

President's Message

The beginning of each new year draws our attention to what we accomplished in the preceding 12 months and motivates us to consider what we intend to do in the next year. Ahh, resolutions! I recently heard that the best way to make God laugh is to plan ahead. As with every dynamic organization, our plans evolve as our knowledge and awareness of our professional environment grows. I am pleased to share our plans with you. You will note that some goals might have changed as we continued to grow and learn. The rest are all in the process of becoming.

The IAAMB was created to promote the professional activities, acceptance and standing of people trained and providing animal massage and bodywork. In 2006, we initiated a study that will help us to be more effective in our promotion, marketing and legislative support. We are in the process of creating a "Job Description." This will define what the necessary baselines of knowledge and skills are to insure a competent practice. As soon as we have a consensus of what we do, we can establish standards and codes and scopes of practice. And although I am not a personal fan of standardization and homogenization, this information will be useful for schools to know what information to

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teach and for students to know what to study and how much emphasis to give to each component. We are inviting you to participate in the study. See page 10.

Job Description information will move us toward being able to defend ourselves more successfully in the state and local legislative arenas. It will give our clients and professional colleagues an understanding and appreciation of our unique skill sets and potential services. It will give them a standard for evaluating and choosing among various modalities.

This year, after attending the national NOCA (National Organization for Competency Assurance) conference in Orlando, we decided that we will have to build more slowly toward the goal of testing for competency assurance. Rushing into such an ambitious goal may not be in our best interests. It is our current understanding that a separate non-profit corporation, distinct from the IAAMB would be the best agency for test development, testing, scoring, certifying and recertifying, records maintenance and disciplinary protocols. The IAAMB role will be to promote the professional qualities and testing for quality assurance.

The IAAMB was originally created to be a forum to bring together the many schools teaching their unique variations of animal massage. Maintaining a spirit of respect, collegiality and support, it has transcended the limiting notion of competition and is successfully doing this.

Continuing with the theme of education and professional development, the IAAMB hosts **Annual Educational Conferences** to provide access and networking opportunities with the most respected and acknowledged authorities in their fields of expertise.

Our June, 2006 conference in Boulder, CO was a great success. If you attended, you know how valuable the experience was. If you missed it, there is another opportunity at this year's conference, June 15-16, in the Boston

area. Please make the most of a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from the four great conference presenters listed on page 5. To make attending more convenient and affordable for members, in 2007, we will begin to hold smaller, 2-day regional conferences, with sponsors and vendors. We want to provide opportunities for new talent to get experience as speakers. If you would like to host a regional conference or be a presenter, please contact me.

Our member benefits have grown to include the opportunity for low cost business liability insurance, listings on the www.iaamb.org website for networking and business solicitation, opportunities for mentoring, access to experts, calendars of classes, an online chat room, quarterly newsletters, and discounts on workshops, products, services and association annual conferences. Our most recent benefit is from Enterprise Rent-a-Car, which will offer members a 10% discount.

The IAAMB continues to actively monitor legislation throughout the US that affects members' ability to practice their skills. We encourage dialogue among the various fields of animal wellness so that we can all work together for the best interests of all animals.

You will see on page 3 that we have 38 new members. This is excellent growth. Welcome new members. We know that you will discover that our association is a valuable asset. Thank you again, rememberers, for your continuing confidence and support.

The IAAMB is the premier professional association for animal massage and bodyworkers. Thank you for the opportunity to have supported you in 2006.

2007 will be better than we can ever imagine.

Your president, Jonathan Rudinger

Spotlight on... Karen Lachapelle

Wellness Fair

Last year, while studying at Bancroft School of Small Animal Massage Therapy I was looking for a place to gain some experience as well as internship hours. With great luck I came upon DogTalk & Therapet, LLC and New England Pet Partners, Inc in Pelham NH and inquired about internship opportunities. I walked into the place and thought "Wow"! This was the coolest, calmest place I had ever set foot into and it was all about dogs!! Maureen Ross and her husband Gary run this sanctuary and I was smitten. Maureen told me that they didn't have any employees per say but if I wanted to participate in the Wellness Fair coming in Nov., I was more than welcome to. Let me tell you, I had such a great time that year and received lots of "pawsitive" feedback that I was convinced that being a small animal massage practitioner was what I wanted to be. I graduated in April of this year and was thrilled when Maureen invited me to come back!

This year I would split the time with fellow alum from Bancroft by the name of Tracey Zysk so that my dog Sparky and I could partake in the other services that were being offered at the Wellness Fair such as T-Touch, Reiki, Grooming, Nutrition, Aromatherapy, the READ program, ARNNE and Libby's pets. The \$500 raised at the Fair went to ARNNE and Libby's Pets.® Maureen set me up as she did last year in her office so that I could close the door to massage the dogs in peace.

Their people would sit in the office while I inquired about any physical ailments and if there were none, which was the majority this year, I would simply give the dogs a simple head to tail massage.

I massaged some puppies, one of which was so excited he kept coming out of his harness. I also massaged mature dogs that really enjoyed, relaxed and wanted to just hang out with me. I massaged a dog who was a Katrina rescue and a Chihuahua who needed relaxation because his person was fostering another dog at the time.

The people who brought their dogs to the Wellness Fair were nice caring people who treat their dog as a part of the family (they are of course)! Just like us our furry family members need to be massaged too! (I get one every month).

I enjoy participating in this Wellness Fair because there are lots of people who do not know how beneficial massage is for their pets. I like it when the dogs come in somewhat excited and unsure of what I am going to do to them – is she going to give me a shot? Cut my nails? Once they realize that I am just there for their comfort they lay down or sometimes lean against their person and enjoy the ride. That for me is so worth it.

Karen Lachapelle – Rub My Belly
Small Animal Massage Therapy
Certified Massage & Reiki Practitioner



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MEMBERS CHAT ROOM

HUGE thanks to Maryjean Ballner and Maggie Bielenberg for setting up this chat room to connect us. Please go to the following link:
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You can then join the group and bark, purr and whinny!

Remember-ship

To you who have renewed your membership:
Thank you for your continued interest and support.
With your help, in the New Year we will see the IAAMB membership and mission develop and grow.

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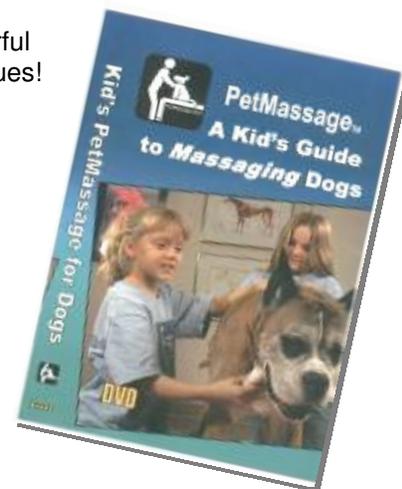
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Tallgrass Announces New Instructor – Kim Bauer

Larkspur, CO ----- Tallgrass Animal Acupressure Institute is proud to announce that Kimberly Bauer has successfully completed her instructor training and is now a Certified Tallgrass Equine and Small Animal Acupressure Instructor.

Kim has studied acupressure and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) since 1999. Additionally, Kim is a Certified Tallgrass Equine and Small Animal Acupressure Practitioner as well as a Large and Small Animal Massage Therapist and Instructor for the Northwest School of Animal Massage (NWSAM). She teaches some of the distance learning hands-on portions of the NWSAM Certification Program.

Kim draws from a depth of knowledge and continued study of acupressure, TCM, massage, and flower essences in her practice and as an instructor. In addition to her course work with Tallgrass, she has had the opportunity of studying with Diana Thompson of Hands-On Horse Care and continues to study with Sean Fannin of the Center for Traditional Health Arts. Kim currently has her own complementary therapy practice, Animal Ease Therapies, LLC (<http://animaleasetherapies.com/>). She works directly with clients to create individualized therapeutic programs.



Kim holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a Master of Arts in Teaching. She was a middle and elementary school classroom teacher for 14 years before choosing to blend her teaching abilities with her love of animals



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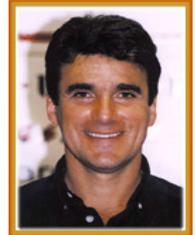
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Jean Pierre Hourdebaupt, RMT, LMT

Topic: Equine and Canine: Gait and Compensation,
Founder of Massage Awareness, Inc.,
Author: Equine Massage: A practical Guide,
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Canine Massage: A Complete Reference



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CASE STUDY: **LEONARDO**

By Karen Christensen
IAAMB Member

I met Leonardo on my first shift of volunteering as a socializer at the MEOW Foundation shelter November 2005. I had been using PetMassage on dogs for a while and was working on Level 2 Energy work with dogs at the time. I was looking for animal related volunteer work and it seemed to me that cats would benefit from PetMassage as well as the T-touch and Acupressure techniques that I already had training in.

Leonardo had been at the shelter for close to a year, he was anti-social and aggressive with people, withdrawn from the other cats he shared a room with, impossible to handle and basically hid in a special cupboard with only his head visible through an opening near the floor. Rarely at MEOW will a cat not be listed on the Catalogue on the website, Leonardo was one of those cats. He was deemed un-adoptable. When I was shown the room of shy cats that I was to work in, I was given warnings about a handful of cats that were likely to strike, bite, or otherwise be aggressive. When the shelter supervisor said, "And this is Leonardo..." as she opened the cupboard door I knew which cat I would work with first. Twenty-two pounds of spitting, hissing and striking Manx, his face was crosshatched like cut velvet from past battles, his third eyelids were torn and they half covered each his eyes, anger and fear and profound sadness enveloped this large tuxedo cat.

Witnessing came to mind from Jonathan teachings and the power of working with loving intention on the energetic body. There was not a chance of hands on bodywork with this guy and I was inspired to try the new energy work I was learning. I sat with him for many minutes, speaking softly and sending him warm loving thoughts, visualizations of non-threatening contact. There are petting sticks available at the shelter to use on the difficult cats, a length of dowel covered with felt padding on one end. Some cats cannot stand the presence of the stick as they may have been abused,

Leo was not terribly impressed with the stick and the force of his strike sent the stick flying across the room. I returned to silent communication, keeping open to feeling his energy and was appalled at the violent images and pounding fear that came off him. Over the course of a few weeks one shift per week, Leonardo began to calm down and was happy to receive above the body energy work. Soon I was able to rest the petting stick on his neck and after five minutes energy work I could lay my other hand on his back where it would stay motionless for another five or so minutes. I blended T-touch with light massage and positional release along his spine. Manx are prone to spinal problems and although I had not seen him move yet I suspected he had mobility problems due to prolonged periods of inactivity and being overweight. One pivotal day, Leonardo came to life. He sat up and stretched his back, looked at me and then stood up and walked past me out the cupboard door! He sat up on his haunches and surveyed the room, myself and the other volunteers who came in to see this previously un-seen cat. We slid a dish of food over to him and he ate. From that day on Leonardo came out more and more to lay about the room and snuggle with other shy cats. I decided to adopt Leo four months after I had first lay eyes on

him, there was a bond growing between us and I wanted to give him his own home.

Today, one year and one month since we first met Leo is fully pettable, loves to be brushed and have bodywork. He enjoys paw massage and I have been able to trim his hind toenails. I recently did a pendulum reading on him and found Chakras 1 and 2 to be nearly and totally non-active. He really enjoyed the Chakra balancing session, something I am going to use more with him.

Our daily sessions conclude with him purring deeply, he allows me to move his body around but I have not tried to pick him up yet. He is still rather shy and likes to survey our movements in the kitchen from under our bed. Although he still moves with some difficulty, I can see an overall improvement and hope that time will bring him closer to comfort. His facial hair is filling in, the third eyelids are rarely visible, and even though he has lost perhaps two pounds he remains a very large but not obese cat.



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IN THE NEWS

Tallgrass Receives NCBTMB Approval

Larkspur, CO ----- Tallgrass Animal Acupressure Institute has recently been approved by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) as a continuing education Approved Provider for their entire Animal Acupressure Practitioner Certification Program.

Tallgrass offers a comprehensive equine and small animal acupressure training program that consists of 10 courses; there are five online and five hands-on courses. It is a highly interactive training program and focuses on Traditional Chinese Medicine. The online courses are available worldwide and the hands-on courses are conducted throughout the United State, England, New Zealand, and Australia.

For further information regarding the Tallgrass training and Practitioner Certification Program go to: www.animalacupressure.com, or 888.841.7211. You are invited to sign-on to the Acupressure & Complementary Therapies Chat Room on the Tallgrass Website.

NOTICE: **Effective March 1st**

Per Marty Swager, manager of the Hands-On Trades Protection Plan, the annual premium for our liability insurance will increase from \$142 to \$160.

If you have questions, please call Marty @ 800-872-1282 or e-mail him at: marty@companyoftouch.com.

C A A O R

Lisa Speaker of Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure and Massage founded the Colorado Alliance of Animal Owner's Rights in September 2006. She is joined by board members, Nancy Zidonis of Tallgrass Acupressure, Carol Komitor of Healing Touch for Animals and Turi Norman, DVM in addition to a large committee of interested pet owners and animal practitioners in Colorado.

After months of lobbying various legislators, Lisa secured a meeting with Representative Wes McKinley. In November 2006, Lisa and Carol met at the State Capital with Representative Wes McKinley and secured his commitment to carry an animal owner's rights bill in the spring of 2007. McKinley filed the bill title in the first week of December 2006. Lisa Speaker will be performing a horse massage demonstration for legislators in February or March 2007 at the state capital to generate press around the bill and garner support from the legislators. The bill will be submitted in its final form in March or April. For more information or to support this cause by making a donation please visit our website at www.caaor.org

Lisa Speaker had a live national radio interview in November with Shawn Messonnier DVM, author, the award-winning *The Natural Health Bible for Dogs & Cats*.

Dr. Shawn is live each week on Martha Stewart Radio Sirius 112, Tuesday night from 7-9 PM CST.

Shortly, you will be able to hear it by going to www.rmsaam.com.

PetMassage Health & Fitness Center and IAAMB in Dog Fancy February 2007 Excerpt from an Article titled: Sweet relief by Maryann Mott

"Jonathan Rudinger owns the PetMassage Health & Fitness Center in Toledo, Ohio. The 5200-square-foot facility has a heated indoor pool, treadmills, and trampolines – all for dogs. Private training sessions are also available for owners who want to learn canine massage. "It's a great way for people to give something back to the own dogs," he says.

"Rudinger, a licensed human massage therapist for 15 years before opening the center in 1997, recommends a variation of the human massage Watsu, a blend of massage and stretching while floating in warm water. During this 15 minute session, dogs float in a 90-degree heated pool, supported by the therapist while gently being rubbed. "It's really therapeutic for older dogs with issues of arthritis or pain in their joints," Rudinger says.

"To find a certified canine therapist, ask your veterinarian, local animal massage school, or visit the International Association of Animal Massage and Bodywork at www.iaamb.org

State laws vary widely as to who can professionally perform animal massage. Some only allow veterinarians, while others require therapists to be qualified to work on humans first. Call you state veterinary board for regulations or log on to the IAAMB website for a list of laws by state."

If you have questions about your practice we are here to help you.

Please e-mail your questions and the panel member will contact you directly.

IAAMB Educational Panel

Lynne Flanagan: Paws that matter Massage Therapy – Reiki

Marleigh Freyhagen: Equihealer, Equine massage and bodywork

Robyn Gray: Physical Therapist, Canine Massage

Julianna Andersen: Balancing Body Systems, Alternative Animal healthcare, Massage Therapy – Flower Essence

Erin Kelly: EKG. LTD (Erin Kelly Group) Canine Massage – Flower Essence – Reiki

Carol Komitor: Healing Touch for Animals – Energy Medicine/Bio-Field

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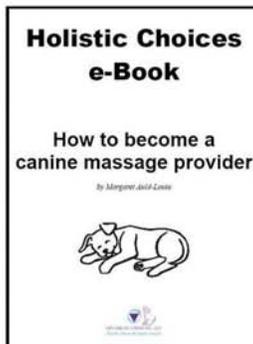
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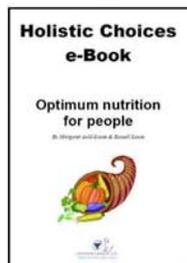
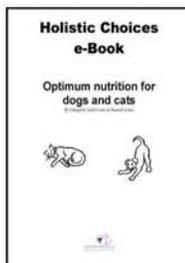


Did you know:

-  Using the term “massage therapist” could be illegal in your state if you are not a veterinarian?
-  Many dog owners think the benefits of massaging their own dog are equivalent to what a massage professional provides?
-  Dog shows may not be the best place to build your practice?

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Help us to define our Job Description. As an animal massage and bodyworker, we value your professional opinion.

A term I learned at the National Organization for Competency Assurance, NOCA, conference was "SME." It stands for Subject Matter Expert. That's you. You are the expert who determines or has figured out through your hands-on experience what it takes to provide animal massage and bodywork.

How would you describe the job that we do and teach? What are the baselines of knowledge and skills one must have to practice competently? What are all the things that a provider does in the practice of animal massage and bodywork? What skills are absolutely necessary? What knowledge set must she know to be effective and safe?

These questions go beyond scope or limitations of practice. They must include body mechanics, gait and structural observation, palpation skills, species-specific anatomy and physiology, skin and coat pathologies, and animal body language. They also include customer service, theories and techniques of Swedish, Cranial sacral, trigger point, Tui na, TCM, Acupressure, use of touch variants, such as Reiki and Healing Touch, use of environmental behavioral influences and modifiers such as aroma, flower essence, sound, light and water.

Our job descriptions will validate the natural, non allopathic, softer skills that will add balance and reintroduce the human intuitive component to current veterinary technology and practice. The ones who will be most affected will be the animals, who can be assured of safe, effective, knowledgeable treatment.

Then there are their human companions. They will feel more secure and competent when they can identify the level of competency they can trust.

The veterinary community will be more willing to acknowledge accepting, hiring, and referring clients when they see a practitioner who has completed a serious training program and completed testing for competency and who adheres to a specific scope of practice and set of ethical standards and professional conduct.

Individual state legislators will have a standard of competency they can accept to create laws. The competency certification will be the benchmark that will allow our practice to gain legal and professional acceptance and value.

We project that by 2017 animal massage and bodywork certificants will not only be an accepted, highly valued private practice; it will be integrated into the practices of most veterinary clinics in the US. This means a new job classification and the creation of tens of thousands of jobs for trained, qualified professionals.

Call to action: We need your input. It is very important in our future ability to practice that we complete this study. Please take an hour or so to write your 1st draft of our Job Description. It needn't be complete or polished. We will incorporate your suggestions along with the other study submissions for an overall description. Initially, list all the items that you do in your practice. Then, list the things you need to know to do whatever it is you do. Please send your lists and suggestions to marcia@iaamb.org. Our goal for accepting these first submissions is February 15th, 2007. Thank you in advance for your help.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Our new Research Committee, headed by Kathy Shipley, is ready and willing to support you in developing your studies. Send your studies and suggestions to info@iaamb.org

Your Knowledge & Experience are our Association Resources

We like to offer the service of posting all the states' Veterinary scopes of practice or other applicable legislation. These laws and legislations can change daily.

What laws are on the books in your state which affect your being able to practice your craft?

Please take a few of minutes to help us collect this data. Email, or mail us the information as it relates to your practice in your state. E-mail to: info@iaamb.org



Let the world know that you are a member of the International Association of Animal Massage and Bodywork. Include the logo on your letterhead, business cards, brochures, and website.

MEMBER DRIVE

Encourage your friends and colleagues to enroll in the IAAMB. Each membership you bring in will reduce your next year's membership dues by 10%

Be sure to tell your friends and colleagues when they join, to let us know they were referred by you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1ST QUARTER 2007

Dates	School	Course	Location	Link
JAN				
27-28	*RMSAAM (Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure & Massage)	Anatomy in Clay: Equine & Canine	Boulder, CO	www.rmsaam.com
FEB				
2-8	* RSMAAM	Acupressure Cert Level 1 Large and Small Animal	Denver, CO	www.rmsaam.com
4-10	*PetMassage Ltd.	7 Day Foundation Workshop for Canines	Toledo, OH	www.petmassage.com
12-16	*RMSAAM	Equine Sports Massage Certification	Brighton, CO	www.rmsaam.com
16-18	HTA (Healing Touch for Animals)	Level 1	Tampa, FL	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
17-18	* Tallgrass Animal Acupressure Inst.	Intro to Traditional Chinese Medicine (Equine or sm. animal)	San Diego, CA	www.animalacupressure.com
19-22	* Tallgrass	Meridians & Specific Conditions 1 & 2 (Equine or Small animal)	San Diego, CA	www.animalacupressure.com
21-24	*RMSAAM	Canine Massage Certification	Denver, CO	www.rmsaam.com
23-25	HTA	Level 1	Denton, TX	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
24-3/2	*RMSAAM	Equine & Canine Massage Cert.	Brighton, CO	www.rmsaam.com
25	*RMSAAM	Essential Oils & Aromatherapy for Animals	Denver, CO	www.rmsaam.com
MARCH				
2-4	HTA	Level 1	Memphis, TN	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
2-4	HTA	Level 1	W. Palm Bch, FL	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
2-8	*RMSAAM	Acupressure Cert. Level 1 Large and Small Animals	Denver, CO	www.rmsaam.com
3-4	*Tallgrass	Equine Acupressure & TCM	Kiowa, CO	www.animalacupressure.com
4-10	*PetMassage Ltd.	7 Day Foundation Workshop for Canines	Toledo, OH	www.petmassaage.com
5-9	*RMSAAM	Equine Sports Massage Cert.	Brighton, CO	www.rmsaam.com
9-11	HTA	Level 1	Denver, CO	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
9-11	HTA	Level 1	Philadelphia, PA	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
9-11	*Tallgrass	Equine Aromatherapy	Nelsonville, OH	www.animalacupressure.com
16-18	HTA	Level 1	Cleveland East, OH	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
16-18	HTA	Level 4	Baltimore, MD	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
18-22	*PetMassage, Ltd.	5 Day Advanced Workshop	Toledo, OH	www.petmassaage.com
23-24	*PetMassage, Ltd	2 Day WaterWork Workshop	Toledo, OH	www.petmassaage.com
23-25	HTA	Level 1	Atlanta, GA	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
23-25	HTA	Level 1	Norfolk, VA	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
26-4/1	*RMSAAM	Acupressure Cert. Level 1 Large & Small Animal	Sedona, AZ	www.rmsaam.com
28-31	*RMSAAM	Canine Massage Certification	Denver, CO	www.rmsaam.com
30-4/1	HTA	Level 1	Cincinnati, OH	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
30-4/1	HTA	Level 1	Los Angeles, CA	www.healingtouchforanimals.com
31-4/1	*Tallgrass	Equine Acupressure & TCM	Carson, WA	www.animalacupressure.com

* = member discounts apply

For additional class offerings, please contact schools

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IAAMB Mission Statement

We are a professional community of people who share the goal of providing complementary, loving support for animals that extends internationally.

We gentle animal bodyworkers, with confidence and compassion, assist others to develop their talents by teaching and providing our specific, uniquely personal techniques.

LOOK AT OUR REDESIGNED WEBSITE: www.iaamb.org

To better serve you, we have revised our website. Note the ease of navigating as you glide through the site. Special note: We now have a link for the IAAMB Chat Room under Member Benefits.

Please send your submissions for the newly added Members in the News so that we can post them on the website (as long as we have re-print permission from the editor or writer.)

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