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VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



This Week in Photos



Students from the 11DV24 cohort - Sophia Burns, Destyne Basler, Josy Garci, Jaden Jones, Gracie Hughes-Mier, and Danaya Casey - relax and connect in the student lounge.

Nothing beats a comfy bean bag and a calm moment - just ask 07DV25 student Kate Lyons!



07DV25 Students Mia Myers, Halle Sanders, and Alexis McCormick take a moment to unwind outside between classes.

Spotlight: Student of the Week

Abby Coomer

This week we're proud to recognize Abby Coomer for her outstanding teamwork and initiative during surgery rotation!

Abby has truly stepped up over the past four weeks, consistently demonstrating reliability to slip underneath and behind the cages in and help wrangle it safely. She's also made a habit of checking in with her teammates before help, a small act that makes a big difference



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In addition, Abby's clear and confident communication sets a great example for others. She acknowledges directions with a simple "Heard!" ensuring that everyone is on the same page and that nothing gets missed.

Abby's commitment to helping her classmates and her positive, proactive attitude make her a wonderful representation of what teamwork at Vet Tech Institute of Indiana is all about. Great job, Abby!

Favorite Puns

If it sounds like a duck, has a beak like a duck, feet like a duck, and swims like a duck...
you should still make sure that it's not a platypus.

- Mrs. Long

What's Your Teaching Theme Song?

T.N.T.
By AC/DC

🎧 Mr. Williams 🎧

What's Playing?

We asked, and you answered!

Student pick of the week:

Cities in the Dust
By Siouxsie and the Banshees

What's Your Current Favorite Song?

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

What's Your Favorite Joke?

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Underrated Animals

Honey Badger: Clever, courageous, and completely unbothered

The honey badger may not be the largest or flashiest animal, but it's one of the most fascinating and misunderstood creatures in the animal kingdom. Known for its toughness, the honey badger has earned a reputation for being fearless, but there's far more to this small, stocky mammal than attitude. Found across Africa, the Middle East, and parts of Asia, honey badgers are part of the weasel family and are equipped with incredible intelligence, resourcefulness, and strength.



They're famous for their "don't mess with me" attitude, but that boldness comes from survival, not arrogance. Honey badgers regularly take on animals much larger than themselves, lions, hyenas, even venomous snakes, and somehow manage to come out on top. Their skin is remarkably thick and loose, allowing them to twist and bite even when grabbed by a predator. They're also one of the few mammals with a strong resistance to snake venom. If bitten by a cobra, a honey badger may collapse for a short time, but it often recovers within hours and resumes its meal as if nothing happened.

But being fearless isn't the only thing that makes the honey badger extraordinary. They're also incredibly clever. In captivity, honey badgers have been observed using sticks, rocks, and mud to climb out of enclosures or open locked gates. They've been seen rolling logs to reach food that's hung just out of reach, showing not just problem-solving skills but also memory and planning, traits usually associated with primates and dolphins. In the wild, they're opportunistic omnivores that eat everything from small mammals and birds to fruit, roots, and honey. Their powerful claws and strong sense of smell make them expert diggers, capable of tearing into bee hives or burrowing into hard ground in minutes.

Despite their gruff image, honey badgers are also devoted parents. Females typically raise one or two cubs at a time and are fiercely protective, teaching them how to hunt and forage over several months. They communicate with a variety of growls, grunts, and squeaks, and while they prefer to live alone, they're far from antisocial when it comes to raising their young.

The honey badger's bad reputation as "the meanest animal in the world" overshadows just how remarkable it truly is. Beneath the tough exterior is an animal defined by adaptability, intelligence, and resilience. Whether escaping predators, solving puzzles, or surviving snake bites, the honey badger proves that bravery and brains can come in small, scrappy packages. It's no wonder wildlife experts often describe them as one of nature's most unstoppable forces, because when it comes to survival, the honey badger really doesn't give up.

