

It's all about training

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The Scand-LAS Education and Training Committee has the mission to endorse and promote educational activities for all personnel involved in animal care and use, in particular for animal caretakers and technicians. As part of fulfilling this mission, the committee organizes a session at the Scand-LAS conferences. This year's session will consist of three presentations. First, Stine Drent will give a presentation about a program for training of animals, with the goal to minimize stress in the animals and maximize their cooperation. Further, Stine will present how the skills and competences of the staff involved in animal training are maintained and developed. Second, Åsa Holmberg will present how dummies and other non-animal tools can be used as part of the training of technicians and researchers, to improve skills in animal handling and procedures on live animals. Finally, Lene Gorm Pedersen will present the most recent updates about the Scand-LAS visitor program, where animal caretakers and technicians can visit other animal facilities in the Scand-LAS countries to gain new knowledge. How it is structured, what the status is at current, and how it will continue, will be addressed. In addition to the above-mentioned presentations, the committee will end the session with a survey to raise topics for a planned workshop about communication in 2025. We want your opinion – bring your phones!