

Birds USA: Who Are These People?!

Find out who's who in the bird world

1. Avian Veterinarian

Birds are very different in anatomy and physiology to dogs and cats, and to specialize in their treatment, a veterinary student must seek out coursework and residencies that are beyond the scope of a standard veterinary school.

Avian veterinarians, like any other veterinarians, attend veterinary school at any of the certified Veterinary colleges. After they obtain their DVM, they go on to specialize in the care of birds. This specialization takes from one to three years.

Avian veterinarians may choose to become members of the Association of Avian Veterinarians for additional education opportunities including a journal and an annual conference. An avian veterinarian can pursue additional testing through the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and become an ABVP diplomat in avian medicine (ABPD).

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