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**A Letter From the President:**

Happy August INAALAS!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! I hope you all had the opportunity to have some great interns at your institutions during the summer break. I know we enjoyed our interns here and we even put them to work spreading the word about how great research is! They joined a few of us at a local Boys and Girls Club to do a fun community outreach project a few weeks ago! Each intern had a station where they went over some basic animal care and research fun. The kids AND the interns were excited and seemed to have a ball. I think it is great that we could include them in our outreach and make a positive impact on some young minds! Make sure to look through the newsletter for some photos of the event.

Registration is officially open for our Annual Meeting! The meeting is Thursday, October 2nd at the Greenfield Labcorp site from 8am-4pm. We will have a vendor hall, five speakers, and a spotlight speaker and demonstration from Conifer Canine LLC. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are included. If you are an institutional member, please check with your management about attending as several of the institutions paid for their spots last year. Here is the registration link: [Annual Meeting Attendee Registration | Indiana AALAS](#)

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INAALAS State Meeting Date!

We are currently working on setting up another virtual presentation for this fall. We will be sure to send out the information for this event as soon as possible so you can mark your calendars. We appreciate the online attendance at these talks! If you have any ideas for virtual or in person events, please reach out! We would love to hear from you and provide events that the membership finds valuable.

Please don't forget that the National AALAS Meeting is coming up this fall! It will be held in Long Beach, CA from November 9-13th. Here is a link to the website with all the meeting information. [AALAS](#)
Have a fantastic August!

Arlene
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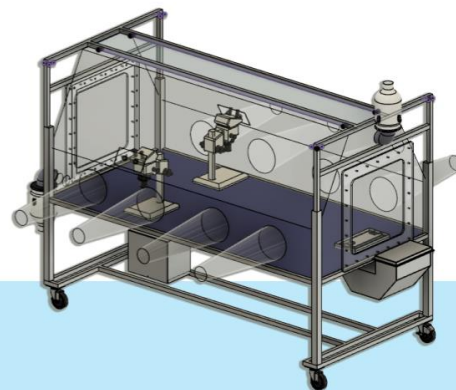


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INAALAS Community Outreach at the Boy's and Girl's Club in Morristown, IN:



Certification Corner:

Want to Obtain an AALAS Certification? Here's How:

Technician Certification



The AALAS Technician Certification Program sets professional standards for the advancement of laboratory animal science. This program was developed to recognize professional achievement and provide an authoritative endorsement of a technician's level of knowledge in laboratory animal technology.

AALAS certifies technicians at three levels:

- Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT)
- Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT)
- Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG)

The technician certification designations of ALAT, LAT, and LATG are well known and widely used throughout the varied fields of laboratory animal care. In fact, these certifications have come to be a common requirement for a lab animal care position.

		Education level				Lab animal work experience (years)
		Current cert. level	HS/GED or higher	AA/AS or higher	BA/BS or higher	
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* Work experience must be acquired after attaining the specified certification.

** Option for those without documentation of education level.

	ALAT	LAT	LATG
Number of questions	120	155	180
Time limit	2 hrs	2.5 hrs	3 hrs
Anim Hus, Health, Welfare	66–92%	65–91%	50%
Facility Admin & Mgmt	8–34%	9–35%	50%

Steps to take the Exam:

1. Fill out an application here: <https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification>
2. Submit your application with everything filled out and all required documents.
3. You will receive an email containing your authorization to test letter and instructions to set up a Prometric testing date and time. This must be done within 90 days of receiving the email.
4. Study up and prepare for the level you are trying to attain. Materials to study can be found at: <https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification/technician-certification-resources>
5. You will know if you Pass/Fail as soon as you finish the exam and will be given a printout of proof and an email confirmation to give your workplace.
6. Your certificate will be sent out and delivered to your house about 2 weeks later.

Requirements to take the exam can be seen on the left.



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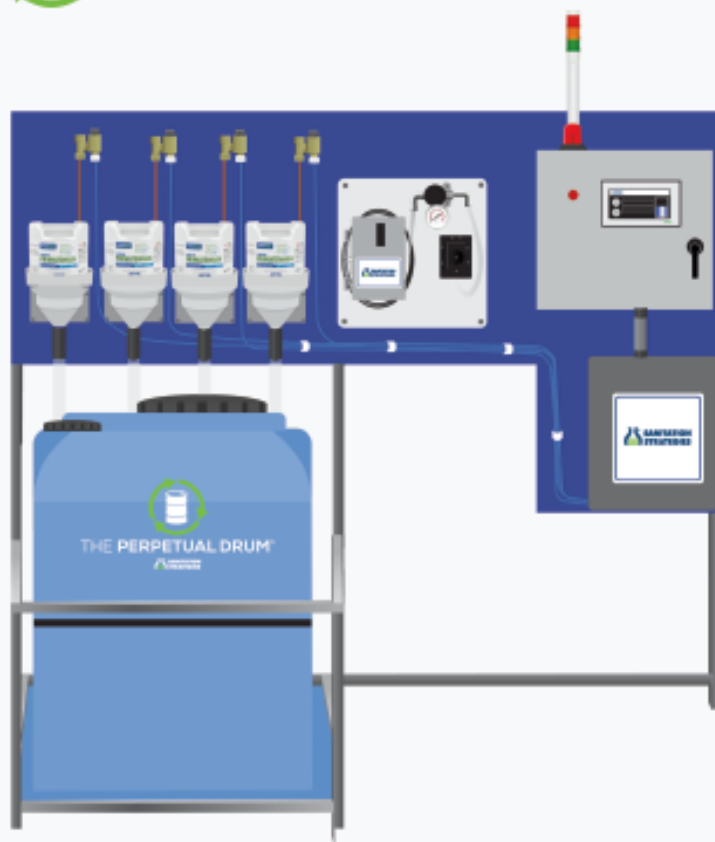
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Indiana AALAS Chapter Membership

2025 Membership Opportunities:

Individual Membership (after November 15, 2024): \$30

Student Membership (proof of school registration required): \$15

Institutional Memberships: \$30 per member



0-10 members / No discount

11-20 members / 5% discount

21-50 members / 10% discount

51-75 members / 15% discount

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Upcoming AALAS Events:

2025 INAALAS Annual Meeting

October 2, 2025 8am-4pm Labcorp Campus Greenfield, IN

INAALAS Member Registration \$30

Non-Member Registration \$50

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided.

We will be applying for 5 hours of RACE accreditation.

Vendor Hall.

Door prizes and silent auction.

Speakers:

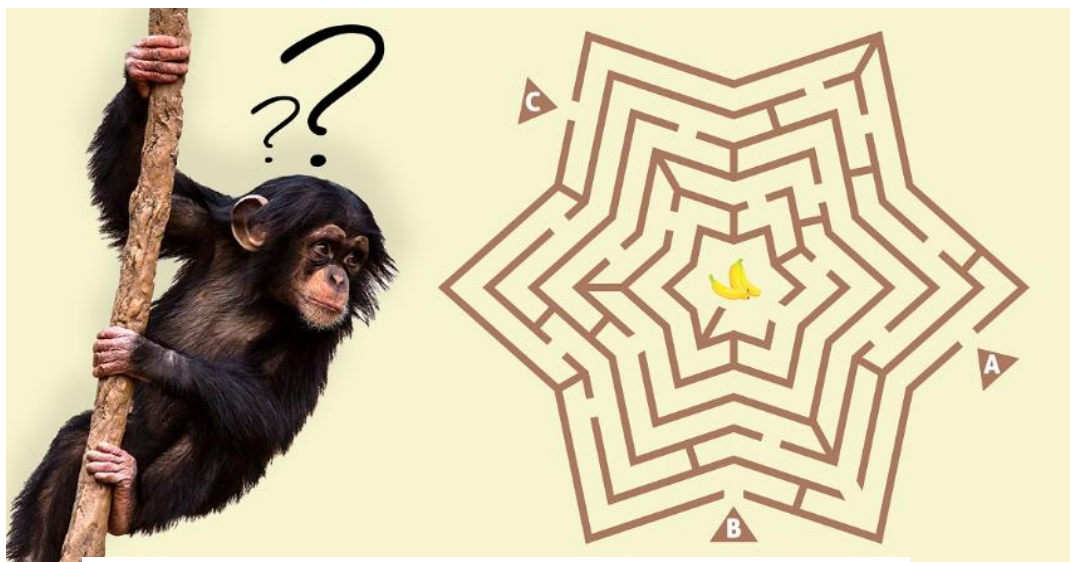
Iris Bolton, DVM, DACLAM – "The History of Primate Research"

Jillian Wendel, PhD – "The Drug Development Process"

Tai Oatess, DVM, DACLAM – "Laboratory Animal Behavior"

Brad Ahrens, DVM, PhD – "From Fangs to Pharma: How Venom Has Changed Modern Science"

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