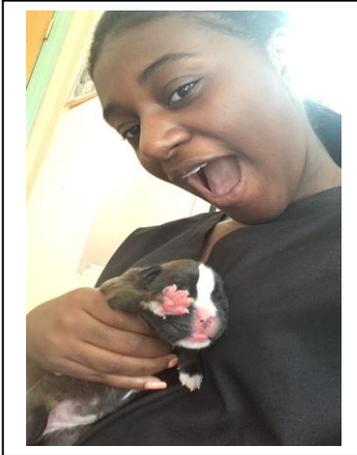


## Nancy Strachan

Aspiring Veterinarian



This internship was such a wonderful experience and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to work with Dr. Rossi and the technicians at the Riverside Animal Hospital. I learned how to properly treat animals in different situations. I learned how to properly draw blood from a dog; what places to get the blood from and why. I was taught how to do a CBC and chemistry, and I have also experienced different jobs like cleaning kennels, feeding and trimming the dogs. While being mentored by Dr. Rossi, I also learned about various types of vaccines and antibiotics and when to use them. Not only did I learn how to prescribe medicine but I also learned how to make it. I have made multiple liquid antibiotics, counted pills to put in bottles and wrote prescriptions that were delivered to patients.

Being a Veterinarian is more than just examining animals and giving them medicine, it's about learning their symptoms, finding the cause and using quick thinking and analytical skills to help find the cure for the patient. You have to have a clue of what the patient might have by the report before going into the examination room, then you have to identify their illness by a description from the owner and knowing the anatomy of the animal and what is out of place. I also have to know the nicknames for the medicines and where they are kept so I won't keep the doctor waiting.

Being an award recipient of the AnnieRuth Foundation Summer Internship Program has helped me gain so much knowledge pertaining to my career aspiration that I can't wait till I become a veterinarian! It has given me the opportunity to experience what happens behind the scenes of being a vet which made my desire to become a vet even stronger.