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Jody Nugent-Deal attended Yuba College and graduated with and A.S. degree in Veterinary Technology in 1998. She was employed at several small animal private practices in northern California for five years before her current position with the University of California Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital Companion Avian and Exotic Pet Medicine Service. Ms. Nugent-Deal has worked in the avian and exotics department as an RVT from 1999 until present. Daily duties include anything from assisting with surgery, performing anesthesia, drawing blood, triaging patients, taking radiographs, and many other duties including teaching veterinary students technical skills to help them survive in a clinical setting. She is currently pursuing a bachelors degree in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology at UC Davis and is in the process of becoming a board certified Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia. Jody has a special interest in anesthesia, analgesia, pain management and critical care. Currently Jody instructs our VETT 10 (Exotic and Wildlife Medicine) course.

Ms. Nugent-Deal has been lecturing on various exotic animal topics since 2002 and has written several articles for the *Veterinary Technician Journal*. She was featured on the front cover of *Veterinary Technician Journal* in May 2004. Additionally Jody has served on their editorial board as a peer reviewer for journal articles in exotic animal medicine since 2004.