



Association of Avian Veterinarians

AAV Position Statement Regarding the Sale of Unweaned Birds

The AAV strongly SUGGESTS that a supportive and sustaining vendor - client relationship exist whenever possible.

The AAV SUPPORTS the conveyance of unweaned birds between qualified parties who possess the necessary skills of handfeeding in accordance with accepted avicultural industry practices.

The AAV OPPOSES the sale or transfer of unweaned birds to individuals KNOWN not to possess the necessary level of experience in accordance with accepted avicultural industry practices.

The AAV OPPOSES the sale or transfer of any weaned or unweaned bird known to possess infectious disease(s) or metabolic disorder(s).

The AAV STRONGLY RECOMMENDS that birds be of sufficient age and condition before undergoing the rigors of transport, and that said birds be capable of withstanding the complications associated with such transport.

The AAV SUPPORTS the application of a permanent identification system to captive bred birds, including closed banding and microchip implantation.

The AAV RECOGNIZES that analytical testing for infectious disease is subject to broad interpretation, and ENCOURAGES that the testing for disease be left to the auspices of the veterinarian - client relationship.

The AAV ACKNOWLEDGES that the current state of infectious disease testing and prevention does not lead to an absolute assurance of a disease free state, and should not supplant good husbandry practices.

The Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) is a professional veterinary organization that strives to advance and promote avian medicine, stewardship, and conservation. The AAV has more than 1500 members comprised of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary students, and allied professionals that work in private practice, colleges and universities, zoos, government, and industry. Many of the AAV's members are considered global leaders in avian conservation and wild bird health. Among the key objectives for the organization, the AAV strives to preserve and protect birds in the wild and their native habitats.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Dr. Robert Groskin at rgroskin@aav.org.