

November 21, 2025

VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



The Paws Behind the Faces Teachers' Pets



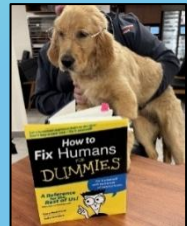
Mango: The Sweetest Slice of Sunshine in the Long Household

If you've ever wondered what pure joy looks like in dog form, you only need to meet Mango, the endlessly charming, mud-loving, cat-chasing golden girl who belongs to Mrs. Long and her family.

Mango's story begins at the airport on a very emotional morning. Mrs. Long's husband had just started traveling for work, and on their first drop-off, the girls were tearful and upset knowing Dad would be gone for a whole week. Not knowing quite how to lift everyone's spirits, Mrs. Long made a lifesaving, heart-healing decision on the spot: she bought a dog. (Don't worry, the family had talked about getting another pup beforehand, so her husband wasn't completely blindsided!) When they went to meet the litter, the plan was to choose a boy... but Mango already had her own plan. While the puppies bounced and wrestled, one tiny fluffball with a yellow collar curled right up on Mrs. Long's daughter's boots and refused to leave her side. That was it, decision made. Mango had chosen her family.

Her tropical name came from her daughter's obsession with fruity flavors, and the final nudge came from Mrs. Golden, who suggested "Mango," a perfect match for her bright, sweet personality. Since joining the family, Mango has made it her personal mission to be the star of the household. She LOVES being outside, no matter the weather. Rain? Fun. Sunshine? Even better. Mud? Absolute paradise. The family is fairly confident she is part pig, based solely on her commitment to wallowing. There's even photographic evidence. Her relationship with the family cat, Roshi, is... complicated. Mango adores him with her entire heart, and Roshi — well, Roshi tolerates her existence at best. He hisses, swats, and runs for his life, but Mango interprets all of it as a really exciting game of tag. And, of course, Mango always wins.

She's also mastered the fine art of snack acquisition. Being the exact height of their coffee table is a dangerous thing for her big sisters, Emery and Islay, who have learned the hard way that Mango has an appreciation for life's finer flavors, breakfast bars, cheese cubes, berries, yogurt, you name it. At mealtimes, she performs her civic duty under the dining room table, diligently "cleaning the floor" and "washing toddler fingers." Truly a domestic goddess. Her favorite things include peanut butter, butt scratches, belly rubs, and enthusiastically handing out high fives. She also enjoys taking Mrs. Long on fast paced walks that often turn into jogs, leash skills are still in progress.



All jokes aside, Mango is a treasure. She's funny, gentle, loyal, and unbelievably well-behaved for a golden puppy. She turns one year old on December 21st, 2025, and it's hard for the family to believe she's still just a baby. She settled in from day one, bringing comfort when they needed it most and a whole lot of laughter ever since.

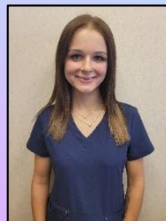


Spotlight: Student of the Week

Autumn Langenecker

Autumn Langenecker has been an absolutely engages fully in class discussions, and she questions that show her genuine desire to learn ready to participate, and her dependable

Her positive attitude, commitment to her have in the classroom. Congratulations,



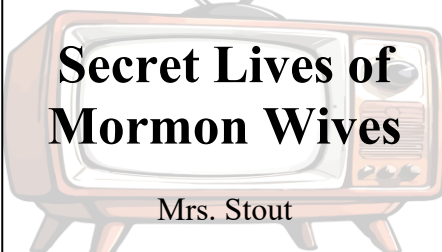
outstanding student! She is an active listener who consistently asks thoughtful, meaningful and grow. Autumn arrives on time every day, presence sets a great example for her classmates.

education, and steady reliability make her a joy to Autumn, we're so proud of you!

Shhh... We're Watching This

Secret Lives of Mormon Wives

Mrs. Stout



Good Vibes Only: Your Go-To Song

Soda Pop

By Saja Boys

🎧 Mrs. Stout 🎧



Student Song of the Week

Through Patches of Violet

By Mili



Photos Around Campus



Our 11DV25 crew turning a simple photo line into a mini runway moment!



11DV25 students Ja'Nya Beverly, Tamauri Guzman, and Alicia Finney make the most of the wait with a quick pose before their VTI photos!

07DV25 student Emalee Goss contributing to our Pawsome Board — we love seeing students lift each other up!



Just a quick hallway photo... with a surprise cameo jump in the back featuring 07DV25 students Avery Hirt, DeAsia Gibson-Thomas, Elisabeth Ladd, Emalee Goss, and Emma Heinicke!

A little color goes a long way, thanks to 11DV25 student Amara Rabideau for brightening up our giant page!



Pet of the Week **Messiah!**

Meet Messiah, the sweetest, most lovable boy who has never met a stranger in his life! This gentle giant soaks up every bit of attention he can get and happily returns the love to everyone he meets.

He's always eager to show off his perfect *sit* and *paw*, and honestly, he's basically a big, fluffy teddy bear disguised as a dog. Whether he's leaning in for pets or flashing his best tricks, Messiah brings warmth, joy, and a whole lot of heart to every single day.

We're so lucky to have this lovable boy brightening up our week!

Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the horse get invited to the party?



A: Because he knew how to *stirrup* some fun!

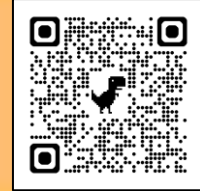
Student Song of the Week



What's Your Current Favorite Song?

[Click Here or Scan QR Code to Answer!](#)

We will share a random student's music pick each week!



Underrated Animals

Crane Fly: The Gentle Soil-Engineers We Mistake for Giant Mosquitos



The crane fly is one of those creatures that people often misjudge the moment they see its long, delicate legs and mosquito-like shape. But these insects are far from pests — in fact, they're some of the most harmless and quietly helpful animals around. Their life cycle is surprisingly interesting. Crane flies begin as larvae, called "leatherjackets," which live in the soil for months. This is the only stage of their life where they eat. As larvae, they feed on decaying leaves, organic matter, and sometimes tender plant roots. This constant munching helps recycle nutrients back into the soil, enriching it in ways that support healthier plants, stronger root systems, and richer ecosystems. Once they reach adulthood, they completely stop eating. Adult crane flies live only a few days, surviving on the energy stored from their larval stage.

As parents, crane flies aren't hands-on. The females lay their eggs in moist soil or vegetation and then leave them to develop on their own, but that's perfectly normal in the insect world. Their "parenting style," if it can be called that, is simply choosing the right place to lay eggs so the larvae have the best chance of survival. From there, nature takes over.

Crane flies don't bite, sting, or feed on humans or animals. They don't even have the mouthparts to do so. Most of their adult life is spent fluttering around awkwardly, often bumping into walls or wobbling in the air as they search for a mate. They may look intimidating, but they are truly gentle, harmless creatures.



We should actually be thankful for them. As larvae, they act like tiny soil engineers, aerating the ground and breaking down organic material that would otherwise pile up. They help reduce thatch in lawns, support decomposition in forests, and keep ecosystems healthy from the ground up. They're also an important food source for birds, frogs, and many other animals, quietly supporting local wildlife by simply existing.

Crane flies are a perfect reminder that even the most misunderstood creatures can play a vital role in keeping the world running, and that sometimes, the scariest-looking insects are the ones doing the most good. They may look eerie with their long, wobbly legs, but crane flies are some of the kindest creatures you could share a yard with. The next time one bounces around your porch light, you'll know it's just a harmless little recycler **doing its part for the planet.**



IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR

26-27 FAFSA

FINANCIAL AID WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

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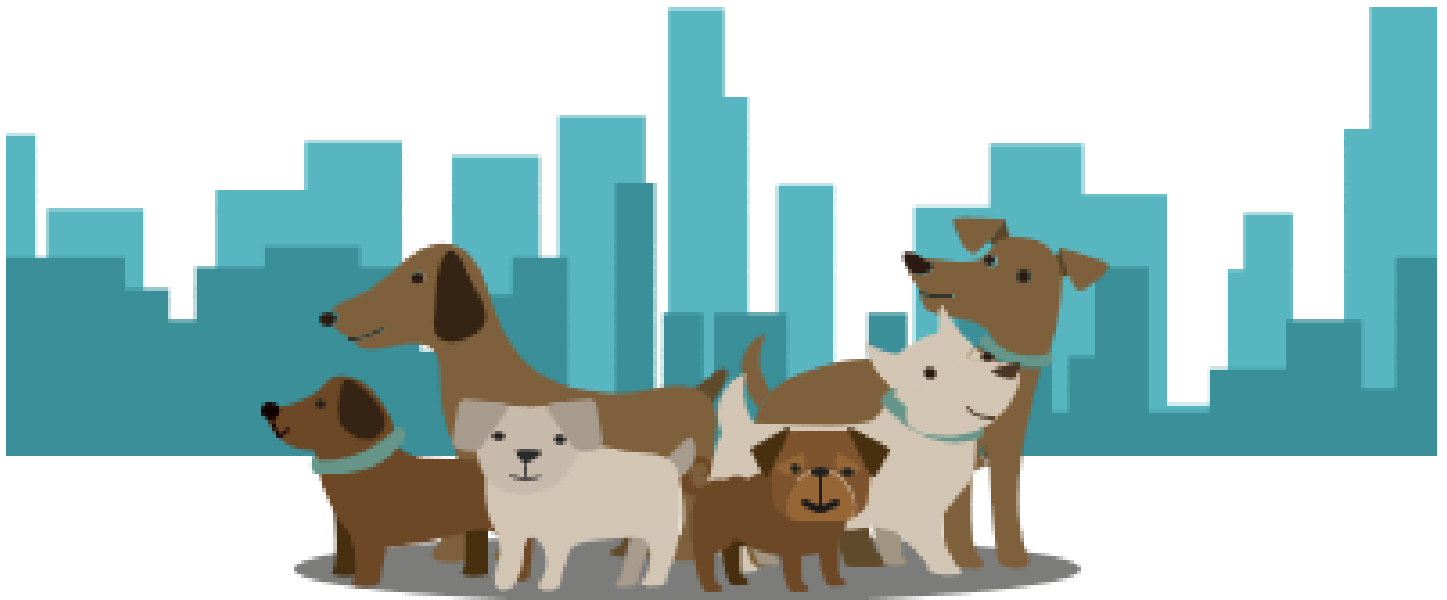
APRIL

Deadline

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE THIS ON YOUR OWN, YOU AND YOUR PARENT(S) CAN FILE YOUR FAFSA AT HOME.

Please Join Financial Aid for

26-27 FAFSA WORKSHOPS



DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH

Please have your FSA ID ready! Parents are welcome to join, BUT if they cannot make it, please have their email address available so we can invite them to your FAFSA.

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2:30 PM TO 4 PM
RM: 104

Time & Room

**TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS**

Days

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