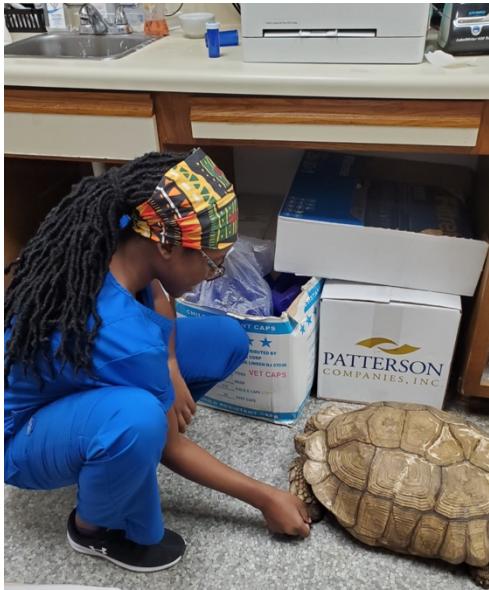


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As I write this summary, I am coming to the end of one of the most incredible experiences of my life. The AnnieRuth Foundation has given me the pleasure of interning at the Riverside Animal Hospital under the mentorship of Dr. John Rossi. As an aspiring veterinarian, I was taught many of the basic functions of the clinic. I was able to get comfortable talking to patients about their pet's medical history as well as the medication we provided. Things like drawing vaccines, restraining animals, and filling out prescriptions became second nature.

From the moment I stepped in the door, I was constantly learning something new and much of this knowledge was passed on not only from Dr. Rossi but from the technicians who were present. Every vet tech was interested in providing guidance as I learned the ropes. They taught me how to run a CBC and culture, prep for surgery, and give fluids to a sick animal. Meanwhile, Dr. Rossi was there to answer every question I had regarding the different medications and animals.

The AnnieRuth Foundation has given me an opportunity to learn professional skills that factor well in the work force. They provided me with a behind the scenes glance at what being a veterinarian is like which only strengthened my desire to pursue this personal goal. I am eternally grateful for this opportunity, and I will use it as a stepping stool to reach my career aspiration.