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## A Letter From the President:

Happy October Everyone,

Welcome to the spookiest month of the year INAALAS members! I would like to welcome our new vendors, sponsors, and members! The support our chapter has received so far is mind blowing! Thanks to their generous support we have some great things in the works.

The new website is officially under construction! We are hoping to be able to make this beautiful, user-friendly website available within the next 3 months. Once the site goes live we will send out an email to the membership.

Our Wolf Park Membership Meeting coming up in November! We are excited to bring you an awesome wolf park tour, TWO fantastic talks and some delicious refreshments! Please make sure to register for this event as seating is limited!

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AALAS Puzzle Answers

The INAALAS Mutt Strut team will be out and about on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> supporting IndyHumane. Please make sure to register to be a part of the INAALAS team! You can bring your dogs or come without! Walking or running the 5K works! There is a costume contest too! Let's show up in numbers and represent INAALAS! [Check out INAALAS' team fundraising page for IndyHumane](#)

As always, if you would like to submit anything for the newsletter feel free to reach out to [kaitlyn.harris@covance.com](mailto:kaitlyn.harris@covance.com) with any interesting articles, fun facts or cool happenings at your institution.

Happy ghost hunting this month!

Arlene Gross, RLAT

INAALAS Branch President





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Join us at Wolf Park  
for our first in-person  
INAALAS meeting!

November 4<sup>th</sup>

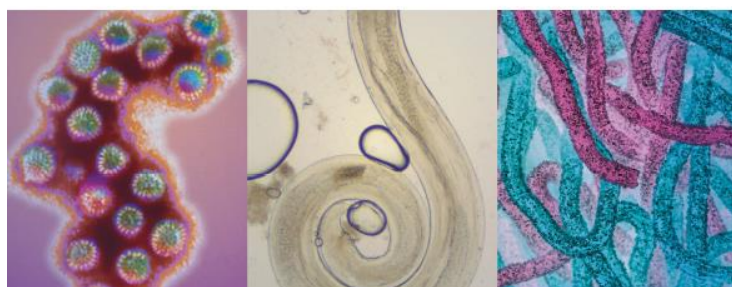
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## Board Member Spotlight:

**Board Member:** Kaitlyn Harris

**Position:** Secretary

**Q: Where do you work and what is your current position?**

**A:** I currently work at Labcorp as a surgery technician.

**Q: What would you say is your area of expertise?**

**A:** I worked with exclusively rodents for 5 years before coming to Labcorp, so I would say rodent handling/behavior is my area of expertise.

**Q: How long have you worked in the field of Laboratory Animal Science?**

**A:** I have worked in the laboratory animal science field for 7 years now and I'm not planning on going anywhere anytime soon.

**Q: What makes you passionate about what we do in our field of work?**

**A:** I am passionate about our field of work, because I love being the voice for these animals as they do the work that has the power to influence millions of people overtime. I see these animals as heroes.

**Q: When did you realize you wanted to work with animals?**

**A:** I realized I wanted to work with animals when I was young and had such a close connection with my pets as a kid. Then after working with several species of animals throughout my time at Ball State I knew it was the field for me.

**Q: What is your favorite species to work with and why?**

**A:** My favorite species to work with is guinea pigs. They are one of my favorite animals and their vocalizations bring me so much joy.

**Q: What are your hobbies?**

**A:** I love to read and to hike.

**Q: Do you have any pets?**

**A:** I have 2 dogs (Ridley and Merry) and 2 cats (Mr. Meeseeks and Ellie).







## Join us for our first Event!

**When:** October 14<sup>th</sup>  
@10:00 a.m.

### Where:

White River State Park

### What's included with your registration:

- Race Bib
- Event t-shirt
- (2) Drink tickets
- Opportunity to sample variety of biscuits for humans and pups
- 5K finishers will receive a medal

### Register for Mutt Strut at:

[Check out INAALAS' team fundraising page for IndyHumane](https://indyhumane.org/mutt-strut/)

## Other Activities Happening at Mutt Strut 2023:

- Dachshund Derby
- Costume Contest
- Parade of Adoptable Dogs

### Can't attend...no worries!

Even if you are unable to attend the event, you can support IndyHumane's mission by donating.

### Want to support but would rather stay home?

Register for a "Cat Nap Virtual Registration" and STILL GET THE T-SHIRT.

Check out the ways you can make an impact. With your support, we can save lives and make a difference for people and their pets.

## Follow Our New Facebook Page:

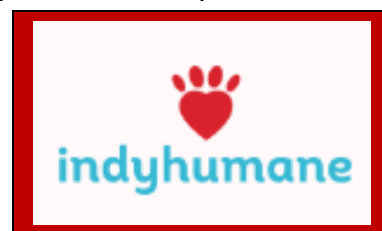


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### Stay up-to-date on:

- Upcoming Events
- AALAS News
- AALAS Education
- Upcoming Meetings

Read more about Mutt Strut at  
<https://indyhumane.org/mutt-strut/>





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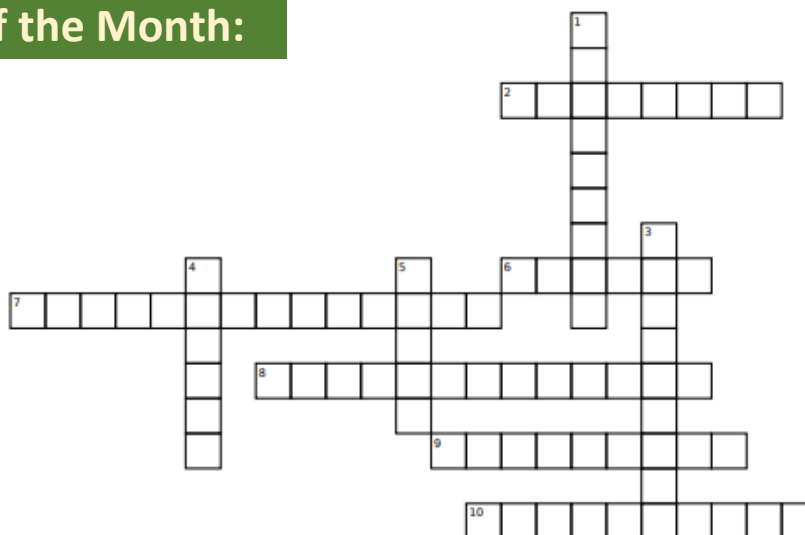
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## AALAS Puzzle of the Month:



### Down:

1. Red staining around the eyes and nose of mice or rats is caused by what substance
3. Sterilizes instruments equipment and glass items using superheated steam and pressure
4. Which rat is albino has a wide head long ears and a tail that is half its body length
5. What is the indigestible form of carbohydrate that provides no energy called

### Across:

2. Animals that harbor no detectable bacteria viruses or other microorganisms (also known as axenic)
6. Virus carried by Old World macaque monkeys
7. What type of caging creates a barrier at the cage level allowing greater control of the individual cage environment
8. What class of drugs is used to treat pinworms heartworms and tapeworms
9. Which rat stock is also known as the "hooded" rat
10. Pain relievers

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## Indiana AALAS Chapter Membership

**NO CHARGE for 2023!!**

### **2024 Membership Opportunities:**

**\*\* Individual Membership Early Bird Special\*\***

**\$25 if received by November 15, 2023**

Individual Membership (after November 15, 2023): \$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

76+ members / 20% discount

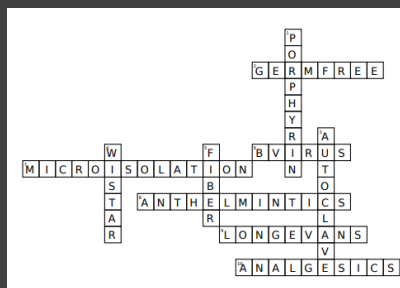
### **Vendor Memberships:**

\$100 - Includes 2 memberships and placement on newsletter

(Additional memberships available for \$30 each.)



## AALAS Puzzle Answers:



## Upcoming INAALAS Events:

**Mutt Strut- October 14<sup>th</sup> @10:00a.m.**

**Where- White River State Park**

**\*\*Be sure to register under our team "INAALAS"**

**Wolf Park INAALAS Meeting- November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Register at:**

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## Upcoming AALAS Events:



**Save the Date!**  
**2024 District 5**  
**AALAS Meeting**

May 1-3, 2024

Columbus, Ohio

Renaissance Westerville-Polaris Hotel

