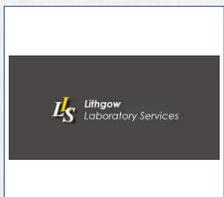
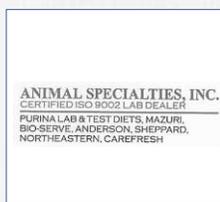
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