

AAV Member Spotlight: Jorge Rivero, DVM

It is with great pleasure that we present the AAV newsletter: Member Spotlight. This special feature showcases the association's most valuable asset—our members—by highlighting our diverse backgrounds, professional activities, experience, and geographic locations.

What was the first bird job you ever had?

I started to own and breed parakeets at the age of 10. As the years passed I added English budgies and canaries and also participated in bird shows with my birds. I grew up in Lima, Peru and was Lima's only exclusively avian veterinarian for ten years.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

I have 2 memorable experiences with the AAV. First was when I attended my first AAV Conference in 2010 and was able to meet many of my idols in avian medicine. The second was when I was invited to be a member of the International Committee and represent Latin America.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

I have a preference for canaries and English budgies because they were part of my life for many years and I would love to breed again in the future.

Best benefits of AAV membership?

The best benefits of the AAV membership for me is the access to the current knowledge in avian medicine. This was invaluable to me in Peru because I was able to apply this knowledge to my practice.

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

The question is very difficult to answer. I can't imagine any other career besides avian medicine. Avian medicine was my passion from the start and I continue to love it. However, life circumstances have introduced a new career to me, that of a stay home dad that I am equally as passionate about.

Describe an anecdote that would be of interest to your colleagues

I met my American wife when she came to Peru while she was in veterinary school in order to complete an externship in avian medicine with me at my practice. Years later, she and I were asked to contribute a section regarding avian medicine in South America in Dr. Speer's new book, *Current Therapy in Avian Medicine and Surgery*.



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