

AAV Member Spotlight: Shiwani Tandel, BVSc & AH, MVSc, MVet Sci(Cons Med)

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.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

I attended my first AAV meeting in 2005, in Monterey and was floored with the progress avian medicine had made. Back in India, avian medicine wasn't even thought about, it was all about poultry medicine and when people were talking about diabetes in birds my horizons suddenly broadened. I was so awestruck with the proceedings that I couldn't even begin to imagine how I could put this to use in India since I was seeing only one bird a month. Now, I can't believe that avian medicine has grown so much, and I now I see five birds on an average everyday. I can't thank the AAV enough for helping me grow and enabling me to reach out to other vets interested in learning this specialty.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

It has got to be the conure—sun conure to be more specific. I'm in love with their colours and character. My first bird is a sun conure.

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

We have now started performing internal and external fixations in wings. I was particularly elated when we successfully pinned the humerus of a 2-year-old Amazon parrot successfully.

Best benefits of AAV membership?

It is extremely affordable to members if developing nations and I love JAMS.

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

I did have to think of that a couple of years ago cause I suffered from bird handlers lung which is when I did a masters in conservation medicine, from they University of Edinburgh (distance education). So I guess I would be doing something related to bird conservation, but more desk job related.



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