

AAV Member Spotlight: Michelle Ravich, 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?

When I was in high school, I spent one summer working with a falconer at a local environmental center. I helped care for the falconry birds, as well as the wild non-releasable raptors housed at the center, and definitely fell in love with raptors that summer.

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

I would likely either be in a different animal-related career, or something involving architecture. I actually wanted to design zoo exhibits for a long time.

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

My favorite activity in vet school was working at the school's wildlife clinic. As students, we were able to play a major role in the daily care and treatment of the patients so it was very hands-on, and I was able to learn a lot.



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