

## AAV Member Spotlight: Gary Garcia-Espinosa, DVM, PhD

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.

If you would like to be featured in this section, or would like to suggest a fellow member to profile, please complete the [Member Spotlight Questionnaire](#) today.

### What was the first bird job you ever had?

Professor in Avian Medicine and Poultry

### Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

Information on avian health regarding different species around the world.

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

Parrots because they are in many houses and cities, but all are interesting.

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

Rare infection diseases like mycobacteriosis in wild ducks.

### Best benefits of AAV membership?

Access to current information on several topics on medicine and diagnostic.

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

Difficult to say, but other issues on avian or animals species.

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

Clinic on poultry

### Describe an anecdote that would be of interest to your colleagues

When you work with poultry or typical companion birds and then you do necropsies on wild bird species you find details that are not in the books or manuals. So, you learn to do a very carefully necropsy and trying to understand "new physiology or pathology." This challenges your knowledge and stimulates you to do new interesting studies. Not all appears to be like you think.



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