

AAV Member Spotlight: Deborah Monks, BVSc (Hons) CertZooMed FANZCVS DECZM (Avian)

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?

At a 50% avian practice on the northside of Brisbane.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

My first AAV conference. Coming from the intimacy of the Australian conferences, it was mind-blowing to have multiple streams, hundreds of people and too much choice!

What is your favorite avian species and why?

I'm a parrot person. If I were ever to get a tattoo, it would be of a hyacinth macaw. :-)

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

Recently, we did a tracheal resection and anastomosis on an Indian Ringneck who had aspirated his owner's Ritalin tablet, causing a tracheal obstruction!

Best benefits of AAV membership?

I love JAMS!

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

I can't imagine doing anything else!



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