

## PROfiles in Laboratory Animal Science



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**Job Title:** Associate Director, Dept. of Veterinary Sciences  
**Years in laboratory animal science:** 27

**National AALAS member and committee participation:** 26 years; Trustee, (1999-2003); Regional Examining Board; Animal Technician Certification Board; Awards Selection Committee.  
**Branch AALAS member and committee participation:** Delaware Valley, National Capitol Area, Northern California, Washington, and Upstate New York. I have served on the Board of Directors of many of these and was President of Upstate New York in 1998.  
**Level of AALAS certification:** I'm not AALAS certified, but I am board certified in both laboratory animal medicine and veterinary preventive medicine.  
**Awards received:** Charles E. Schadler Award, Upstate New York Branch, 1999

### How did you get into the field?

I applied for and was accepted into a lab animal medicine training program while in the United States Army.

**When you were growing up, what did you want to be?**

It depends what age you're talking about. When I was six, I wanted to be a fireman. When I was 10 or so, I wanted to be a locomotive engineer. At the age of 15, I decided I wanted to be a veterinarian.

### Did you have mentors?

Yes, I had plenty while in the Army. Many went on to become leaders in the field, including Harry Rozmiarek, Bill Cole, Jim Taylor, Jeff Linn, and others.

### What are your current interests in lab animal science?

My current interests are facility design and operations.

### What is the one thing nobody would guess about you?

That I'm into old cars.

### What companion pets do you have?

I have two cats, and several koi in an outdoor pond.

### What are your career goals?

My goal is to be promoted to director at my company.

### What is your advice for others entering the field?

I advise those entering this field to become involved with AALAS in your branch. It's a great organization for learning new things, making new friends, and helping the profession.

*I first met Dr. Liebenberg soon after he had survived the massive San Francisco earthquake at the Presidio. He was headed to his post-military career as a veterinarian in pharmaceutical research. He had a huge enthusiasm for laboratory animal science and technician advancement, and he immediately began volunteering in local and national AALAS activities. Dr. Liebenberg has many passions outside of animal science, but in his garage is his pride and joy—a carefully restored T-bird!—Amy Ingraham*

## Letter to the Editor/Tech Tip

Dear Editor:

I recently read Dan Nolan's article on teaching trainees tail vein injections. His approach of understanding the anatomy first and the emphasis on practicing is excellent advice. I have one small tip to add. Try adding some methylene blue to the saline you are using for the practice injections. The blue creates a sharp contrast and you can see the liquid flowing through the tail vein when your needle is in the vein. The trainee can visualize when he or she has made an injection that is actually in the vein versus one that is not. It is harmless to the animal and inexpensive.

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*Editor's note: Sterile injectable methylene blue is available from hospital pharmacies. The use of new methylene blue stain for IV injections is not acceptable.*

## Crossword Puzzle Solution

