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**A Letter From the President:**

Happy June INAALAS!

It's summertime! The kids are out of school and hopefully this weird Indiana weather can start warming up consistently so everyone can enjoy some summer fun!

Make sure to check out the photos from our amazing outing at Peaceable Primate Sanctuary in May! It was such a fun day! Scott and his staff were so gracious and accommodating! We had some great tours of the facility and saw all the animals. This is one first rate facility. The love and care given to these animals is evident in all we saw. If you haven't had the chance to visit the sanctuary, I highly recommend it! A huge thank you to VRL for sponsoring our event and to Dr. Iris Bolton for her awesome talk about the history of using primates in research. Also, a huge thank you to our members for going above and beyond with the donations for the sanctuary. The animals received so many awesome items!

Our branch was well represented at the AALAS District 5 Awards ceremony! We had many nominations and three winners! Congratulations to Cody Robinette who won the LAT of the Year Award and to Terry Burns-Heffner for winning the Vendor of the Year Award! I was honored to receive the LATG of the Year Award.

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We should have a link to our virtual Inotiv Surgery Talk on our website soon. Thank you to Inotiv for giving an great presentation. I hope everyone that was not able to tune in to the live event will be able to check it out soon.

Our next big event will be our annual meeting on October 2nd at the Greenfield Labcorp Campus. We will be opening vendor registration soon and will let you know when attendee registration will be available. We plan to offer breakfast and lunch along with a day full of fun speakers. We will be applying for RACE approval again and will let you know once we receive word on approval. We do still need a few more speakers. If you, or a colleague, would be interested in presenting at the meeting, please reach out!

Have a great June!

Arlene

LATG

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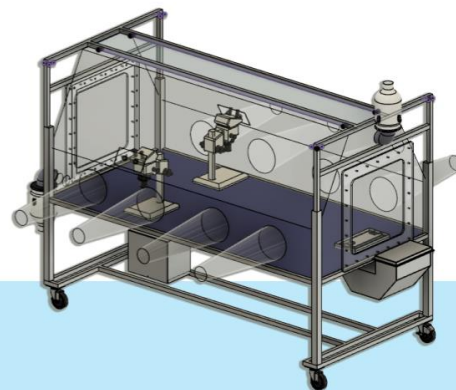


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Thank you to all our members who made it to our Peaceable Primates event. The group enjoyed a behind the scenes tour and a talk from our very own member Dr. Iris Bolton.



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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%

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2. Submit your application with everything filled out and all required documents.
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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.
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Congratulations to the D5 Award Winners!



Assistant Technician (ALAT) of the Year Award

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Presented To

Logan Bern



Technician (LAT) of the Year Award

2025

Presented To

Cody Robinette



Technologist (LATG) of the Year Award

2025

Presented To

Arlene Gross



Distinguished Service Award

2025

Presented To

Valerie Hill



Excellence In Laboratory

Animal Science Award

2025

Presented To

Mandy Sexton



Research Support Staff

of the Year Award

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Presented To

Ken Hays



Vendor of the Year Award

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Presented To

Terry Burns-Heffner



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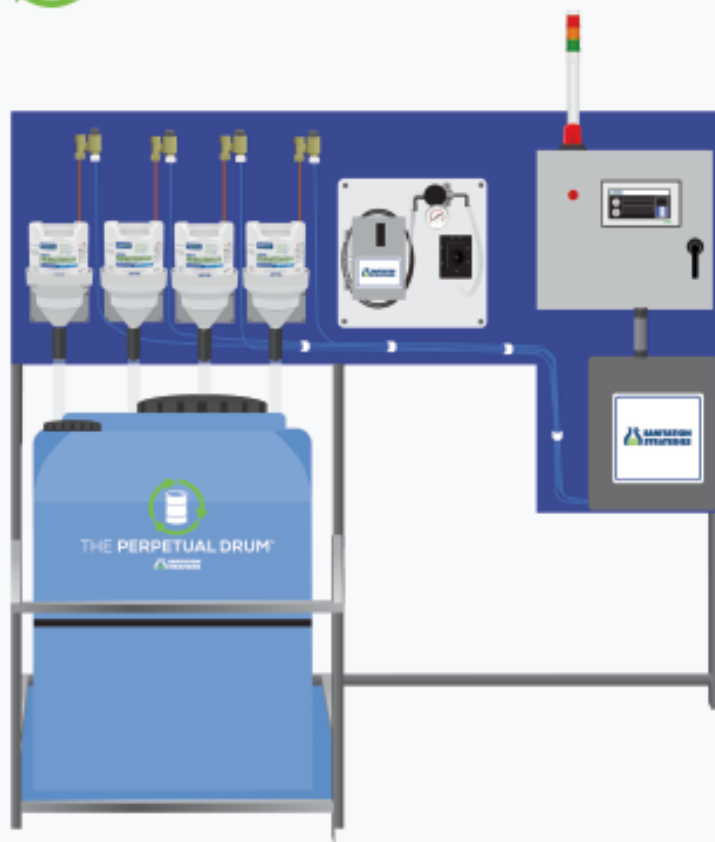
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Institutional Memberships: \$30 per member



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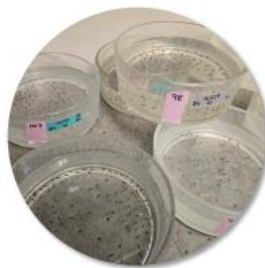


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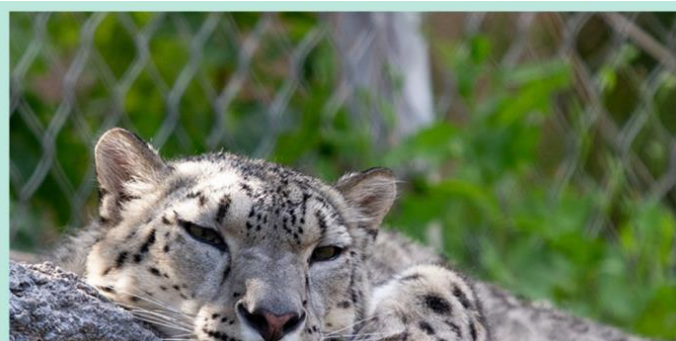
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