

# AAV Member Spotlight: Ligaya Miranda-Paita, BSc, DVM

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

My first bird job was as a technical staff of Eurovets Veterinary LLC as Distributor of Harrisons Bird Food in UAE. We had an African grey parrot in our facility with British Veterinary Clinic in Abudhabi. We promoted using balanced quality organic bird food.

## Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

When I was bitten by an Amazon and when I first saw 2 hyacinth macaws. Also when I first encountered falcon endoscopy and imping with Dr. Jamie Samour in UAE.

## What is your favorite avian species and why?

African greys and cockatoos. I like their interaction with us. The way they talk and show their antics aside from the fact that I am seeing them more often in our practice.

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

Amputation of a canary and fracture correction of a cockatoo. The first was successful and the other I consider a failure because I let the owner have the bird immediately after surgery. The first, canary stayed with us for one week.

## Best benefits of AAV membership?

I am excited because I can see how I can improve as an avian veterinarian through the blogs and education section; and how I can help our clients by extending to them our client materials.

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

I was designed and fated to be a veterinarian because I truly love this work. I can never think of any other profession since childhood, it was my dream to become a veterinarian. It is fulfilling helping other people and animals while earning at the same time. But most often passion exceeds the money expectation.

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

Our internship - the clinical work and medicine.

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

I had a client one time who came in as emergency with her African Grey falling and and lying like dead for several times. I physically checked and all looks normal, I did blood profile and was normal. The african grey was naughty playing dead. when they learned it was they were amazed on how they can be naughty.

## Do you have a favorite tip or trick for clinical avian practice that you can share with AAV members?

We usually restrain by towels. When before or after examination I will show the owner how to play a peek-a-boo with their bird while it is wrapped in towels.



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