



NCAB Newsletter

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President's Message

I certainly hope that everyone has had an outstanding summer, but now it is time to get ready for NCAB's fall schedule of events. The next general membership meeting will be held October 8th at the Bethesda Women's Club on Biocontainment. Please check the website for the time and location for more meetings.

We'd like to thank the members of the Seminar Committee for all of their hard work. Preparing for the Seminar is a year-long task and is especially challenging when it is at a new venue. Michele Allen deserves our special gratitude for serving as Seminar Committee chair with the invaluable work from: Melissa Williams, Sarah Rovezzi, Jackie Newell-Hunt, Stephanie Strahan, Frank Lynch, Mark Smith, Chris McNickle, Christie Hart, Kelly Cole, Brad Fisher, Shannon Stutler, Jose Chinchilla, Molly Romick, Dave Mallon, Doreen Reasinger, Daisy Byzek, Eileen Morgan, Dawn Jackson, Craig Mayer and Guerra Benberry.

Please remember to vote for the 2010 NCAB Council officers.

Congratulations to Blake Carrington on being selected as the District 3 recipient of the Lab Products Technician Award!

Our thanks to everyone for putting on a very successful zebra fish workshop at the Charles River facility in Gaithersburg on August 14th. Thanks to Dr. Weick, the speakers Chris Obenshain (Techniplast) and Dan Castranova (CRL-NICHD), Elton Machholz for help with planning, and setting up the lecture and lab facilities as well as the live fish and embryos for the lab was essential to the success of the workshop. Katy Bernhard's and Miriam Rose's efforts to set up breeding tanks the night before were crucial as well so we would have embryos to see. Ericka Wiltrout supported logistics by picking up the lunch items, pre-printing the CE and Appreciation certificates with names already printed and generally being helpful. A thank you email was sent to Dr. Lynn Anderson, CRL for sharing her facility with us. It takes a lot of help to make these workshops work!

James "Buster" Hawkins

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SCAW NCAB/AALAS Technician Award 2009 Winner

Katarzyna Szymanska is the recipient of the 2009 SCAW NCAB/AALAS Technician Award. Ms Szymanska is a Research Animal Specialist II, at the Center for Comparative Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Dr. Steven Niemi.

The Award will help to defray the cost of attending the annual NCAB/AALAS meeting on September 2-3, 2009 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at National Harbor, Washington DC. SCAW will provide one two-day conference registration, one night hotel reservation and one banquet ticket. Six applications were received and all reflect the excellent training and attitude of animal care technicians; it was difficult to select a winner of the Award.

All applicants were asked to write a paragraph to explain [“Why the animal care technician is an important part of the research team”](#). Ms. Szymanska wrote:

“The role of the research animal care technician in the laboratory research team is one of great responsibility and importance. For this group of hardworking individuals, the welfare of the animals they work with is of utmost priority each and every day. Caring for the health and welfare of research animals with the latest preventative and curative methods with both sensitivity and thoroughness and a working knowledge of ethical obligations and regulations is the core responsibility of technicians. Their work, aimed at the alleviation of animal suffering and the improvement of their wellbeing, allows for groundbreaking research to be conducted in diverse fields of study that ultimately furthers our knowledge and promotes public health. Maintaining optimal animal health is not only an ethical responsibility, but is also vital for scientific process, for without a stable model results are inconclusive.”



NCAB October Monthly Meeting



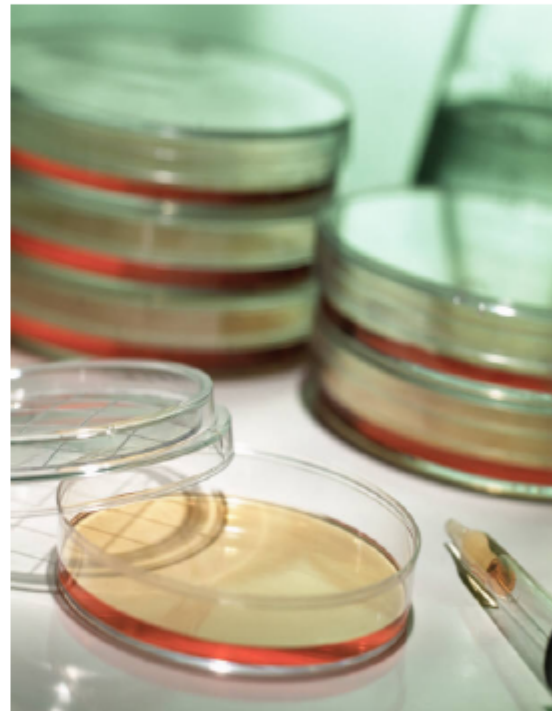
BIOCONTAINMENT SYSTEM SELECTION, USE, CARE, AND DECONTAMINATION

Presentation by: Mr. Michael Sidelsky Sr.

This presentation will provide information to assist in the selection process of a biocontainment for infectious disease agents such as Anthrax, Y. pestis, H1N1, H5N1, and TB, and /or quarantine of rodents. Methods of caring for, including cleaning, autoclaving, use of VHP and Chlorine Dioxide gas, for decontamination purposes, will be shown and discussed.

- When: October 8th, 2009
- Where: The Women's Club of Bethesda
- Time 5-7 pm

Join us for our first fall meeting social hour begins at 5 pm followed by the presentation at 6 pm.



Address: 5500 Sonoma Rd, Bethesda, MD
(Across from NIH on Old Georgetown Rd)

Directions:
From I-495 Capital Beltway: Take Exit 36 - MD 187/Old Georgetown Road. Go south (Bethesda) about 1.1 mi.

Date: 11/20/09

Time: 6-10pm

*NCAB Annual Banquet
@ The Golden Bull*



Reception from 6-7 pm
Dinner from 7-8 pm
Dancing from 8-10 pm

We hope you are able to join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner, music and fun! Ticket prices and further information will be made available at www.ncabaalas.org. Mark your calendars!

Address- 7 Dalamar St Gaithersburg
MD 20877

Website- www.Golden-Bull.com



NCAB December Meeting

AMP Americans for Medical Progress

When:

December 10,
2009

Time: 5-7 pm

Where:

BioReliance,
14920
Broschart
Road
Rockville, MD
20850

Close out the
year with
NCAB. Join us
for social hour
at 5 pm and
presentation at
6 pm.

Come to our last meeting of the year and learn more about this organization and their effort to increase understanding and knowledge about the humane care and treatment of animals in research.



Image taken from AMP website www.amprogress.org



Directions:

From 270 spur:
Take I-270 N local lanes towards Montrose Road
Take exit 6B West Montgomery Ave/MD-28 W towards Darnestown
Continue to follow MD-28W
Turn left onto Broschart Road
BioReliance will be on your left

NCAB Seminar Scavenger Hunt Winners

This year's scavenger hunt at the NCAB/AALAS seminar was another success. We had 27 companies participate in the event. This is a record. Everyone that competed the event received prizes such as a water bottle, portfolio or cooler bag along with a NCAB koozie. We had a first, second and third prize each day: first prize was a 15" flat screen TV, second place was a new IPOD voice recognition nano and third prize was a \$25 gift card to Best Buy. There were 104 participants in this year's Scavenger Hunt. The winners were:

Wednesday: 1st place: Aida Mohammed SoBran Inc
 2nd place: Princessella Hayles Advanced Biosciences Labs
 3rd place: Eugene Lewis Priority One Services

Thursday: 1st place: Katy Bernhard-Gove Charles River Labs
 2nd place: Justine Lucas Priority One Services
 3rd place: Ana Cardenas Priority One Services



APHIS Animal Care Stakeholder Announcement
“Considering Alternatives; Making a Difference”
Joint workshop with the Animal Welfare Information Center

As part of its mission, the Animal Care (AC) program of the Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is charged with providing leadership in determining standards of humane care and treatment of animals. We are pleased to announce we are conducting a workshop with the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library (NAL), Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC) on September 23-24, 2009, at the USDA Beacon Building: 6501 Beacon Drive Kansas City, Missouri 64133.

This course is based on the highly-successful AWIC workshops that have been held at the NAL headquarters in Beltsville, Maryland. In addition, attendees will hear real-life examples of various ways the 3Rs have been incorporated into research protocols, and will be given the USDA regulatory perspective on this topic.

There is no cost to attend this workshop. It has been designed to help Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) members, principal investigators, attending veterinarians, research administrators, and members of the general public better understand the Animal Welfare Act requirement to “consider alternatives”. At the end of the workshop participants should:

- Be familiar with the “3Rs” of alternatives (reduction, refinement, replacement)
- Know the basics of database searching for alternatives
- Understand how alternatives are implemented in research protocols
- Understand the role of the IACUC in evaluating the consideration of alternatives and be aware of available resources

All participants must register at: <http://awic.nal.usda.gov/workshops>. There is a space limit, and registration will be on a first-come/first-served basis.

All participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. A block of rooms (\$107.00/night) has been reserved at the:

Hyatt Regency Crown Center
2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO - (816) 421-1234
<http://crowncenter.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mkcrkusda2009>

There will be a shuttle available to/from the training location.

For further information on the agenda of the workshop contact Dr. Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Staff Veterinarian, Animal Care, 4700 River Road Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234; (301) 734-7833. Please note that this workshop is being held as an educational opportunity to provide and disseminate information on the “consideration of alternatives” requirement under the Animal Welfare Act. There will be no opportunity at this workshop to submit formal comments on proposed rules or other regulatory initiatives.

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USDA Animal Care/Animal Welfare Information Center
Workshop

Considering Alternatives; Making a Difference

Date:

September 23-24, 2009

Location:

USDA Beacon Building
 6501 Beacon Drive Kansas City, Missouri 64133

Learning objectives:

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- Be familiar with the "3Rs" of alternatives (reduction, refinement, replacement)
- Know the basics of database searching for alternatives
- Understand how alternatives are implemented in research protocols
- Understand the role of the IACUC in evaluating the consideration of alternatives and be aware of available resources

Course Description:

This course is based on the highly-successful AWIC workshops usually held at their headquarters in Beltsville, Maryland. In addition, you will hear real-life examples of various ways the 3Rs have been incorporated into research protocols and evaluated by IACUCs, and you will be given the USDA regulatory perspective on this topic.

Who should attend:

IACUC members, principal investigators, attending veterinarians, research administrators, members of the general public.

Registration:

There is no cost to attend this workshop. All participants must register through the website at: <http://awic.nal.usda.gov/workshops>

Hotel and Transportation:

All participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. A block of rooms (\$107.00/night) has been reserved at the: Hyatt Regency Crown Center
 2345 McGee Street
 Kansas City, MO
 (816) 421-1234
<http://crowncenter.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mkcrkusda2009>

Shuttle will be available to/from the training location.

Agenda:**DAY ONE**

8:30 am Welcome/ Introduction
 9:00 am Animal Welfare Legislation
 10:00 am Definition of "Alternatives"
 10:15 am Break
 10:30 am Speaker #1 (Scientist)
 11:00 am Speaker #2 (Biostatistician)
 11:30 am Speaker #3 (Instructor)
 12 noon LUNCH (on your own)
 Cafeteria on the premises
 1:00 pm Speaker #4 (Scientist)
 1:30 pm Speaker #5 (Veterinarian)
 2:00 pm Speaker #6 (Veterinarian)
 2:30 pm Break
 2:45 pm AWIC services and databases
 3:15 pm Introduction to search strategies
 4:30 pm END

DAY TWO

8:30 am Review of previous day
 9:00 am Small group discussion
 9:45 am Hands-on database searching
 10:30 am Break
 10:45 am Presentations of group findings
 12 noon LUNCH (on your own)
 Cafeteria on the premises
 1:00 pm Continue database searching
 2:45 pm Break
 3:00 pm USDA Animal Care perspective
 3:30 pm IACUC Chair perspective
 4:00 pm END

For more information, visit our website at:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/

NCAB Institutional Members

The Institutional Membership Program is an important resource of support providing the NCAB with the opportunity to continually expand its educational programs. In addition to a number of Technician Scholarship awards given each year, the enthusiasm generated through our Workshop Programs have allowed us to increase the number of workshops, as well as expand the content. In 2009, our educational programs will be offered to an ever increasing audience of laboratory animal scientists, as well as other interested groups as to the benefits of biomedical research and the commitment that all members of AALAS have to humane animal care and use.

NCAB/AALAS would like to thank all of the Research Institutions and Companies who make up the Institutional membership.

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Member Institution	Year	Member Institution	Year
AAALAC International	1997-2009	Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2009
Ace Animals, Inc.	2000-2009	Elm Hill Labs Inc.	2009
Acorn Industrial Products Inc.	2009	ENV Services	2006-2009
Advanced Bioscience Labs	1999-2009	Environmental Tectonics Corp.	2009
Airnet Express	2006-2009	E-Z Anesthesia/Euthanex Corp.	2004-2009
Allentown, Inc.	1979-2009	FDA/CBER	1984-2009
ALN Magazine/Vicon Publishing Inc.	2004-2009	George Washington University Medical Center	1982-2009
Alternative Design	1994-2009	Georgetown University	2009
American Red Cross	1998-2009	Getinge USA	1991-2009
Americans For Medical Progress	2001-2009	Girton	1994-2009
Ancare Corporation	1984-2009	Harlan	1981-2009
Anderson's/Bed-o-Cobs	1992-2009	HDR (CUH2A)	2004-2009
Animal Specialties and Provisions LLC	2007-2009	Hilltop Lab Animals Inc.	1983-2009
Aquaneering Inc.	2009	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	2007-2009
Arts-Way Scientific	2004-2009	Innovive, Inc.	2007-2009
Avant Garde Scientific, Inc.	1991-2009	Instech Solomon Labs	2007-2009
Bio Medic Data Systems Inc.	1997-2009	Johns Hopkins University	1983-2009
Biocon Inc.	1979-2009	Lab Products, Inc.	1978-2009
Bioqual, Inc.	1983-2009	Labex of MA	2009
BioReliance Corporation	1979-2009	Labrepc, Inc.	2004-2009
BioSAFE Engineering - WR 2	2009	Liberty Research	2009
Bio-Serv, Inc.	1994-2009	Life Science Products, Inc.	1982-2009
Bridge Laboratories	2004-2009	Locus Technology, Inc.	2000-2009
Britz & Company	1996-2009	Lomir Biomedical Inc.	2001-2009
Carter 2 Systems Inc.	2003-2009	Louviere, Stratton, Yokel, LLC	1988-2009
Charles River	1978-2009	Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute	2009
Clear H2O Company	2006-2009	Lynx Product Group	2002-2009
Clordisys Solutions Inc.	2006-2009	Macrogenics, Inc.	2004-2009
Coastal Scientific, Inc.	2000-2009	Marshall BioResources	1996-2009
Colonial Medical Supply	2002-2009	Matrix Scientific, LLC	2009
Covance Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2009	Medimmune, Inc.	1995-2009
Covance Research Products	1978-2009	Millbrook Breeding Labs	2005-2009
Dudick Inc.	2009	MNX - Global LifeSciences Logistics	2009
DustControl, Inc	2009	Myrtle's Rabbitry Inc.	1997-2009
Edstrom Industries, Inc.	1981-2009		

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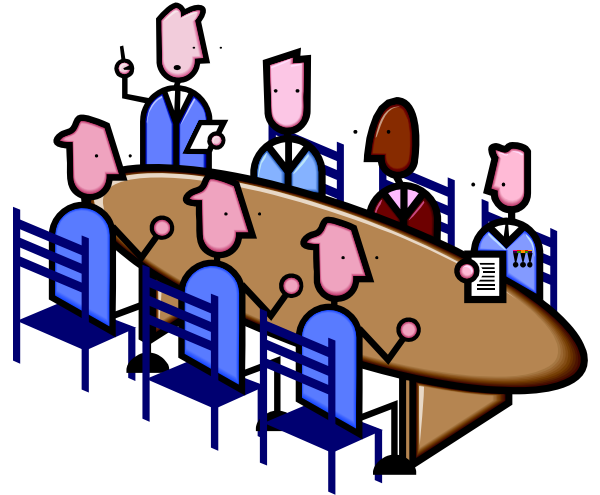
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New Year Tech, Inc.	2003-2009
NIH/Division of Veterinary Resources	1979-2009
NIH/National Eye Institute	2003-2009
NIH/National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases	1984-2009
NIH/National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	2004-2009
NIH/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	2004-2009
NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse	2001-2009
NIH/NINDS/AHCS	1996-2009
NIH/Office of Animal Care and Use	1989-2009
NIH/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare	2008-2009
NIH/Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center Animal Care Program	2001-2009
NLS Animal Health	1992-2009
Northeastern Products Corp.	1999-2009
Nuaire Inc.	2000-2009
Pharmaceutical Research Laboratories, Inc.	1978-2009
Porter Creek Instruments, LLC	2004-2009
Primate Products, Inc.	1998-2009
Priority One Services	1994-2009
Purina Mills LabDiet	1992-2009
Quality Lab Products, Inc.	1998-2009
Quip Laboratories Inc.	1989-2009
Rees Scientific Corporation	1994-2009
Research Solutions Lenderking	1990-2009
Roe Biomedical Products LLC	2009
SAIC-NCI Frederick	1983-2009
Sanitation Strategies	2007-2009
Schlyer Machine Division of Audubon Machinery	2006-2009
Scientists Center for Animal Welfare	1999-2009
Shepherd Specialty Papers, Inc.	1983-2009

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SoBran Inc.	2002-2009
Southern Research Institute	1991-2009
Spray Master Technologies	2009
Spring Valley Laboratories, Inc.	1984-2009
Steris Corporation	1993-2009
Suburban Surgical Co. Inc.	1988-2009
Systems Engineering	1989-2009
Taconic Farms, Inc.	1991-2009
Tecniplast USA	2001-2009
The Jackson Laboratory	2008-2009
The McConnell Group Inc.	2003-2009
The Scale People	1993-2009
Thoren Caging Systems, Inc.	1989-2009
Topaz Technologies	2008-2009
Total MRO, LLC	2002-2009
Transportech	2004-2009
Tuttnauer	2000-2009
Unifab Corporation	2009
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	1995-2009
University of Maryland Central Animal Resource Facility	1985-2009
University of Maryland Veterinary Resources	1982-2009
University of Maryland-ANSC College Park	2008-2009
USAMRMC/Animal Care and Use Review Office	2006-2009
VetEquip, Inc.	2000-2009
ViraTek Inc.	2006-2009
Visi-Line	2008-2009
VWR International	2009
World Courier Inc.	2004-2009
WRAIR-NMRC	1981-2010
Zeigler Brothers Inc.	1995-2009



New NCAB Trustees Elected

Congratulations to Ann Murray for being elected our new District 3 AALAS Trustee and Betty Fatzie our new Alternate Trustee. These individuals serve an important function and we appreciate their willingness to serve.



LOST!

A left handed pitching wedge was lost at the NCAB golf tournament. Club has sentimental value. If found call at 443-883-1291, ask for Tom.



AALAS Vocabulary Puzzle

Terms included in this puzzle should be used to prepare for ALAT Certification

N T P B F I S H E R N I T U O G A I
 E S U O M O O Y S P E L I P E N H E
 O B R S U O L U Y C A H B H L I Y D
 N V L H D C N I T G I O H D L N B P
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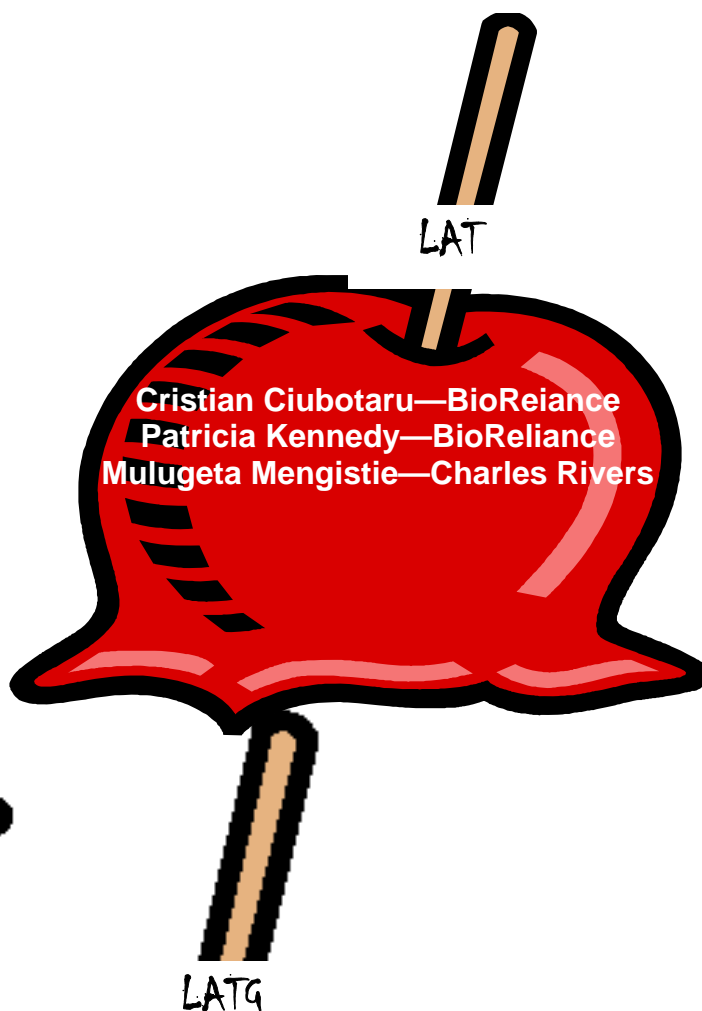
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 weaning

anatomical
 cavi
 dog
 fisher
 hibernation
 jird
 monogamous
 outbred
 pouches
 scientific
 wistar

boar
 coprophagy
 dorsolateral
 gerbil
 hooded
 lagomorph
 mouse
 ovaries
 precocial
 sow

Congratulations to Our Newly AALAS Certified Members!





2009 Individual Membership Form

Register online at www.NCABAALAS.org with secure online payment (or mail/fax form to address below)

- Membership includes on-line subscription to NCAB Newsletter, discounts for workshops, NCAB annual seminar, NCAB List-serv, monthly meeting socials, etc.
- MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$15.00 per year (make check payable to NCAB/AALAS)
- WAIVER of fee if you have received your certification (ALAT, LAT, LATG, CMAR) recently. To receive a complimentary one (1) year membership, send a copy of your certification along with this completed form. NCAB/AALAS will **only** accept the certification that has been sent to you from the **National AALAS office**.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address (home ____; work ____): _____

Phone (home ____; work ____): _____ Fax: _____

Email address (required) _____

AALAS member? Yes ___ No ___ Referred by (new members only) _____

Certification (circle): ALAT LAT LATG CMAR Certification date: _____ *

* Membership fee waived if certification within six months of application; certification must accompany this form

Membership Dues – 2009 **\$15** _____

Check Number: _____

MC or VISA (circle one): _____ expiration: _____

Name on credit card _____

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