

AAV Member Spotlight: Byron de la Navarre, BS, BA, DVM

What was the first bird job you ever had?

Manager of a pet store that bred, sold and boarded birds.

Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

Leading/involving in Round Table Discussions at the Annual AAV Meetings, Assisting in the AAV Labs working with Instructors as well as attendees and Social Events/Tours at the AAV Conferences.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

Kookaburra – love their call and smart/playful personality. It was a sick Kooaburra that brought my wife – the manager of the bird section for a large pet store working for the USDA – and I together. It took a few visits but the Kookaburra recovered and took off and so did my wife and our relationship.

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

Being able to see referral cases that are not responding and being able to turn them around creating happy patients and owners.

Best benefits of AAV membership?

Learning advanced medicine and surgical techniques in the presence of good friends and colleagues during conferences as well as the journal, newsletter and facebook page.

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

Animal Nutrition & Behaviour



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