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# Preface

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First published in 1991, the *Laboratory Animal Technologist Training Manual* is derived from the *AALAS Manual for Laboratory Animal Technicians*, originally printed in 1967. The *Laboratory Animal Technologist Training Manual* is the third in the series of AALAS technician training manuals. The primary purpose of the series is to assist laboratory animal technical personnel in gaining the knowledge that will allow them to attain a high degree of professionalism in their field and to prepare for the AALAS technician certification examinations. If you have questions about the certification program and requirements, please review the information on the AALAS website at [www.aalas.org](http://www.aalas.org) regarding criteria to sit for the examination, exam content outline, and references for each exam level.

The material covered in the manuals reflects the knowledge level and tasks that have been identified for laboratory animal technologists in the Job Analysis Survey conducted by AALAS in 2013. In the current edition of this training manual, the material is intended to build upon prior knowledge that a certification candidate should have acquired by studying the *Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician Training Manual* and *Laboratory Animal Technician Training Manual* in this series and the reference materials for each certification level.

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