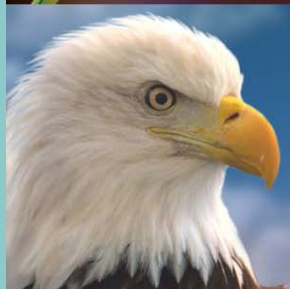


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President's Message

Laurie Hess

Even though the AAV just celebrated its 30th anniversary, the organization continues to keep up with modern technology. First, as we hope most members know by now, the AAV has a new, simple-to-navigate website. There, members can learn about recent efforts in avian conservation, follow what's going on in avian research, and discover what went on at the annual AAV conference. In fact, this past summer's conference proceedings are available online in the "members only" section. Keeping up with colleagues is easier than ever with the new website; members can update their contact information by following the link to "Edit Your Own Listing."

The second means by which the AAV keeps up with modern technology is via the governing board. In the past, board members met every February—usually in Texas—for a whirlwind weekend of discussions related to important AAV issues. This year, the AAV board decided to try something different: video conferencing. While the board has been holding regular conference calls every few months to discuss important AAV issues, this year we decided to forego the in-person mid-year meeting for a series of videoconference calls over that same weekend. In preparation for this, our tireless executive director, Adina Freedman, sent small video cameras to board members. Soon after, the board held its first videoconference call in which board members sat in the comfort of their homes, fumbled around with headsets and microphones, and tried to listen and speak while simultaneously watching their computer screens (where each one's face appeared as part of checkerboard pattern that Dr. Rosenthal compared to the opening scene of "The Brady Bunch" or the game show, "Hollywood Squares"). After a rough start, board members finally got the hang of it and managed to have a productive meeting. We hope that videoconferencing will replace all of our mid-year meetings so that travel and lodging



expenses can be redirected towards more important purposes such as research and scholarship.

The final area the AAV is pursuing in its quest to keep up with technology is Facebook. Younger AAV members already use Facebook as a primary means of communication. The hope is that, if the AAV establishes its own Facebook page, members will be able to have ongoing, real-time dialogue about important AAV issues. Communication between AAV committee members would certainly be facilitated by a Facebook page. While the AAV Facebook page doesn't yet exist, we're actively working on it and hope to have it up and running soon.

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Conservation Committee

AAV Committees Need YOU! The AAV offers a lot in terms of supporting research, scientific communication, avian conservation, and continuing educational opportunities. Did you know that most of this is accomplished by volunteer members? Your voice (and manpower) counts! Committees are the member's chance to have an impact on global avian health, welfare, and conservation issues. Please consider joining a committee today or attending a committee meeting at the annual conference. The standing meetings are open to all members including students. A list of committees and chairpersons can be found in the front of the AAV membership directory (on the website) or contact the Central Office at aavctrlofc@aol.com

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Duck shot five times with crossbow, survives

By Karen Kucher
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A Muscovy duck found Wednesday at Chollas Lake had been shot with five arrows but survived the attack. -

SAN DIEGO — A Muscovy duck found yesterday at Chollas Lake in Oak Park had been shot five times with a crossbow, including once through its head, authorities said.

Parts of five metal bolts were embedded in the bird when city maintenance workers found it about 9 a.m.

"I'm amazed that the bird is still alive. Somebody used this thing for target practice," said Lt. Dan DeSousa of the county's Department of Animal Services. "They shot it through the top of the head; they thought they'd finish the bird off."

The duck was taken to San Diego County Central Shelter in Mission Valley, where it was X-rayed and examined. Because of the extent of its injuries, the duck was then taken to veterinarian **Jeffrey Jenkins**, an avian specialist, who surgically removed the 8-inch-long bolts, said David Johnson,



animal medical operations manager for the Department of Animal Services.

The bird was in stable condition after surgery.

"He is probably the luckiest duck in San Diego County right now," Johnson said.

The duck had been shot once through the top of the head, damaging its eye. Bolts also were found around its neck, and one was in the rear of its body, Johnson said.

The department is seeking the public's help to find the person who shot the bird, and anyone with information is asked to call (619) 767-2624.

The shooter could face felony animal-abuse charges, DeSousa said.

MEMORY GAME

Developed by the European AAV, this game not only enhances your memory but also hones your skills in identifying hematology and histology slides.

There are 32 images (64 cards). The goal of the game is to win all of the cards. Turn over two cards on each turn. When a player can match two from memory the player takes those two.

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Court upholds convictions of 6 animal activists

The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA - A federal appeals court has upheld the convictions of six animal-rights activists in a New Jersey harassment case.

The six members of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty were convicted in 2006 of using their Web site to incite threats and vandalism against employees of Huntingdon Life Science in Franklin Township, Somerset County, N.J.

The group posted home addresses and other information about the workers on the site.

Each activist was sentenced to six years in prison. Three remain in federal custody.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled there was enough evidence to convict them of violating the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act.

The trial was believed to be the first to use the statute, which was enacted in 1992.

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Dr. LoraKim Joyner is leading a conservation trip to Guatemala in late February of 2010. The highlight of this trip will be teaching at San Carlos University's veterinary school in Guatemala City. Contact Dr. Joyner at amoloros@juno.com if you would like to participate as a lecturer/teacher. Topics on the roster include basic avian physical exams and hematology. Afterwards, the group will visit avi-tourism sites and other conservation areas. According to Dr. Joyner, this will be a good opportunity for participants to network with conservation efforts in Central America and to experience together what is "ours to do" by getting to know the birds and people of Guatemala. Dr. Joyner's goal is to help facilitate support for conservation groups in Guatemala and, by extension, to other areas in Central America.

Conservation Committee on Facebook

Hoping to network with a wider segment of AAV's membership, the Conservation Committee has opened a Facebook page. The page is still under construction but is available at: www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=181550496437. Only current members of the AAV may join. The site should be a good way to informally share conservation news and views and to network with others on projects.

Ban on Banned Medical Procedures

On January 1, 2010, California SB 762 will go in effect, preventing cities and counties from adopting ordinances that ban medical procedures. However, ordinances adopted prior to that date will remain in effect, including West Hollywood's declawing ban. Santa Monica, Los Angeles and San Francisco are considering passing similar ordinances to ban declawing of cats, except in cases where it might be medically necessary, prior to the end of the year to take advantage of this "grandfathering" provision.

2009 Proceedings, Milwaukee, WI

The digital copy of the 2009 proceedings is up on the AAV website. (www.aav.org). Select the link to *Publications* and then to *Proceedings*. The access codes can be found inside the member's only wall.

Access is case-sensitive. Non members will be denied access.

Hard copies may be ordered from the publications office. (\$55+ \$5 shipping).

There are also a small number of the proceedings from the combined Sunday program; AAV-Pre Surgical Patient; AEMV- Small Mammals (\$25)

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You may purchase a set of six cards for \$30. Clients appreciate that you care and that you are contributing to the research that can save other pets.

At the same time, you are supporting the AAV research fund that was started in 1980. A list of studies receiving AAV grants is published on the AAV Web site.

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