

AAV Member Spotlight: Julie Cappel, DVM

What was the first bird job you ever had?

1991, I was hired into a veterinary practice with a practitioner that was the only veterinarian in the area that handled pet birds. He was brilliant and taught me everything! I think he was one of the original members of the AAV – Randy Evans. He was amazing.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

The AAV conference in Monterey, California was great! I remember the area as being beautiful and the conference being highly educational to me. I took wet labs in surgery and endoscopy.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

I love all birds, but I particularly love Quakers. They are sassy and fun. I also love raptors even though I don't really get to work on them in my practice.

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

I saw a Macaw that had liver failure because the owners had been giving the bird "a little" of their Cosmopolitan each night.

Best benefit of AAV membership?

The continuing education conferences

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

Singing and dancing

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

Medical ethics

Describe an anecdote that would be of interest to your colleagues

When working with bird people I find it helpful to talk to the birds as much as I talk to them. They often give me more information and trust me more if I seem to love their birds.



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