

AAV Member Spotlight: David Hannon, DVM, Dipl ABVP (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.

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?

I was the student medical director of the Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation Center while attending Auburn University CVM.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

Dr. Speer's behavior in the exam room lab really changed how I handle my avian patients. It also impresses the hell out of the clients.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

Golden eagles. They're just noble and beautiful, and I just really love working with them.

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

I'm currently managing a greenwing macaw with chronic ascites secondary to hypoproteinemia. She has clinically improved with medical management, but we're still having to drain her coelom periodically. The owner is contemplating my recommendation for a liver biopsy.

Best benefits of AAV membership?

Networking.

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

Astrophysicist.

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

I did a 10-week preceptorship at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans my senior year.

Describe an anecdote that would be of interest to your colleagues

My wife and I are avid ballroom dancers.



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