

AAV Member Spotlight: Lisa Carr, BVetMed

What was the first bird job you ever had?

I was first exposed to companion birds working as a vet tech after graduating with my undergraduate degree. At first, they terrified me but as I got to know them and understand them, my appreciation and respect developed.

What is your favorite avian species and why?

The secretary bird: a demure looking lady (they all look like girls to me) who packs a powerful punch!

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

We recently diagnosed a gastric mass in a budgie by ultrasound. The majority of our small bird clients love their birds but when it comes down to working them up, the "I would if this was my dog" excuse comes out. I am grateful for those clients that are not limited by the size of their bird and do what they can for them to help them feel better. Unfortunately, this budgie died shortly after his diagnosis, but we could give his owner the peace of mind that she was doing everything she could for him.

Best benefits of AAV membership?

There are so many good things about AAV. The continuing education is top notch and I always come away feeling more confident about what I already know and pick up something that is clinically relevant which I can take home and put into practice right away.

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

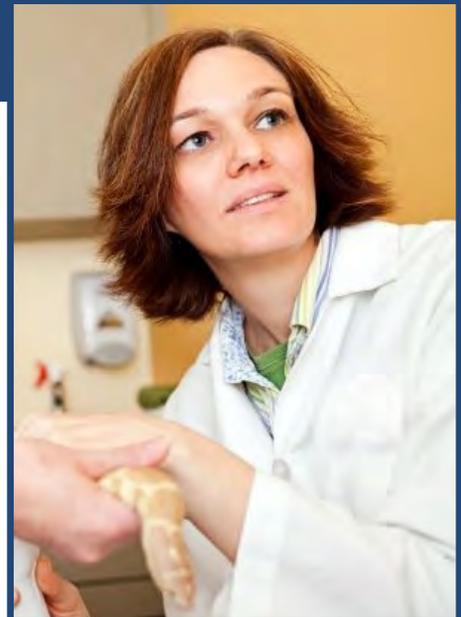
I would be working with animals in some capacity no matter what career path I chose. Some have said, though I admit to nothing, that a crazy cat lady resides in me so it's possible that I would have started a circus with trick-trained cats while riding horses and growing flowers on the side.

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

I'm a glutton for punishment because I love anesthesia and critical care, especially at the same time. The more complicated the case the more fun it was! The same is true now. It's great when you can take that completely unstable, mostly dead bird and get them back home.

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Dr. Lisa Carr pictured with two local children while on a mission trip in Ethiopia. Dr. Carr helped develop an incubator program (business model) to support entrepreneurs and small businesses in villages. She went to advise about chicken production which was the industry they were using as a test model.



Favorite avian species: the secretary bird