

VETERINARY HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER

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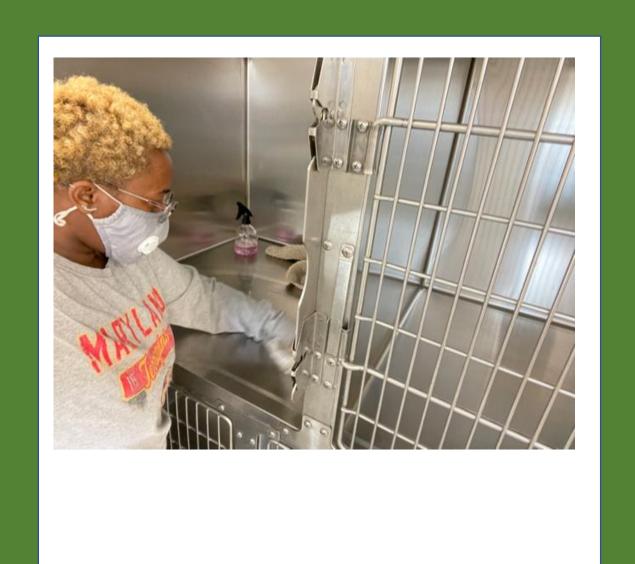


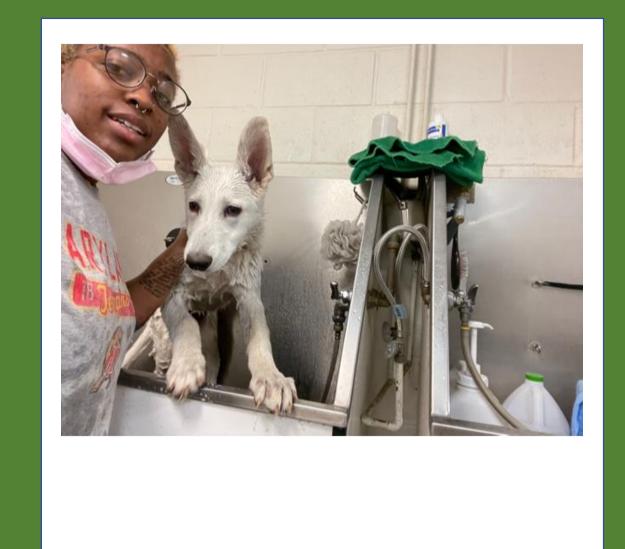
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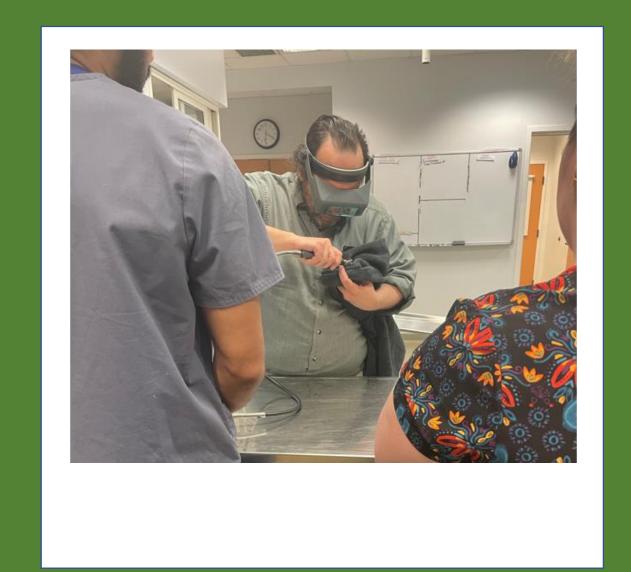
I had the great opportunity to work at Gambrills Veterinary Center. This hospital is a very family-oriented business that cares for every animal like it is their own. The owner Dr. Orenstein has been in the practice for more than 20 years. I think one of the most important things that differentiates them from animal hospitals is the fact that they accept and treat exotic animals like birds, lizards and snakes. Not all animal hospitals carry that expertise



Even though I am not a doctor, the aid that I provide at the hospital helps them indirectly and directly. Directly because I am here in the present helping provide relief to animals even if it is as small as comforting them in the moment. Indirectly because am learning how a veterinary hospital works and how they handle their clients and their issues for my future career of becoming a veterinarian myself.





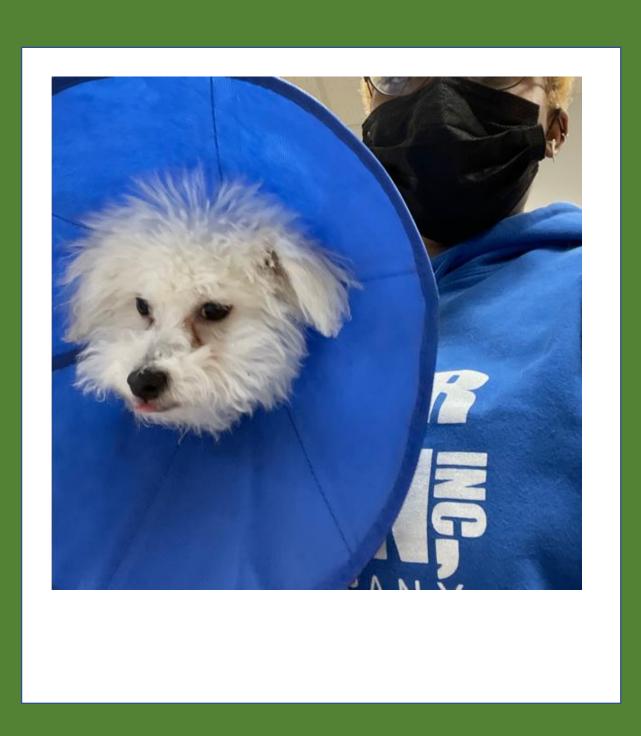


Activities

I have cared for animals at home but being at the hospital allowed me to learn and execute things that I dream of doing when I become of veterinarian. Some things I learned was how to hold certain species comfortably and correctly in order to be inspected and for blood to be taken, how to prepare a slide for cytology, how to insert fluids through IV catheter and how to operate the system handling clients. I also was able to watch the doctor preform surgeries like neuters and removing tumors.

Future Work

As of right now I am just considered a volunteer since I have never officially worked in a clinic before. Before I started to work there, the management said that if I have gained enough experience there by the summer, then I can be hired and work at the hospital full time.



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