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New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
&
Merck & Co., Inc
Will be hosting the
Second Annual

Enrichment Extravaganza

Friday, April 17, 2009

at

The National Conference Center,
Holiday Inn of East Windsor
399 Monmouth Street
East Windsor, New Jersey

Featuring

Guest Speakers:

Emily Patterson-Kane, PhD

Animal Welfare Scientist,
American Veterinary Medical Association

Emily Patterson-Kane holds a PhD in animal psychology from the *University of Wellington (New Zealand)* and has conducted animal welfare-related research (with hens, rats and swine) at institutions including *Purdue University, the University of British Columbia* and *the Scottish Agricultural College*. She is co-editor of *The Animal Welfare Sciences* a book in the UFAW animal welfare series soon to be released by *Blackwell Academic*. For the last two years she has served as "Animal Welfare Scientist" in the animal welfare division of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Angela Morris

P&G Pet Care, The IAMS Company

As an industry leader, IAMS has established innovative policies, programs and practices that ensure measurable progress in dog and cat welfare and care. An independent advisory board of animal welfare experts was created to advise the company on ethics, animal behavior and welfare, animal adoptions and the human-animal bond. Angela will discuss some of these programs as well as state of the art housing facilities designed from an animal's perspective and a cageless environment complemented by unlimited access to outdoor enclosures.

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Breakout Session Summaries:

Idea Sharing Three Sessions:

Nonhuman Primates; Dogs and Pigs; Rodents, Rabbits and Ferrets

Do you have species-specific enrichment issues that you want to resolve? Have you found a great enrichment idea, different way of doing things, and want to share? Whether we share our enrichment success stories or our disappointments, our animals are sure to benefit from the knowledge and experiences discussed in this session.

Beginner Positive Reinforcement Training (PRT) Using Clickers:

Have you always wanted to know how to use PRT and clickers to easily and effectively train your animals to improve their quality of life as well as benefit your programs? Then come to this stress free workshop to learn the basics and give your training program a fresh new tool that both you and your animals will enjoy!

Advanced Positive Reinforcement Training (PRT) Using Clickers:

Ok, so you've either been to the Beginner PRT workshop and want more, or you've already been using clickers and PRT in your enrichment programs and you're looking for the next step and more advanced techniques. Well you've come to the right place! Join us to learn how to bring your PRT program to the next level to continue to bring a new variety of skills to your animals, yourselves, and to ease the stress of working and living in a research environment.

Training Methods to Cope with Inappropriate Behaviors:

Unfortunately stereotypic behaviors in captive animals are a constant concern, as well as behaviors that are less than appropriate and can create a potentially unsafe working relationship with our animals (i.e. biting, grabbing, and scratching). Share your experience and ideas with your peers to help each other learn how you have used specific training methods to overcome these behaviors and build better working relationships with the animals we care so much about.

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Enrichment with Limits:

We all want what is best for our animals-sometimes we just have to work around study variables. Do you have constraints like toxicology or food restrictions? How do these study parameters affect your ability to enrich your animals? In this break out session, explore how can you provide the best environmental enhancement and meet these standards/requirements.

Developing or Improving an Enrichment Program:

There are many important things to consider when developing or expanding an enrichment program. This breakout session will discuss effective methods such as setting project goals, creating a plan, employee and animal safety considerations, documentation, implementation, evaluation and post-implementation evaluations.

Evaluating the Effectiveness of your Enrichment Program:

Let's face it; we work in a science driven environment where numbers and empirical data usually rule. In many cases, subjective observation (regardless of how true or pertinent it may be) is often disregarded due to lack of "proof", and those who publish are King. Learn how to design a study and publish your results to help demonstrate the extraordinary benefits of Environmental Enrichment!

Getting Buy In:

You have a fabulous new idea for your enrichment program, but you're not sure how to help everyone else recognize the worth or validity of your idea to make it actually happen. Learn how to get that enormously important "buy in" from Management, Investigators, and the IACUC to support your programs and have the dream become reality!

Starting an Adoption Program:

Many facilities are looking for alternative endpoints for their research animals, and many former research animals are enjoying a life of retirement. Could adoption or retirement be an option for your animals? What are the common pitfalls in establishing a program? Does your facility currently have an adoption or retirement program in place? What problems do you have in maintaining a program? This breakout session will focus on how to develop and maintain a successful program

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Registration:

- Fill out information exactly as you would like it to appear on your name badge. Please fill out a separate form for each registrant.

- Name: _____

- Professional Affiliation/Organization: _____

- Mailing Address: _____

- City: _____ State: _____

- Zip/Postal Code: _____

- Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Please check here if you have special needs and would like someone to contact you.

Payment Type: (please check one)

- Check (Check # _____) Money Order (Control # _____) American Express

- Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

- Name as it Appears on Credit Card: _____

- Signature: _____

- The afternoon will allow an opportunity to attend three breakout sessions. Please place a number 1, 2, or 3 next to your top sessions of interest and an "X" next to three back up sessions. We will make an effort to accommodate your first choices.

_____ Idea Sharing - Nonhuman Primates

_____ Idea Sharing - Rodents, Rabbits & Ferrets

_____ Idea Sharing - Dogs & Pigs

_____ Beginner Positive Reinforcement Training

_____ Advanced Positive Reinforcement Training

_____ Training Methods to Cope with Inappropriate Behaviors

_____ Enrichment with Limits

_____ Developing or Improving an Enrichment Program

_____ Evaluating the Effectiveness of Your Enrichment Program

_____ Getting Buy-in

_____ Starting an Adoption Program

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Registration Information:

- Extravaganza Registration Fee- \$100
- *Registration includes all sessions, coffee breaks, activities, breakfast and lunch.*

Payment Information:

- Payment can be made by check, money order and American Express.
- **Please make check or money order payable to: New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research.**
- Please mail completed registration forms to:

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Rahway, NJ 07065

Please Note:

- *Registrations by phone will not be accepted.*
- *Only credit card registration payments may be faxed: Fax#: (732) 594-6120*
- *Deadline for registration is March 15, 2009*
- *Registration opens at 7:30 am, Extravaganza begins at 8:30 am*

Program Highlights

Guest Speakers – Recognized experts in the field of enrichment and behavior will be sharing their expertise throughout the day.

Raffles – Win great prizes!

Networking -This is a great opportunity to meet with your peers and exchange ideas to improve the lives of animals on a daily basis!

Vendors - Participants will have the opportunity to meet with the many vendors that are taking part in the symposium. Our vendors this year include:

- *Purina Lab Diet*
- *Bio-Serv*
- *Animal Specialties and Provisions*
- *Marshall BioResources*
- *Thermo Fisher Scientific*
- *W.F. Fisher & Son*

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