

AAV Member Spotlight: Nick Kirk, DVM, BS (Biology)

What was the first bird job you ever had?

Independent cockatiel, finch, and budgerigar breeder during middle school and high school.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

During the 2015 Exotics Con, I had the opportunity to talk about methods of euthanasia in avian species. The research I was able to perform under Dr. Cheryl Greenacre fueled the conversation of proper methods of euthanasia for avian species in the clinical and field settings.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

My favorite avian species has to be the Panama Amazon, which is the species of my own parrot Billy Rubin. His temperament and behavior are amazing, and I wouldn't trade my best friend for the world!

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

Before I was accepted to vet school, my back up plan was to go into avian intelligence research.

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

My favorite activity in veterinary school was the lab I coordinated with Dr. Brynn McCleery and Dr. Patrick Sullivan to help veterinary students learn common avian procedures such as IO catheter placement, air sac cannula placement, and orthopedic fixation of wing and leg fractures.



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