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Director's Message

Greetings ,

This month - January, 2025 - saw the publication of the BTER Foundation's latest research: the design and production of a maggot therapy containment dressing ("maggot bag") for wound care, that people can easily make themselves. The reason that this work is important is because many patients and therapists prefer the simplicity and aesthetics of applying medicinal maggots within a pouch rather than leaving them loose within a net-covered wound.



This is not the place to discuss the specifics of the research nor the dressing itself. For that, you can read the [actual paper](#). What *is* important to emphasize in this newsletter is that this project will be the main topic of discussion during this month's webinar, **BioTherapy Live!** (Thursday, January 30, at 2:pm PST; details below). Join us to learn more about how wound therapists and their patients can benefit from bagged (also called "contained") maggots, even if they live in parts of the world where contained maggot dressings are not commercially available, or are not affordable.

This is precisely the type of research that we do at the [BTER Foundation](#). Called "**Translational Research**," it is research that can be put into practice immediately - in hospitals, clinics and homes. Using the instructions published in the article, almost anyone can now produce these maggot containment bags, or similar bags of your own design.

We hope you can join us for a discussion about how this work progressed over the past 8 years, what its implications are, and how you can benefit from it, whether you - or someone you know - is a therapist, a patient, or a health care administrator.

This work was made possible by all of our supporters: volunteers, donors, and those who simply challenge us with questions and problems that keep us "**advancing healthcare through education and research in biotherapy.**" Thank you all.

With best wishes always,

Ron Sherman,
Director

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BioTherapy Live!

The next ***BioTherapy Live!*** broadcast is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2025 (2:pm PST, 5:pm EST). Topic will be:

"Expanding access to maggot containment dressings through redesign and innovation" - BTER Foundation research just published, which aims to make maggot containment dressings for wound care more available all over the world. Join me (Ron Sherman) and research co-author Dr. Frank Stadler in a live discussion of the work and its implications for wound care in general, and maggot therapy in particular. I desired, you can read the [actual paper](#) beforehand.

Send in your questions, or ask live during the Zoom conference.

To join the meeting on Zoom, go to:
<https://uci.zoom.us/j/98547556833>
Meeting ID: 985 4755 6833

What's that, you say? You are not available at that time? Then watch the recording of this and our prior webinars on our [Facebook](#) page or our [YouTube](#) channel.

Human Animal Interaction (HAI) section of the American Psychological Association (APA)

Human Animal Interaction (HAI) Webinars -

Upcoming webinar: ***Why Force-Free Training Matters in Animal-Assisted Intervention - A Core Principle for Ethical Practice***
February 12, 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MDT.

Did you know that the Animal-Assisted Intervention (AAI) Code of Ethics requires that therapy and facility dogs be trained exclusively with positive reinforcement? This standard not only protects animal welfare but also allows our canine partners to

make free choices and supports handlers in advocating effectively for them. Join members of the Pet Partners team for an in-depth discussion on the significance of force-free training, and explore real-world scenarios that bring this essential philosophy to life.

You can register for this or other HAI webinars [here](#).

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