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And Now Introducing...

In the 32 years that *Lab Animal* has been published, we have made every effort to use these pages as a conduit for bringing important information to everyone involved in laboratory animal care and use—from veterinarians to technicians, and researchers to facility managers—in a timely and accessible format. While we remain dedicated to this mission, we also see the need to keep things fresh and to continue moving forward.

That being said, this issue marks the launch of a new column. The “Question & Answer” column provides the opportunity for us to answer reader-submitted questions on anything *Lab Animal*. Although this month’s question asks for an explanation of some of the more commonly used acronyms used in the community, we hope to receive questions on a wide range of topics—from regulations to personnel management and training to environmental enrichment—and we welcome any feedback or suggestions for future questions.

Another debut, which you probably noticed upon picking up this issue, is our first-ever *Lab Animal* wall poster, brought to you by the folks at Lab Diet. For anyone unfamiliar with the technical terms used to describe the nutritional components of animal feed, or for those in need of a refresher course, we recommend that you tear out this poster and hang it someplace for easy access.

We have recently undergone a reorganization of our Editorial Board, and you may have noticed a handful of new names added to the roster. Nina Hahn, DVM, PhD, DAACLAM is Associate Director in the Office of Laboratory Animal Care at the University of California at Berkeley. Cyndi Brown, DVM is a clinician in the Department of Avian and Exotic Pets at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. John Maher, MS, MBA, CMAR, RLATG is a Senior Manager in the BioResources Department at Wyeth Research in Pearl River, NY. Jo Ellen Sherow, BS, LATG, is the Director of Research Compliance at Ohio University in Athens, OH. We are pleased to welcome our new board members, and our readers can look forward to seeing their contributions in the years to come.

Finally, in this issue we present a series of profiles of eight people from radically different areas of the laboratory animal science community. Many of these people require no introduction, and all of them continue to make a unique and important contribution in their field. As we have done a number of times in the last several years, we give these people the chance to tell their stories in their own words, helping to illustrate both the variety of opportunities available to those working in the field, and the surprising ways in which people have found themselves drawn into the community.