

## AAV Member Spotlight: Silvio Silva, PhD

### What is your favorite avian species and why?

I have memorable experiences with parrots. Throughout my childhood through mid-adulthood we had a parrot that was my grandmother's and her temper taught us a lot.

### What was the last interesting avian medical or surgical issue you dealt with in your work?

The most exciting was the treatment of a beautiful owl on the spur of the moment. The reception of wild animals is not frequent, but all were enchanted with her for being very charming. Coincidentally that week we had a scheduled visit from a team of biologists and veterinarians with a partnership in microbiology in wild animals. Everyone accepted the challenge and took turns in general and food care. The owl improved and began to fly inside the lodging room, but she needed more days of follow-up. As a precaution, she was referred to a regional wildlife rehabilitation center.

### Best benefit of AAV membership?

Top avian veterinarian contacts, training materials and opportunities to establish partnerships.

### If you had not chosen your present career, what would you be doing?

I would be a lawyer or an architect.

### What was your favorite class or activity in vet school/vet tech school/college?

Taking a field trip of about 3,500 miles long to meet the pantaneiro horse in Mato Grosso do Sul, where half of the year is flooded. We saw several wild birds and the largest flying bird of the Pantanal called Tuiuiú. As I was tallest and long-legged, like that bird, it was not long before I got the nickname of Tuiuiú, which was funny all the time and of course I enjoyed it.



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