Lab 9: Animal Behavior

Cricket Behavior Experiments and Questions pages C55-C60

LAB QUIZ #2 NEXT WEEK!

Do not disturb the crickets
Do not put your face directly next to the Petri dish or aquarium
Try to remain calm and quiet while observing
Do not let the crickets escape, catch them or kill them!

Introduction pg C55

- Read introduction and review some of the behaviors you will observe today
- Key vocabulary and concepts: innate behavior, learned behavior, territory, evolutionary basis for aggression, evolutionary basis for submission, motive for calls, motive for songs, naiveté, file, scraper, ovipositor, spermatophore, antenna, tympanic membrane

Normal Behavior pg C55-C56

- Follow directions 1-4
- Be sure to observe the cricket for 10-15 minutes and record a tally for EVERY change in behavior in table on page C60

Courtship Behavior pg C56

- Follow directions 1-5
- Be sure to observe the cricket for 10-15 minutes and record a tally for EVERY change in behavior for each gender in table on page C60

Aggressive Behavior pg C56

- Follow directions 1-5
- Be sure to observe the cricket for 10-15 minutes and record a tally for *EVERY* change in behavior for each male in table on page C60
- Keep track of the isolated and introduced male when tallying behaviors

Phototaxis pg C56

- Follow directions 1-4 using light vs dark to test responses to light.....or
- Design some other experiment like 2 males into new territory or 1 territory male into another male's territory

Cricket Sound pg C57

- Use the dissecting microscope at the front of the room to observe a file and scraper
- Use the dissecting microscope at the front of the room to observe the tympanic membrane

Optional Experiment pg C57

Design your own experiment to observe cricket behavior

Observe Betta fish as examples of aggression

Answer ALL questions on pages C58-C59 (they are all fair game for the upcoming quiz)