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President's Message:

RTB Members,

We have had a great last few months in the branch! Our Homes for Animal Heroes team was the top fundraising team for the 2nd year in a row! Our turnout for the 5K was great-we had a menagerie of dogs, cats, and even rats come out for the event held at Lake Johnson. We also had our guest of honor, Bonnie, who is the first HAH



dog fostered in NC! We encourage you to get involved with this great organization-they are in need of foster homes, so if you are interested, please feel free to reach out to the board and we can point you in the right direction. The golf and cornhole tournament had another successful year-we will be donating a portion of our proceeds to Homes for Animal Heroes, and that donation would not be possible without all the generous vendor sponsors and willing participants for this event.

Please start thinking about awards and the deserving individuals that you would like to nominate. The deadline for nominations is December 31. Another thing to consider is elections for both President Elect and Secretary. If you think you are interested in either of those positions and want to discuss the duties, please reach out to the board.

We've got some great events still planned for the rest of the year, so be on the lookout for those sign ups. We do need speakers for Tech Night in December, so please reach out if you have an interesting topic you would like to present to the branch.

Thank you for all your continued support!

Emily Butler



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Morgan Holmes (Awards)



Janet Steele (Web/Membership)



Julie Kent (Nominations)



Ashley Foley (Local Arrangements)

Technician Achievements



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Summer Harris-ALAT Lisa Jones-ALAT Shazeeda Mohamed-ALAT Erica Read-ALAT UNC

Montana Pierri-ALAT Stacy Schenkel-ALAT Crystal Isley-LAT Jazmin Young-LAT

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NC State

Mallori McKinlay - LATG

Social Media





How many of you are on social media? Did you know that RTB AALAS has a social media presence? Check out our page: RTB A.A.L.A.S. There are a number of other organizations that are on Facebook as well! Some of the organizations you might want to add to your Facebook feed are listed below.

Homes for Animal Heroes

Homes for Animal Heroes (HAH) is a national program dedicated to rehoming retired research animals, mainly dogs, and sharing the facts about the critical role animals in research play in curing disease. HAH is building a network of dog experts that can effectively work with research institutions to rehome retired research dogs in every state across the country, one location at a time. Our goal is to permanently rehome these animal heroes into loving homes through a comprehensive foster-based program. https://www.facebook.com/homesforanimalheroes/

Understanding Animal Research

This page regularly shares a weekly roundup of animal based research results called "This week in animal research." The features have pictures and a link to the Understanding Animal Research page. The page then links to each of the six studies featured. It's easy to share these to your own feed to help your FB friends know what discoveries animal research has led to.

http://www.facebook.com/UnderstandingAnimalResearch

The Foundation for Biomedical Research

This is the Facebook page for the well-known advocacy group. They regularly share items related to animal research that can help keep you in the know about what's happening in biomedical research.

http://www.facebook.com/FBResearch

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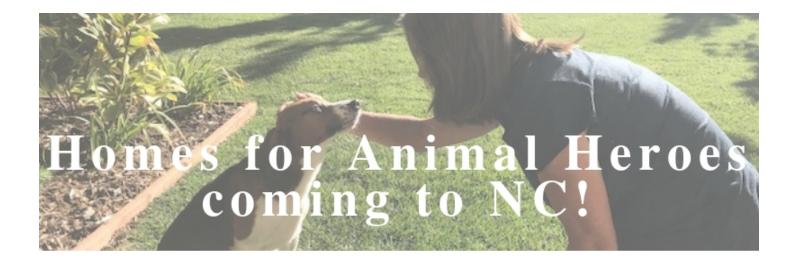
Our parent organization is on Facebook! Their page feed has news about deadlines and changes going on at AALAS and occasional features on services and products AALAS offers.

http://www.facebook.com/pages/AALAS/221279445386

The AALAS Foundation

The AALAS Foundation is very active on Facebook, hosting part of the Share that you Care campaign on Facebook and regularly posting updates on ways to work on ⁵ outreach.

http://www.facebook.com/aalasfoundation



BE A HERO FOR OUR HEROES

Homes for Animal Heroes is a foster-based program that relies on volunteers to acclimate our canine heroes to residential living. Each foster volunteer plays a key role in preparing our precious heroes for loving, forever homes. If you love dogs, have experience training them, and appreciate the importance of biomedical research, then fostering through Homes for Animal Heroes may be for you!

Please reach out to the Regional Coordinator in your state for more information: hah.nc@naiaonline.org



You can also learn more about us on Facebook or through our website: www.facebook.com/homesforanimalheroes | animalheroes.naiaonline.org

NC Regional Coordinator :Robin Raymer Email: hah.nc@naiaonline.org

RTB AALAS 2019 Events

April 11th – Jeopardy Night at NIEHS

May 17th – Carolina Tiger Rescue Work Day

June 6th-7th – RTB Hosts the District 4 Meeting, Raleigh

September 6th – Carolina Tiger Rescue Work Day

September 7th - Homes for Animal Heroes 5K

September 25th – Golf & Cornhole Tournaments, Mill Creek

October 13th-17th – National AALAS Meeting, Denver, Colorado

November 7th – Wake Forest Primate Center Tour

December 5th – Tech Night, NC Central University

RTB AWARDS CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

Rookie of the Year (Vendor – changes yearly) Plaque & \$100 Criteria: 1 year or less working in an animal facility. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Bio-Serv Enhancement or Improvement of Animal Welfare Award (Bio-Serv) Plague & \$250

Criteria: Member of RTB AALAS. Person nominating must also be a member of RTB AALAS. To recognize contributions of an individual who have contributed a positive impact to enrich, enhance, and/or improve the lives of animals or the environment they work in with regard to animal welfare.

Purina Prolab Award (Purina Mills)

Plaque & \$100 plus \$50 to National AALAS Foundation Education Committee

Criteria: Individual must have daily contact with animals and demonstrate positive attitude toward animal welfare, performance excellence, pursuit of knowledge in the field of laboratory animal care, and innovative approaches to husbandry-related problems. Formal education is not considered. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Research Technician Award (Envigo)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: LAT or AALAS-Certified Technologist working with the technical aspects of a research project. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Technician of the Year Award (RTB AALAS)

Plaque & \$250. Winner of this award is nominated for the National Technician of the Year award subject to National AALAS stipulations.

Criteria: LAT or LATG who is involved in RTB AALAS. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

President's Award (Charles River)

Plaque & \$500

Criteria: ALAT or LAT, not at a supervisory level, who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the field of Laboratory Animal Care. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Innovation Award (Tecniplast)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: Current member of RTB and National AALAS. Demonstration of commitment to innovation and ingenuity in contributions to the field of laboratory animal science. Participation in learning or information programs. Demonstrated participation in developing, improving, implementing, or providing training and education programs. Demonstrated interest in attaining additional education and training preferred. All considerations being equal, candidates having AALAS certifications will be given priority.

Managers Award (Allentown Caging Systems)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: LAT or AALAS-certified LATG and/or Registered CMAR working as a manager or supervisor of a Research Animal Facility. Individual must be an active member of RTB AALAS and National AALAS Member.

Wake Forest Primate Center Tour November 7th, 2019 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston Salem, NC, is home to a world-class nonhuman primate center with the capacity to house over 1,000 nonhuman primates and other large animal species, such as pigs, sheep, and goats, and has technical staff experienced in large animal research. There will be a tour of the campus and information provided about the research with the Vervet colony.

You must register thru Wild Apricot before the event to attend. This is a members-only event and is limited to 70 people. There is no admission fee for this event. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. The address of the Primate Center and parking/driving directions will be emailed to all of those who register before the event. Transportation to Winston Salem will not be provided by RTB AALAS. You will be required to show ID and check-in at the security gate upon arrival.

> Best regards, RTB AALAS





<u>1st</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Golf</u>

<u>2nd</u> Place Golf

<u>1st</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Cornhole</u>



2nd Place Cornhole



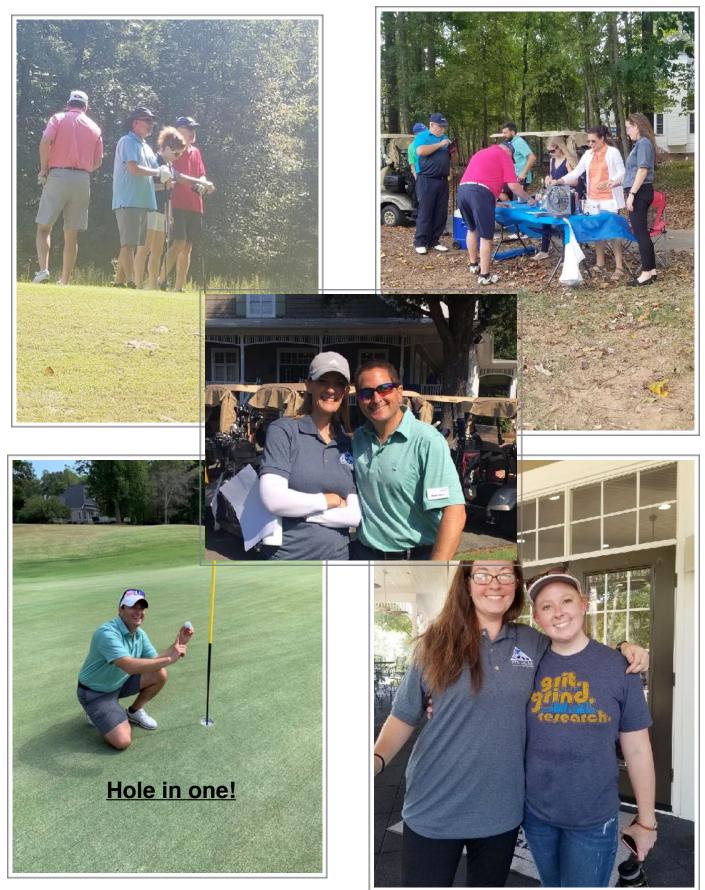


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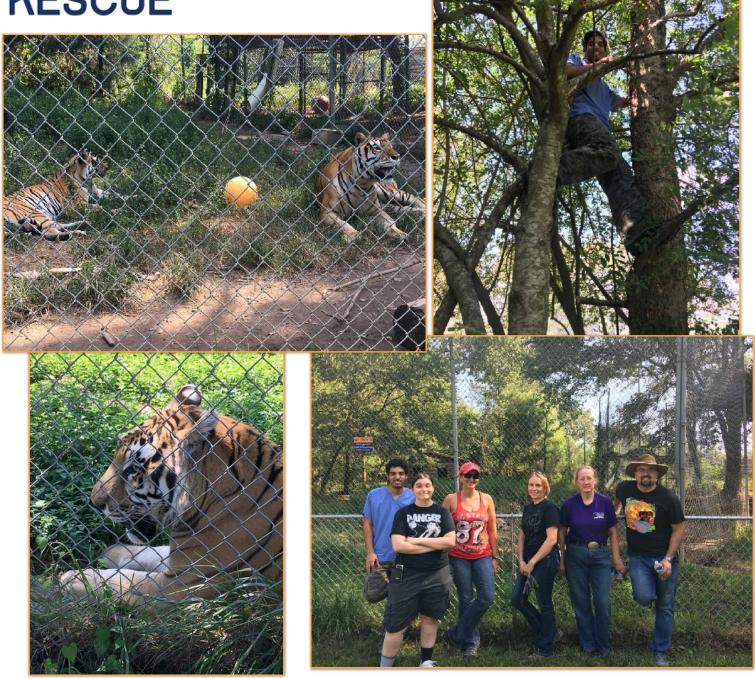


Heritage High Summer Tour at UNC

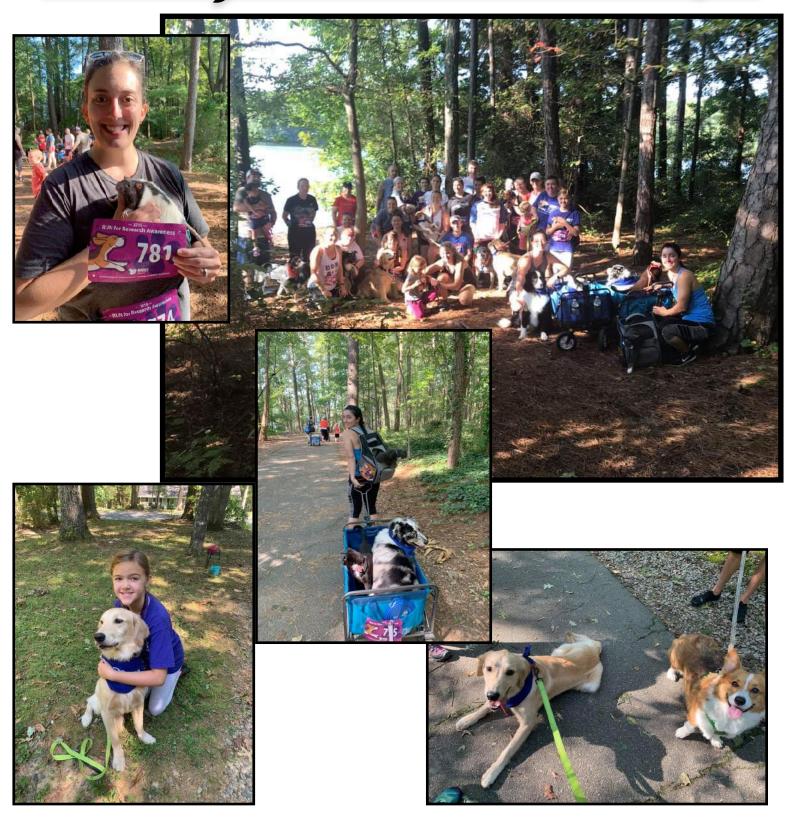




<u>CAROLINA TIGER RESCUE</u> <u>WORK DAY</u>



<u>Homes for Anímal Heroes 5K</u>



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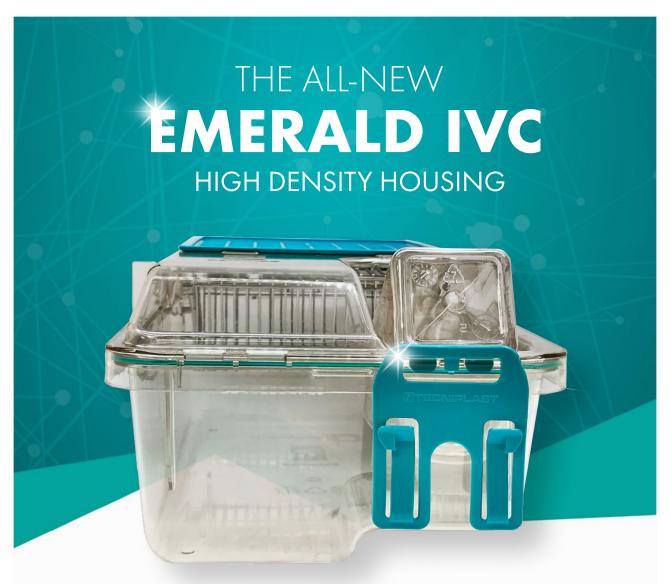
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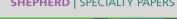
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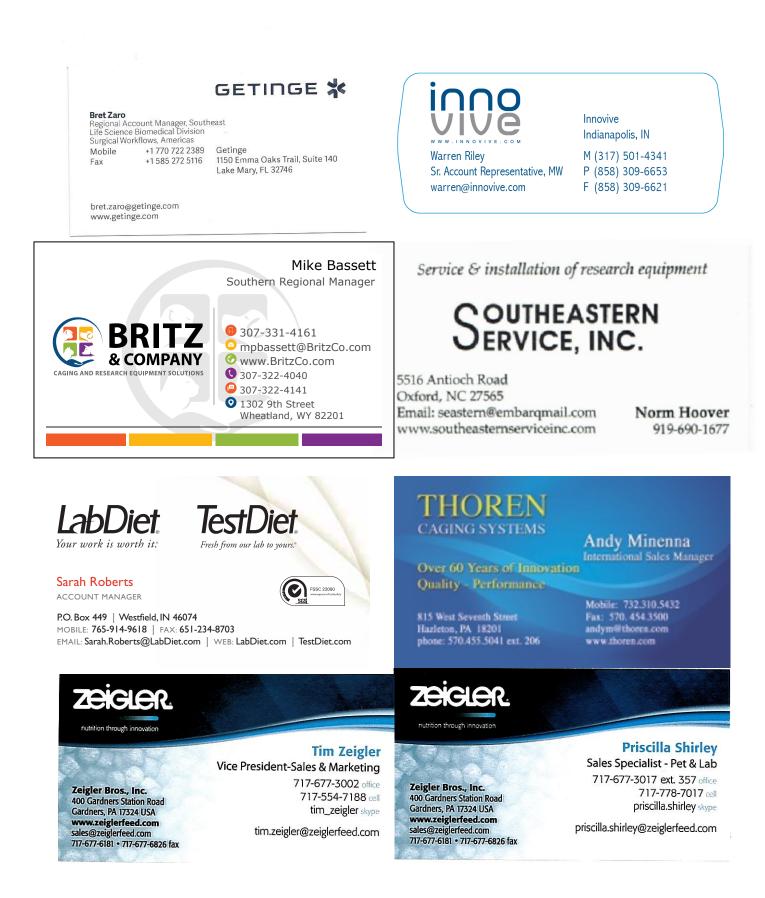
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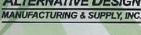
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