

AALAS Membership

*Our Mission...
to advance responsible
laboratory animal care and use
to benefit people and animals.*

The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) provides a forum for the exchange of information and expertise in the production, care and use of laboratory animals.



commitment of certified technicians who seek to demonstrate that they have maintained a current level of knowledge by acquiring continuing education units.

■ **The Certified Manager Animal Resources (CMAR) program** raises competency and professionalism in the field of lab animal resources management.

We are more than 11,000 clinical veterinarians, technicians, technologists, educators, and businesspeople working in various aspects of the laboratory animal science field on both the national and international levels.

Since 1950, we have been dedicated to the responsible care, use, and treatment of laboratory animals and to the quality research that leads to scientific gains that benefit both people and animals.

Education and Career Development

■ **AALAS National Meeting** presents leading-edge seminars, platform sessions, special lectures and round-table discussions. The meeting showcases more than 200 companies and educational exhibitors and is the world's largest meeting in the lab animal field.

■ **AALAS Learning Library (ALL)** is an online learning platform that features courses in lab animal science subjects for researchers, technicians, animal facility managers and directors, IACUC members, and other personnel involved with the care and use of lab animals.
www.aalaslearninglibrary.org



AALAS LEARNING LIBRARY
Animal Care and Use in Research and Education

■ **Institute for Laboratory Animal Management (ILAM)** is a two-year, weeklong educational program concentrating on the development of professional laboratory animal managers. The focus is on industry management concepts that enhance communication, team-building and networking.

■ **Education and Professional Development Resources.** AALAS offers certification study aids and professional development materials in a variety of formats, including manuals, workbooks, posters, reference booklets, resource kits, videos, CD-ROMs, and online courses. National members of AALAS receive a discounted rate on these and other AALAS products.

Certification Programs

■ **The AALAS Technician Certification Program** awards three levels of technical knowledge: Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT), Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT) and Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG).

■ **AALAS Technician Certification Registry** recognizes the

Publications

■ **Reference Directory.** This directory helps you network with members throughout the United States and the world. It includes a Products & Services Guide section, technical information, and AALAS certification/education information and forms.

■ **Comparative Medicine.** Published bimonthly, this journal is listed in Index Medicus. A subscription to Comparative Medicine is included with AALAS Gold Membership.

■ **Contemporary Topics in Laboratory Animal Science.** Highlighting refereed articles on clinical, technical, managerial and philosophical subjects, this bimonthly journal also features association news. A subscription to CT is included with Silver membership.

■ **Tech Talk.** This easy-to-read newsletter focuses on current information and technology of interest to all members. A subscription is included with all AALAS national memberships.

■ **AALAS in Action.** AALAS' new publication is the eight-page association newsletter. It is published six times a year and is mailed with *Tech Talk*.



Web Resources

■ **www.aalas.org.** The AALAS site offers online resources in lab animal science, including publication articles, products, and programs.

■ **www.IACUC.org.** This offers comprehensive information for members of institutional animal care and use committees.

■ **www.kids4research.org.** An informative site for students, teachers, and parents on responsible laboratory animal care and use in research, testing, and education.

■ **http://foundation.aalas.org.** The AALAS Foundation provides funding for initiatives to promote the awareness of research animal care and their meaningful contributions to the world.

Peer Recognition and Networking

■ **Listservs.** AALAS maintains various listservs on issues relating to comparative medicine and biomedical research.

■ **CompMed** is free and has more than 2,000 members.

- Techlink is a benefit for technicians.
- The IACUC Forum is a closed

listserv where IACUC members from all over the country can discuss issues relating to lab animal research.

■ **Professional Contacts and Friendships.** AALAS members have access to other laboratory animal science professionals locally, across the U.S. and worldwide. These contacts often turn into professional relationships that last a lifetime.



■ **National Recognition and Awards.** Professional and technical awards for excellence in the field of laboratory animal science are given each year at the AALAS National Meeting.

■ **Leadership.** AALAS members have the opportunity to serve in a number of national leadership positions and on the Board of Trustees, or to serve on a national committee to help plan programs and services. The Leadership Academy prepares participants to assume leadership positions at the branch and national levels.

■ **Regional and Branch Meetings.** AALAS branch groups provide networking and educational opportunities close to where you work and live.

Membership Packages

■ **Individual**—As an individual AALAS member, you select one of three membership levels, choosing the benefits package that best fits your needs. See the chart below for details.

■ **Commercial**—Our commercial members receive a discount on the AALAS National Meeting exhibit booths and have an immediate connection with other laboratory animal science professionals. For a minimal fee, commercial members can rent the AALAS mailing list.

■ **Institutional**—Pharmaceutical compa-

nies, biotechnology firms, research institutions, and academic facilities can join AALAS as institutional members. As employees leave, the membership remains with the institution. Institutional members can also rent the AALAS mailing list.

All of the AALAS individual membership benefits are available to institutional and commercial members.

■ **Affiliate**—Not-for-profit groups with a purpose consistent with our mission may apply for affiliate status. There must be a two-thirds approval by the Board of Trustees to grant affiliate membership.

Two Ways to Get Your Membership Application:

- Download a form at www.aalas.org.
- Call the AALAS national office at (901) 754-8620.

Benefits and Services of Gold, Silver, and Bronze AALAS Individual Membership Levels

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1. Voting privileges		
2. A \$50 discount for National Meeting registration		
3. Reduced fees for AALAS technician certification exams—all levels		
4. Discounts on educational materials		
5. Access to members-only sections of the AALAS website		
6. Tech Talk and AALAS in Action newsletters—print and online versions		
7. National Meeting Guide with preliminary program		◆
8. Subscription to Contemporary Topics in Laboratory Animal Science—print and online versions		
9. AALAS Reference Directory—print and online versions		◆
10. Subscription to Comparative Medicine—print and online versions		
11. AALAS Leadership & Committee Resource Directory		◆



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