Explore this guide to educational material available through your AAV Membership

Not only does AAV membership demonstrate your commitment to providing superb care to patients, support for avian conservation, research and improved welfare of birds around the globe, it also provides access to a wealth of educational material for you as a practitioner and a collection of resources you may share with your clients.


**The Golden Egg** features collections of information on key topics of interest to avian veterinarians including:
- Avian orthopedics
- Anesthesia/analgesia
- Feather destructive behavior
- Backyard poultry medicine

**The AAV Bird-friendly Practice Toolbox** contains a collection of resources addressing essential needs of a bird-friendly avian practice including: basic skills checklists, equipment lists, facility guidelines, value-based service fee assessment, avian skills training for technicians, and useful forms.

**Blogs**! Topics include: AAV Enrichment Tips, Amazing Aspects of Aviculture, Bird Tales: Stories from the Front Lines of Avian Medicine, Clinical Applications of Research for the Avian Practitioner, Conservation Note, President’s Blog and more!

**The Online Education Portal** features 60+ on-demand courses, master classes, how-to courses, and general medical topics! Look inside for a current course list and information on RACE CE Credit.

**The Avian Veterinary Clinical Competency Program**

The goal of the AVCCP is to improve, promote and expand avian veterinary clinical competency in companion avian species through a program of learning modules taught by experienced avian practitioners and specialists. See back panel for details.
AAV Publication Library Index

All resources below are included with AAV veterinary, technician and student membership. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are also available on the public AAV Bird Owners Resources page; many of these are also available in multiple languages.

Note regarding use: Members are invited to link your clinic website to the AAV Bird Owner Resources page. Please do not, however, repost AAV handouts directly on your own website. We update these materials from time to time and by linking to our page, you ensure that your clients receive the most current information. Medical Topics for member only handouts are intended to be shared with clients on an individual basis along with your personal consultation. Please do not post these handouts publicly on your website or on social media.

**Official AAV Publications**
- Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery - access the latest issues and search the digital archive (2000-present)
- AAV Conference Proceedings (includes ExoticsCon avian, hybrid, and technician sections) (1988-present)

**Medical Topics**
- Avian Bornavirus Infection and PDD
- Avian Physical Therapy
- Basic Care for Ramphastid Birds
- Digital Scales: Where to Get One and Why You Need It
- Feather Loss
- Feeding Birds
- Making a Home Incubator for Your Bird
- Injury Prevention and Emergency Care
- Managing Chronic Egg-laying in your Pet Bird
- Managing Mild Bumblefoot (Pododermatitis)
- Special Needs Birds: Setting Up an Enclosure for a Parrot with Leg Abnormalities
- Ultraviolet Lighting for Companion Birds
- What to Expect if your Bird Has a Fracture
- Wing Trimming
- Wing Trim Record

**Poultry & Waterfowl**
- Bumblefoot in Chickens and Waterfowl
- Caring for Backyard Chickens
- Eliminating Mites in Poultry Flocks
- Hardware Disease and Heavy Metal Toxicosis in Chickens
- Marek’s Disease
- Red Mites: How to Identify and Eliminate Them
- Why is it Illegal to Use Enrofloxacin in Poultry

**Raptors**
- Aspergillosis in Falconry Birds
- Avian Pox Infection in Falconry Birds
- Falcon Herpesvirus Hepatitis
- Lead Toxicosis in Falconry Birds
- Newcastle Disease in Falcons
- Pododermatitis in Raptors

**Bird Owner Resources**
- Finding a Veterinarian for Your Feathered Friend
- Basic Care for Companion Birds*
- Avian Chlamydiosis and Psittacosis*
- Caring for Ducks*
- Care for Senior Parrots*
- Foraging for Parrots*
- Pigeon Husbandry*
- Protecting your Pet Birds from Household Dangers*
- Signs of Illness in Companion Birds*
- Transitioning Pet Parrots Away from a Seed Diet*
- Veterinary Care for Your Pet Bird*
- Weaning Baby Parrots*
- When Should I Take My Bird to a Veterinarian?*
- Zoonotic Diseases in Backyard Poultry: How to Keep Your Family Safe*
- Video: Caring for Baby Parrots: Handfeeding*
- Video: How to Medicate Your Parrot (French version also available)*
- Video: Train Your Parrot to Accept Oral Medication (shared resource from Good Bird, Inc.)*
- Video: Feather Destructive Behavior (shared resource from Avian & Exotic Animal Clinic of Indianapolis)*

**Avian Species and First Aid**
- African Greys
- Amazons
- Budgies
- Canaries
- Cockatiels
- Cockatoos
- Conures
- Eclectus
- Lories
- Love Birds
- Macaws
- Quakers
- Avian First Aid

**More Topics Added Quarterly!**
Anesthesia Quick Tips
Beak and Talon Trimming
Common Avian Procedures: Nail Trims (shared by ACT Online Training)
Common Avian Procedures: Wing Trims (shared by ACT Online Training)
Falcon Physical and Clinical Examination
Feather Repair
How to Perform a Leg Band Removal in a Parrot
How to Perform a Nasal Flush
How to Place Intravenous Catheters in Wild Birds
Intravenous Catheter Placement in Birds
Jugular Venipuncture in Parrots
Nursing and Medical Procedures: Haematology, Cytology and Faecal Sampling and Sample Preparation
Subcutaneous Fluids in Birds (shared by LafeberVet)
Suggested Technique for Pulling a Broken Blood Feather
Wing Bandages
Nursing and Medical Procedures: Nasal and Sinal Flushing, Stomach Flushing and Force Feeding
Wing Bandages (shared by LafeberVet)

Avian Analgesia
Avian Anesthesia, Analgesia and Sedation
Avian Coelomic Radiology
Avian Ophthalmology: Principles and Application
Backyard Poultry: Practical Information You Can Use, Presented by Systems
Clinical Cardiovascular Anatomy and Disease States in Birds
Disaster Planning for Pets
Disease Conditions, Clinical Signs and Treatment Modalities of Large Pet Birds
Evaluating the Avian Integument: A Physical Approach
Handling and Restraint, Grooming and the Physical Examination
Handling Avian Respiratory Emergencies
If You Build It, They Will Come: Guidelines for Developing an Avian Practice
Laser Therapy in Avian Patients
Sedation in Birds
The Avian Gastrointestinal Tract: Interaction of Anatomy and Physiology with Disease and Treatment
The Basics of Raptor Care
The Miracle of Flight
The Utilization of Practical Clinical Pathology for Diagnostic Success
What Parrots Want?!? The Importance of Foraging and Environmental Enrichment for Psittacine Birds

Falcon Physical and Clinical Examination
A Novel Technique for Cloacal Removal of Mature Retained Eggs in Birds
A Novel Technique for Femur Fracture Repair
Acute Toxicity After the Administration of High Doses of Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine)
Anatomical Radiology
Avian Behavior and Implementing Positive Reinforcement Techniques
Avian Hematology: Sample Collection and Preparation
Building Blocks in Successful Retail Pet Animal Care and Welfare
Cassowary Eggs: Collection, Incubation and Hatchability
Endoscopy in Falcons
Examples of Complementary Medicine in Exotic and Wildlife Patients
Exotic Companion Animal Critical Care: More than Just Oxygen and a Warm Cage
Gonadal Activity Suppression in Chickens, Rats, & Swine Using an Antibody-Guided Lipid-Based Nanocomplex
Infectious Bronchitis Virus Outbreak in a Flock of Backyard Chickens
Infertile Female Cassowaries Rendered Fertile After a Dramatic Diet Change to a Highly Frugivore-based Diet
Introduction to Radiology
Monitoring and Caring for Your Avian Anesthesia Patient
Newcastle Disease in Falcons in the Middle East
Orthopaedic Surgery in Falcons
Pathological Radiology
Pharmacokinetics and Egg Residues after Oral Meloxicam Dosing in Poultry
Point-of-Care Blood Gases & Critical Care Blood Chemistry & Haematology Reference Values in Captive Gyr Falcons (Falco rusticolus)

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The modules are a compilation of 3 progressive tiers containing interactive, self-directed content, case scenarios and quizzes throughout the modules to solidify key learning points.

The AVCCP Will Provide

- Day-one clinical competency avian medicine education for students and early career veterinarians looking to expand their depth of practice in avian medicine.
- A foundational review of current literature and research with updated standards of avian medicine care for seasoned practitioners.
- A path for those wishing to further explore specialization in avian medicine.
- A Certificate of Completion awarded upon completion of each tier.

*Psittacines, passerines, backyard poultry

Completion of this program does not imply equivalency to Board Certification by the American Board of Veterinary Practice, the American College of Zoological Medicine, or the European College of Zoological Medicine.

Content Overview

**Tier 1** focuses on avian anatomy and physiology with modules on husbandry, nutrition, handling and restraint, the visual and physical exam and other basic avian medicine skills. Note: Seasoned practitioners may opt to test out of Tier 1.

**Tier 2**, opening in spring 2023, will include modules on the beak, sedation and anesthesia, avian imaging, laboratory testing, case application and critical thinking.

**Tier 3**, currently in development, will focus on case management modules including the dyspneic patient, heart failure, seizures, prolapse, fracture and trauma management. This tier will also require participation in hands-on workshops and interactive case presentations.

What Your Peers Are Saying About the AVCCP...

“As a general practitioner who would like to have competence/knowledge with avian medical care/husbandry/handling; I really cannot thank you enough for putting something like this together.”

– Sarah S.

“AAV’s AVCCP program is engaging and makes it easy for clinicians to enhance their knowledge on avian patients. From husbandry to physical exams to venipuncture, this program is essential for anyone who is willing to see birds.”

– Lacey S.