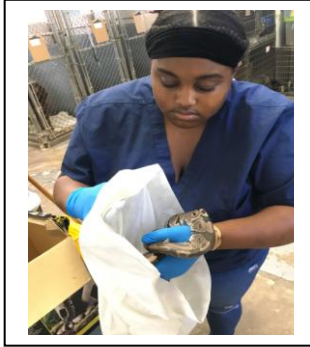


## Kynia McNeal

Aspiring Veterinarian



Through my journey in the AnnieRuth Foundation's Summer Internship Program, I was placed at Riverside Animal Hospital, which is located on the Westside of Jacksonville.

During my experience, I shadowed quite a few technicians one of whom was Halley. Although Halley was tough, I never had to ask a question because she sat there and showed me how things were suppose to be and didn't leave until I got it right.

I also had the pleasure of shadowing Dr. Rossi. Dr. Rossi has a very unique way of mentoring. Besides throwing me in a room with a patient to see how well I'd perform, Dr. Rossi guided me through processes, procedures and techniques to ensure that I understood what becoming a Veterinarian entailed. I learned quite a bit from Dr. Rossi including how to calculate mass in weight, how to administrate shots and how to medicate sick patients.

I also learned how to properly groom animals, how to properly interact with clients (e.g., being sensitive and empathetic when asking questions), how to work the front office (e.g., filing, how to set up appointments, look up patients), and I'll never forget this one, how properly clean up after the animals.

Thanks to the AnnieRuth Foundation, I am one step closer to reaching my ultimate goal of becoming a veterinarian!