

## AAV Member Spotlight: Dave Craton, DVM

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 guess the first one I had was WAY back in about 1990 when I volunteered at a wildlife rehab center in Maryland.

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

Hard to say - Jury is still out!

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

Either the suspected renal neoplasia in a Cockatiel or the the luxated shoulder joint secondary to either cancer or infection in a African Grey.

### Best benefits of AAV membership?

The vast network of people in "the Know."

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

I would have continued with my masters (Molecular Biology) and gone on to get my PhD.

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

Third year was my favorite year but my favorite activity was the Exotics Club.



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