

# AAV Member Spotlight: Stephanie Lamb, DVM

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

Like many veterinarians I have met, my first job working with birds was in a pet store getting to raise and care for young birds.

## Most memorable AAV experience or contribution

My most memorable AAV experiences have been getting a few articles published in the Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery and being able to present at a few conferences. Its very fulfilling to be able to assist our profession in this way even if they are just small contributions. I hope that they stimulate further discussion and are used as a step to advance our knowledge base in avian medicine.

## What is your favorite avian species and why?

Zebra finches. I had a hand-raised zebra finch, Leonardo DaFinci, who was a wonderful companion and taught me a lot. I really enjoy all the small species who can sometimes be more challenging to treat but still deserve just as much care as any other individual.

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

I have been working with the Fish and Wildlife Service to vasectomize Texas bobwhite quail as part of a reintroduction of the Masked bobwhite quail into southern Arizona. There have been a few bumps along the way but its nice to have a role in conservation and do a small part in helping an endangered species.

## Best benefits of AAV membership?

All the educational offerings! I routinely check out old journals online, access the conference proceedings through the website and check out the education portal for videos and newly posted learning opportunities.

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

I would probably be working in biology in some shape or form. Whether it would be in a lab, in a classroom teaching, or out in the field doing some sort of research; I could be happy doing many different science-focused careers. If not biology though, I would work more on my artistic side and focus more on painting.

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

Avian and exotic medicine of course! I loved getting to work with all the passionate veterinarian teachers at the Minnesota Raptor Center.



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