

Dr. Paul Gibbons is Named 2009 Exotic DVM of the Year



Dr. Gibbons accepts his award from Dr. Kevin Wright, the 2008 Exotic DVM of the Year award.



Courtesy of Animal Emergency Center

August 14, 2009 - Dr. Paul Gibbons was selected by his peers as the recipient of the 2009 Exotic DVM of the Year award. The award was presented at the combined 30th Annual Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) Conference & Expo, 16th Annual Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians (ARAV) Conference, and Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians (AEMV) Conference held in Milwaukee.



Dr. Gibbons received his DVM degree from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994. He practiced in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois before pursuing advanced training. At the University of California-Davis he completed a residency program in avian, reptile and exotic mammal medicine followed by a master's degree in comparative pathology. During his veterinary career he has worked with cattle, horses, sheep, llamas, goats, pigs, dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, pet birds, ratites, raptors, waterfowl, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates and other exotic species. He has been involved with sled dog medicine for the past 6 years and currently serves as Head Veterinarian for the UP200 & Midnight Run Sled Dog Races in Michigan.

He is a Diplomate of the Avian Practice specialty of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) and currently serves as chairperson of the Joint ARAV-ABVP Organizing Committee for Certification in Reptile and Amphibian Practice. He is an associate editor for the Journal of Herpetological Medicine and Surgery and is President-Elect of the ARAV. He served as Guest Editor of the July 2009 issue of the Journal of Exotic Pet Medicine and has published numerous articles and presented lectures on the husbandry, medicine and surgery of birds, reptiles, amphibians and exotic mammals. Currently he directs the Exotic Species Specialty Service at Animal Emergency Center & Specialty Services in Milwaukee.