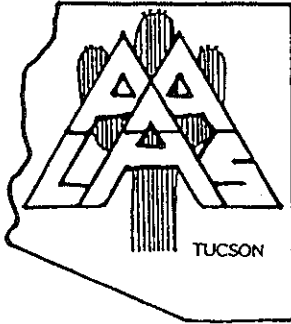


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*****Dated Forms Enclosed*****

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Minutes of the Last Meeting

The meeting was held in room 1119B of the College of Medicine on Thursday, June 25, 1992. President Karmen Munson opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Karmen introduced Lieutenant Sam Ragland of the University Police Department. Lt. Ragland gave an "Update on Animal Research Opposition & the Prognosis For the Future."

Karmen mentioned that Technician Branch Representative Kathy Stollberg received a letter of complaint circulated by a California branch regarding the changes in requirements for certification. They request that opinions be given on what technicians, etc., feel on the subject. The new major requirement for certification is that examinees must be members or affiliates of the National organization. The assumption was made that institutions will pick up the cost of the exams when in fact they don't or only if the examinee passes. The increased cost of exams are seen as a hardship for most technicians and will be a deterrent to taking the exams. Board of Trustee Casey Kilcullen-Steiner stated that National is still reviewing the information.

Karmen announced the Symposium will be held September 25 and 26th, 1992 at the Hotel Park Tucson. She passed around a list of committees that Secretary/Treasurer Grace Aranda compiled and possible volunteers signed up. To date we have received very few abstracts therefore forms were made available at the meeting and will go out in the newsletter to be due by July 15th.

Karmen mentioned that the Adopt-An-Animal at Reid Park Zoo idea is still possible. A donation form will be included in the next newsletter and then the branch could possibly match whatever is collected. The idea was proposed to the branch in the general meeting.

Karmen mentioned that National had sent a letter about appointing Regional Examining Boards, REB's. The REB's will be on for a term of three years from October 1 to September 30 and must be a member of National AALAS and an LATG or DVM. REB's must also be certified as a qualified examiner. The board suggested retaining the

three REB's we currently have: Dr Susan Wilson-Sanders, chair; Dr Dan Downing and Gloria Aerni as they are geographically well placed and their terms are still valid. Grace contacted each for their assent.

Karmen gave a financial report: Checking-\$794, Savings-\$793, 1st CD-\$1400, 2nd CD-\$2000 = @\$5000. Forecast of future spending - educational material, symposium expenses.

Karmen announced the board reviewed some of the available study material for the certification exams. The board felt this would be a worthwhile expense and @\$300 worth of materials were ordered. It was suggested that careful records be kept on the items such as to hold a check in the amount of the item when someone checks out something to insure its return. Items will be kept with the Secretary.

Grace mentioned that in speaking with vendors the issue of institutional membership has come up. Institutional membership usually includes a business card size ad in the newsletter and two memberships. Therefore the cost of such a membership should be @\$50. This will be enacted January 1993.

The question was raised as to what should be the after symposium event for those staying over Saturday the 26th. Past events have been a trip to Nogales and a hayride/cookout. Suggestions include Gaslight theater and Biosphere.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Adopt An Animal

Here's an opportunity to do something you've always wanted to do...get more intimately involved with your favorite animal at Reid Park Zoo. Become a zoo parent. It's easy, fun, most importantly, your "adoption fee" goes towards the zoo's programs in wildlife conservation and management.

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Many of the animals will have more than one parent. And, animals may occasionally be removed from permanent display for a variety of reasons. If this happens to your adopted animal, we will notify you and offer you another choice. Adoptions are for one year, and you can retain you first animal or choose a new one upon renewal.

If you would like to join us in adopting an animal send your check to Arizona AALAS - Adopt An Animal, University of Arizona, Bldg 101, Rm 114, Tucson, AZ, 85721.

The branch will match the total amount received and an animal will be chosen accordingly. You will be kept informed of the adoption proceedings through this newsletter.

***** REMINDER: BRANCH DUES ARE OVERDUE *****

The Arizona Branch of AALAS membership dues are now due. Don't miss out on all the valuable information available through AALAS and it's newsletter. Send in your dues today!

REQUEST FOR NEW MEMBERS - 1992

Arizona has had a branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science since July of 1985. For those of you not familiar with this organization, AALAS serves as a clearing house for the collection and exchange of information on all aspects of the care and management of laboratory animals. Membership in the local chapter is only \$5/year.

Please send your check or money order made out to **Arizona Branch AALAS**, University of Arizona, Bldg 101, Rm 114, Tucson, AZ 85721.

OPPORTUNITY FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

As of May of this year, the *AALAS Bulletin*, now called *Contemporary Topics in Laboratory Animal Science*, will no longer be shipped in bulk to the branches, and certification examination fees, which have not been adjusted since the early '70's, will increase. Non-national members participating in this program will be charged an additional \$50 at each level. Although many branch members may work within a Member Institution and therefore, can affiliate with the national organization through their place of employment, others may not have that opportunity. The Arizona Branch has purchased a Branch Membership in National AALAS for \$300 and by paying an additional \$20 any member of the Arizona Branch may become an affiliate of National. By joining as a Member Branch, we can create a low cost vehicle for all branch members to affiliate with the national organization. And as a Member Branch "affiliate", local members not only will be entitled to participate in all national programs and services at the member rate, they also will receive a direct copy of *Contemporary Topics*. In addition, they can attend the four-day AALAS Annual Meeting in Anaheim at the reduced rate for members. This conference will offer hundreds of educational presentations and state-of-the-art product/service exhibits. Affiliates are not eligible to vote or chair national committees. They do receive *Contemporary Topics* and special mailings; get discounts on educational material and services; and are listed in the Membership Directory. For more information call Grace at (602) 621-1330.

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Each ad will run four times during the year. In addition, if your organization has any more general announcements and/or articles which would be of interest to our members, please feel free to send them to us for publication. Please send copy to Newsletter Editor: University of Arizona, Bldg 101, Rm 114, Tucson, AZ 85721.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEWS

To See How The Animal Rights Viewpoint Is Gaining Ground, Check Your Local Library

By Dr B. Taylor Bennett, Chairman of the 1991 AALAS Committee on Public Policy

Last year, my son came home from our local library and asked me if I had checked out the "New Books" shelf recently. Since I had plenty of reading material available in ever-growing stacks on every piece of furniture in my office, including half of the chairs and several untraveled areas of the carpet, I replied that I had not even been in our local library for over a year.

You should go and talk to somebody there," he said, explaining that five of the books on display, as recommended new books, were about animal rights, and there appeared to be no attempt to present balanced coverage of the issues.

That weekend I visited our library. I found many books, many of which I had already read, that could be considered as having an "animal rights orientation." Judging from the date stamps on the cards inside the covers, it appeared that an awful lot of other people had at least taken the books home.

As I wandered by the stacks of tax forms, I came upon a series of file cabinets marked "pamphlets." Inside these cabinets were folders full of pamphlets and articles. The thickest folder was labeled "Animal Rights" and contained a lot of information about the use of animals in research from such organizations as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the National Anti-Vivisection Society, and the Humane Society of the United States, none of which I believe present an accurate picture of how animals are cared for and used.

I stored this little experience away in my mind and made a note to get the Committee on Public Policy and its Subcommittee on Information Exchange to do a little missionary work in our local libraries. Later in the year, the committee assembled a package of materials for distribution to local libraries for inclusion in their pamphlet files. This package was distributed to AALAS branch contacts at the end of January, along with instructions for duplication and distribution. If you would like a package to give to your local library, please ask your branch's representative to the AALAS Subcommittee on Information Exchange.

In addition to these efforts through the AALAS branches, the Foundation for Biomedical Research and AALAS are sending a package of information to the publication *American Libraries*, which will publish a review in its "Source" column. This journal is read by librarians throughout the country. It is hoped that, by making this material available, students writing papers on the use of animal in research will get a more balanced perspective. It is also hoped that the existence of AALAS and what it stands for will become part of their newfound knowledge on the care and use of laboratory animals.

We have a long way to go to overcome the head start that organizations opposed to the use of animals have in getting information from libraries throughout the country, but we have to start somewhere. As member of AALAS, you should visit your local library and see what they have to offer. You might find it to be both an enlightening experience

and an opportunity to effect a change in what the students in your community have access to when assigned to write papers or participate in debates on the use of animals in biomedical research.

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CERTIFICATION EXAMS

DATES FOR AALAS EXAMINATIONS - Note New Due Dates For Arizona Applicants

TEST DATES

Last week in January
Last week in May
Last week in August
Week of National &
following week

APPLICATIONS DUE

October 20
February 20
May 20

July 20

AALAS Animal Technician Certification Program

The AALAS Animal Technician Certification Program is an authoritative endorsement of an individual's knowledge about the care and treatment of laboratory animals. The program certifies three levels of technician competence: Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician, Laboratory Animal Technician and Laboratory Animal Technologist.

National AALAS is responsible for preparing and distributing examinations. Examinations are administered through a system of volunteer REB members and Special Examiners. The AALAS Animal Technician Certification Program is governed by the laws and regulations of the state of Tennessee.

All three levels of examinations contain 140 multiple-choice questions with a single correct answer. The examinations for each level of certification become harder as one progresses from ALAT to LAT to LATG certification.

Forty questions form the slide portion of the examination. This examination test knowledge and abilities gained from working in a laboratory animal facility. Examinees answer questions about slides that show a variety of laboratory animals, laboratory animal facility equipment, diagnostic equipment, or common

laboratory animal techniques. The remaining one hundred (100) questions in the written portion of the examination relate to the six subject areas found in the "Basic Course Outline." The six areas are: administration and management, health and science, husbandry, environmental matters, sanitation and safety, and techniques.

During 1992, certification examinations will be administered during the following four examination periods: January 15 - 31, May 15 - 31, August 15 - 31 and November 1 - 15. The exact date and time of the examination is set by the REB Examining Board Chairman or Special Examiner. Applicants are notified of the exact date and time approximately two weeks prior to the examination. It is the examinee's responsibility to take the examination at the place and time scheduled by the REB-Chairman or Special Examiner.

All applications must be sent to the REB Chairman or Special Examiner for approval. Applications sent to the AALAS office without REB review will be returned.

Applications may not be reproduced. Additional applications may be obtained from the REB Examining Board Chairman or the AALAS office. Applications must be filled in completely

and neatly. An application that is not complete or is not readable will be returned. This could result in a delay of your examination. Send the completed application and certification fee to the Chairman of the Regional Examining Board (REB) or Special Examiner for your area.

The following fees are effective beginning with the May examination.

National AALAS Members NonMembers*		
ALAT.....	\$30.....	\$80
LAT.....	\$40.....	\$90
LATG.....	\$60.....	\$110

* Nonmembers may apply the \$50 nonmember fee toward membership in national AALAS for the remainder of the calendar year.

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements for both education and experience in a laboratory animal facility found on the following page. This also contains a definition of a laboratory animal facility. Minimum work experience refers to full time employment. Time away from work, including maternity leave, disability leave or long time illness cannot be counted toward work experience. Work experience must be related to the maintenance of health and well being of animals, or handling and treatment of animals, or supervision of individuals directly associated with animals and their primary enclosures. For example, work experience in the accounting section of a laboratory animal resource is not considered to be related to the maintenance of health and well being of the animals. Work experience in necropsy or surgery section of a laboratory animal resource is considered to be related to the maintenance of the health and well being of animals. College credits refer to semester units.

The application must be signed by the applicant's immediate supervisor to validate the information provided.

To be eligible to apply for provisional certification at the ALAT and LAT level, the applicant must have a degree or diploma from a program in laboratory animal science, veterinary technology, or a life science. Persons currently enrolled in such a program may apply for provisional certification under the following restrictions:

- 1) The applicant must complete the program within 30 days from the end of the examination period.
- 2) The applicant must send proof of graduation (either a transcript which indicates graduation or a photocopy of the diploma) to the AALAS office within 90 days from the end of the examination period.

Provisional certification lasts for three (3) years following the examination date. The examinee must complete the required work experience within this period.

Applicants may not use experience as part of a course practicum, internship, or externship for any part of the full-time equivalent (FTE) work experience requirement. Full time employment is calculated at 1950 hours per year. Part time employment will be credited in terms of its full time equivalent.

Applicants must submit proof of employment for each employer listed on the application.

Applicants must have the following minimum, full time equivalent (FTE) animal care work experience in a laboratory animal facility. ALAT = at least 6 months of the 1 year total required, LAT = at least 1 year of the 3 years total required, LATG = at least 2 years of the 6 years total required.

Use of the ratio below to determine the number of months of experience that your college level life science credits will earn.

32 semester hours = 2 years experience
 16 semester hours = 1 year experience
 8 semester hours = 6 months experience

A photocopy of the applicant's diploma is required if the degree is offered in lieu of work experience. A photocopy of the applicant's transcript is required if individual courses are offered in lieu of work experience.

Examinees receive a letter containing the pass/fail results of their examination with 60 days after the end of the examination period. Actual grades are not provided, however.

Certification Qualifications

Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT)

	Minimum Education	plus	Minimum Work Experience
1.	Grammar school (8th grade) or		1 year in a lab animal facility*
2.	Diploma from a high school vo-tech curriculum in laboratory animal technology or		6 months in a lab animal facility
3.	Diploma from 12 month, post high school program program in laboratory animal science or		6 months in a lab animal facility
4.	High school plus 8 college credits in life science		6 months in a lab animal facility

May apply to take the ALAT certification examination on a provision basis if applicant has:

1.	Diploma from high school vo-tech curriculum or	No experience (may apply for full certification after 6 months work in a lab animal facility)
2.	Diploma from 12 month, post high school program in laboratory animal science	No experience (may apply for full certification after 6 months work in a lab animal facility)

Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT)

1.	High school or GED or	3 years in a lab animal facility*
2.	Diploma from a high school vo-tech curriculum in lab animal technology or	2.5 years in a lab animal facility*
3.	Diploma from 12 month, post high school program in animal science or	2.5 years in a lab animal facility*
4.	32 college credit hours in lire sciences or	1 year in a lab animal facility
5.	2 year degree in laboratory animal science or veterinary technology from a college or vo-tech institute.	1 year in a lab animal facility

May apply to take the LAT certification examination on a provisional basis if applicant has:**

1.	2 year degree in lab animal science or veterinary technology from a college or vo-tech institute	No experience (may apply for full certification after 1 year work in a lab animal facility)
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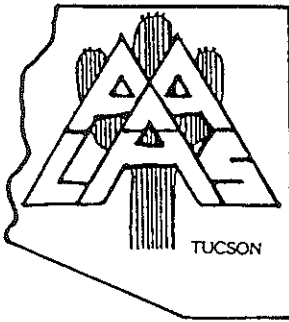
Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG)

1.	High school or GED or	6 years in a lab animal facility*
2.	2 year degree in laboratory animal science or veterinary technology from a college or institute or	4 years in a lab animal facility
3.	4 year college degree in a life science other than #4 or	3 years in a lab animal facility
4.	4 year college degree in laboratory animal science, animal science/husbandry, or veterinary science	2 or 3 years in lab animal facility

* In these cases, partial credit may be allowed for work experience in animal hospitals or other non-laboratory animal facilities.

** Provisional requirements at the LAT level can be used to qualify provisionally at the ALAT level.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

TIME TO SEND IN YOUR NOMINATIONS
FOR TECHNICIAN/MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

Do you know someone who is a good worker? Someone who gets along with everyone? Someone who constantly strives to improve their work? Well you may know our next Technician/Member of the Year!

Nominations are now being accepted for this years' Technician/Member of the Year Awards. Only members in good standing may nominate. These awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- a. Must be a member in good standing of the Arizona Branch of AALAS.
- b. Must have a year's worth of animal/animal related experience.
- c. Must be personable and get along with investigators and co-workers.
- d. Must make contributions to make operations run better.
- e. Must hold supervisor position or below.

Any questions, call Grace at 602-621-1330.

Nominations must be submitted to Grace Aranda, Bldg 101, Central Animal Facility, Tucson, AZ 86721 no later than Wednesday, July 15, 1992.

**ARIZONA BRANCH OF AALAS
1992 NOMINATION FORM FOR TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR**

Name of Nominee _____

Job Title _____

Place of Employment _____

Years a member of AALAS: _____ Arizona Branch
 National

Level of Certification to Date:

____ AALAS Assistant Lab Animal Technician
____ AALAS Laboratory Animal Technician
____ AALAS Laboratory Animal Technologist
____ Certified Veterinary Technician
____ Other: _____

Educational Background:

Diploma/Degree

High School _____

College _____

Graduate School _____

Other _____

Special Courses: _____

Current Job Description: _____

Duties: _____

Years Working with Laboratory Animals or in the Laboratory Animal Field: _____

Describe Nominee's Participation in the Animal Care Field Outside of Work (ie. docents at the zoo, presenting papers at meetings, teaching training sessions, clubs, memberships, etc.): _____

Proficiencies (accomplishments, contributions, continuing education, AALAS participation, etc.) _____

Evaluation by immediate Supervisor (consider aspects such as character, personal habits, interest in advancement of self and animal care, job efficiency, and overall knowledge of laboratory animal science)

Signature, Immediate Supervisor

Date

Signature of Nominator

Date

In order to be accepted this form must be returned by July 15, 1992 to:
Grace Aranda/ U of A, Bldg. 101, Tucson, AZ 85721

**ARIZONA BRANCH OF AALAS
1992 NOMINATION FORM FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

YEARS MEMBERSHIP IN AALAS (Check All Applicable):

NATIONAL: _____

AZ-AALAS: _____

LIST AND DESCRIBE ANY SERVICE (s) CONTRIBUTED TO THE BRANCH:

LIST AND DESCRIBE ANY OTHER ANIMAL RELATED ACTIVITIES:

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR: _____ **DATE:** _____

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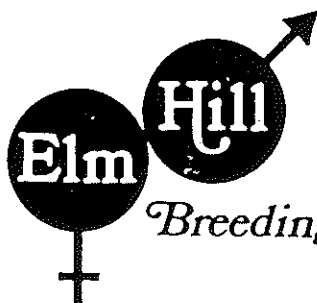
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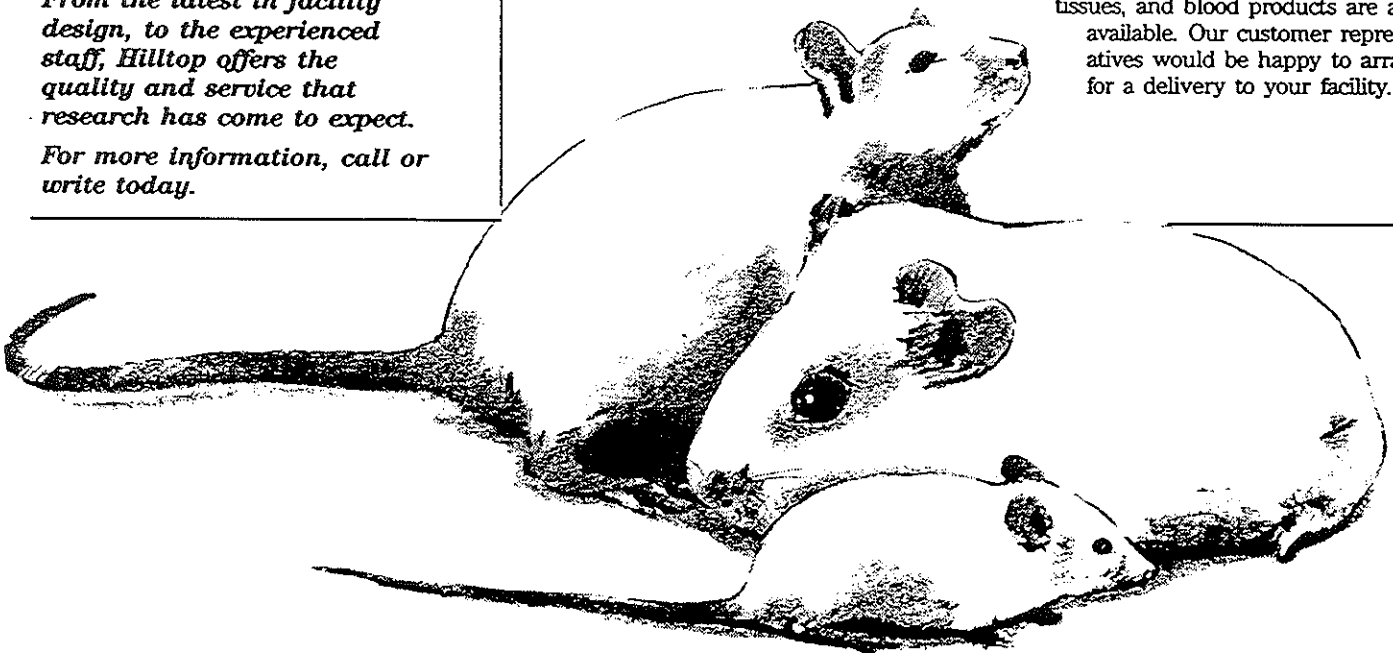
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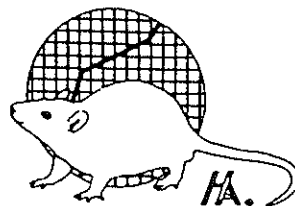
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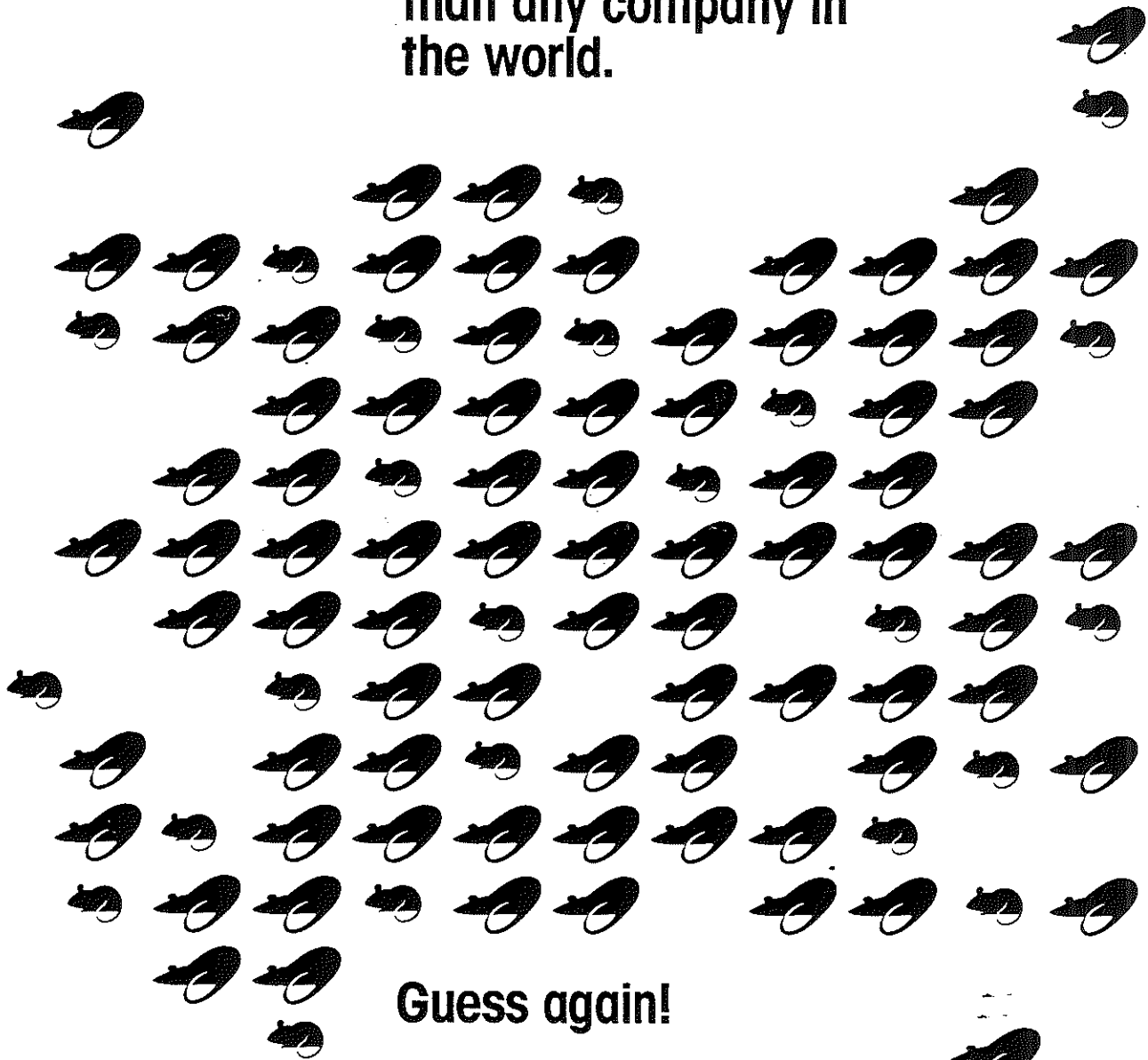


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