



# Association of Avian Veterinarians

Advancing & Promoting Avian Medicine and Stewardship

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## Association of Avian Veterinarians Announces \$15,000 in New Clinical Avian Health Grants

*AAV expands research funding - now offering two new bird health grants to further association mission of advancing avian medicine*

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The Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 AAV Companion Bird and Wild Bird Health Grants. Dr. Marcy Souza of the University of Tennessee was awarded the AAV Companion Bird Health Fund Grant of \$9,785 for her project titled, "GI Pharmacokinetics and Drug-withdrawal Times for Eggs Following Clavamox® In Chickens." Dr. Miranda Sadar of the University of Saskatchewan was awarded the AAV Wild Bird Health Fund Grant of \$5,000 for her project titled, "Pharmacokinetics of Ceftiofur Crystalline-free Acid in Bald Eagles."

Since 1982, the AAV has provided over \$560,000 in avian research funding. This year, the association expanded its annual research funding to include two grant categories, allowing for more diversity and greater funding opportunities. These categories include:

- **AAV Companion Bird Health Fund**  
For projects addressing clinical aspects of companion bird health - areas of interest include but not limited to diagnostic testing, disease treatment, drug pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics, and practice management.  
*Grants are limited to \$10,000.00 US for individual projects.*
- **AAV Wild Bird Health Fund**  
Projects of interest include but are not limited to epidemiology of disease in wild populations, ecotoxicology, diagnostic testing and treatment of wild birds, and conservation medicine.  
*Grants are limited to \$5,000.00 US for individual projects.*

"By funding clinically relevant research studies, the AAV Health Grants have improved the health and welfare of our avian patients. Research results from 77 funded scientific studies have advanced clinical practice by providing much needed scientific data in areas such as nutrition, pain medication, radiography, pharmacology, virology, wound repair and many other areas," states AAV Executive Director Dr. Robert Groskin. He also stated, "The AAV grants are one of the few funding sources for clinical avian research. Donations to the Companion Animal and Wild Bird Health come from the membership, clients and supporters of the AAV."

A complete list of past grant recipients is posted on the AAV website: <http://www.aav.org/researchawards>



*AAV Companion Bird Health Grant Recipient:  
Dr. Marcy Souza,  
University of Tennessee*



*AAV Wild Bird Health Grant Recipient:  
Dr. Miranda Sadar,  
University of Saskatchewan*

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The Association of Avian Veterinarians is an international professional organization of practitioners advancing and promoting avian medicine, stewardship, and conservation through education of its members, the veterinary community and those they serve.

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