

THE ILLINOIS STUDENT CHAPTER OF

AVSAB

AMERICAN VETERINARY SOCIETY
OF **ANIMAL BEHAVIOR**

Behavior Club



**College of
Veterinary Medicine**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

More Info About Us and Animal Behavior

President – Jamie

VM3; Class of 2023

Orlando, Florida

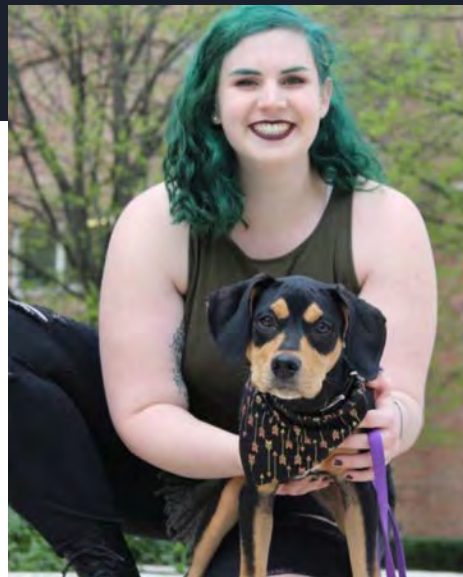
Small Animal/Exotic Behavior and Neurology

Behavior Interests

- Canine Aggression
- Separation Anxiety
- Low-Stress Handling
- Client Education
- Professional Collaboration

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

I love the supportive nature of our club and our diversity of interests! My favorite thing about behavior (which I have said way too much, and will continue to say) is that it is applicable to everyone working with any living animal. Not only is it amazing to see behavioral techniques in action and how much of a difference it can make, but it is imperative for us as veterinary professionals to know to keep us and our support staff safe in all situations.



Vice President – Averie

VM3; Class of 2023
Elizabethtown, PA
Anesthesiology, Sheep

Behavior Interests

- *Separation Anxiety Behavior Mod and Treatment*
- *Camelid/Ruminant Handling*
- *Canine Enrichment*
- *Anxiety Management*

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

My favorite thing about this club is that we have the opportunity to address parts of our education that are traditionally neglected. I also love that we can give ourselves a basis for helping owners provide the VERY BEST that our companion animals deserve.



Secretary- Daisy

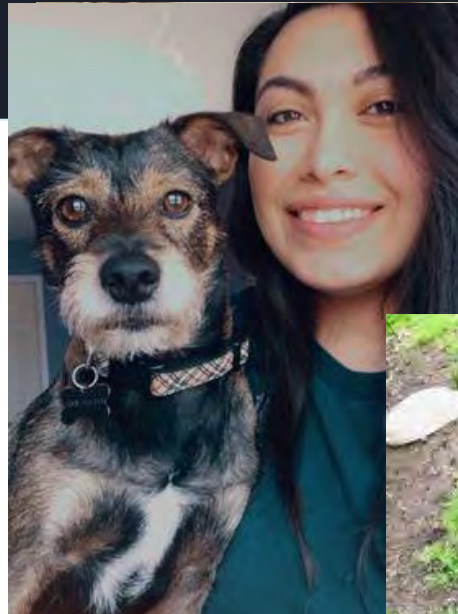
VM3; Class of 2023
Chicago, IL
Shelter Medicine, Animal Behavior

Behavior Interests

- Fear Aggression
- Anxiety management
- Clicker/ Positive reinforcement training
- Proper socialization in canines & felines
- Behavioral Medications/treatments

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

My favorite thing about this club is that we can help educate others about various behavioral issues in animals. We can provide a variety of resources that can be accessible to students that will be useful in their veterinary career down the road.



Fundraising Chair – Brooke

VM3; Class of 2023
Minooka, IL
Reptiles, Zoo med

Behavior Interests

- Behavioral husbandry and training in zoo animals
- Cognitive abilities of crocodilians
- Effects of environmental enrichment on reptiles
- Welfare of pet and breeding snakes
- Stress responses of exotics in captivity
- Early socialization in dogs

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

I love having the opportunity to learn how environment, breeding, and socialization can affect an animal's behavior and its trainability. I have the opportunity to broaden my knowledge about training captive bred wild animals and how working with them can help to better understand how to work with shy or reactive dogs and cats. If we can train a dolphin, lion, or giraffe to voluntarily participate in regular physical exams, how can we work with our pets to be confident at the vet and in society?



Treasurer – Jess

VM3; Class of 2023
Bloomington, IL (NW suburb of Chicago)
Small Animal ER, Shelter Medicine

Behavior Interests

- *Management of Separation Anxiety*
- *Behavior in Shelter Medicine*
- *Enrichment/Cognitive Dysfunction*
- *Proper canine/feline socialization*
- *Fear Free Practices*

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

Behavior is one of most underrated components of being a veterinarian, especially for those of us going into GP. This club helps to provide a foundation for many of the common behavioral issues we will face in practice. I love that behavior has so many different facets and gives you a place to come up with unique creative solutions for each client to strengthen the human-animal bond!



Class of '22 Rep – Monica

VM4; Class of 2022
Chicago, IL
Exotics and Wildlife

Behavior Interests

- *Care and Handling of Exotic Species*
- *Low-Stress Handling*
- *Behavioral Medications/treatments*

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

Even though there are some important differences, the basic ideas behind low-stress handling of animals are consistent across species!

Temple Grandin was the first person that really got me thinking about how important understanding animal behavior was.



Class of '23 Rep - Larissa

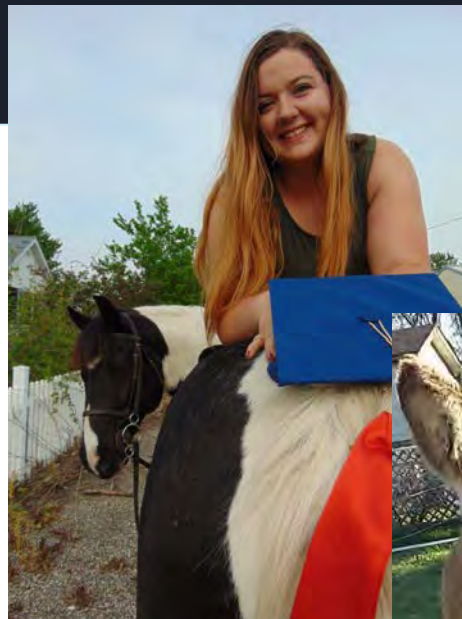
VM3; Class of 2023
Donnellson, IL
Equine & Food Animal

Behavior Interests

- *Equine behavior modification*
- *Human-horse relationship*
- *Enrichment & welfare*
- *Low stress handling*
- *Abnormal behavior in the rescue horse*

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

Behavior is important in all species. I love that by learning equine behavior I can enrich my animals lives and make them happier as companions, riding horses, therapeutic riding horses. I can help other horses that need rescuing from dangerous situations and see their wellbeing flourish by applying very simple behavior modifications and having patience. :)



Class of '24 Rep - Corrine

VM2; Class of 2024

Lexington, KY

Mixed Animal practice / Neurology

Behavior Interests

- Low-stress handling
- Canine aggression and behavior
- Behavior changes related to aging
canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD)
- Behavior changes related to pain

Fun Fact or Fave Thing about Club

No matter what is ahead of you in your career path, you will be dealing with behavior, behavior issues, behavior questions, etc. so it is important to become competent and confident with behavior topics!

I love learning about the “basics” but we had a falconry lecture last year that was extremely interesting.



More resources on animal behavior:



More resources on animal behavior:

Dog Park Behavior Etiquette



Tired of Walks?
Here are things you can do with your dog!



More resources on animal behavior:



Crate Training Information



Destructive Chewing

More resources on animal behavior:

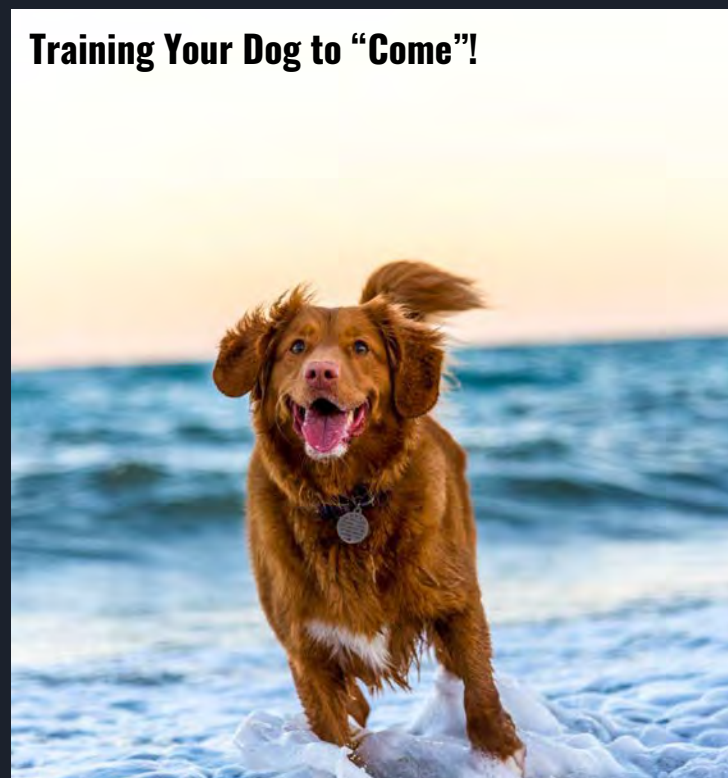
Greeting Dogs and Bite Prevention



Dogs and Babies



More resources on animal behavior:



More resources on animal behavior:



More resources on animal behavior:

Teaching Your Cat Tricks



Cats Who Bite When Getting Pet



More resources on animal behavior:

Litter Box Problems



Handouts About Animal Behavior
GREAT for teachers to teach small kids!

More resources on animal behavior:

What are rabbits really like?



Rabbits and Dogs

More resources on animal behavior:



Photo by [Mathew Smith](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Jeyakumaran Mayooreesan](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Honest Paws](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Chewy](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Ayla Verschueren](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Sophie Elvis](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [JB Photography](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Picsea](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Noah Buscher](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Oscar Sutton](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Caspar Camille Rubin](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Mikhail Vasilyev](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Milada Vigerova](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Litter Robot](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Louis-Philippe Poitras](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Howard Bouchevereau](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Francis Delapena](#) on [Unsplash](#)
Photo by [Juan Manuel Núñez Méndez](#) on [Unsplash](#)