

December 19, 2025

VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



The Paws Behind the Faces Teachers' Pets

Meet Henley, Mrs. Kleiman's dog, a pup with both impressive manners and a mischievous streak. One of Henley's proudest moments was passing her Canine Good Citizen test, a major accomplishment that came after a great deal of dedication and hard work in obedience training. It's a true reflection of her intelligence and the strong bond she shares with Mrs. Kleiman.

Of course, Henley isn't all seriousness. She has a special talent for "borrowing" things, especially cell phones. She has a knack for sneaking them away when no one is looking and clearly enjoys keeping everyone on their toes. With her confidence and charm, she could easily be mistaken for a professional at her craft.

Henley's mix of discipline, personality, and playful mischief makes her unforgettable. She brings smiles wherever she goes and gently reminds everyone to keep a close eye on their belongings.



**TAKE TIME TO REST, RECHARGE,
AND ENJOY YOUR BREAK!**

**WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 5.**

Spotlight: Student of the Week Aeriana Hall

We are excited to recognize Aeriana Hall as Aeriana is truly a joy to have in class. She is communicates clearly and respectfully with something does not make sense, Aeriana is showing her genuine commitment to learning

Beyond her strong academic habits, Aeriana is an absolute pleasure to be around and environment for everyone.



this week's *Student of the Week*. consistently present, engaged, and both her instructors and peers. When never afraid to ask thoughtful questions, and understanding the material.

brings a positive energy to the classroom. She contributes to a welcoming, supportive

Congratulations, Aeriana! We are so grateful to have you as part of our VTI community and appreciate the positivity and dedication you bring each day.

Photos Around Campus



Pictured right:
11DV24
students posing
with B.B., a
Dutch Harness
Horse, during
hands-on farm
experience this
week.



Pictured above:
11DV24 students
building confidence
through hands-on
CPR practice.

Pet of the Week

Miko

Meet Miko, a fluffy ball of sweetness with the best manners around.

He loves lounging on the upstairs shelves, enjoying a Churu treat here and there, and playing with his favorite stuffed mouse.

Calm, cuddly, and incredibly lovable, Miko is an absolute joy to be around.





What's Your Current Favorite Song?

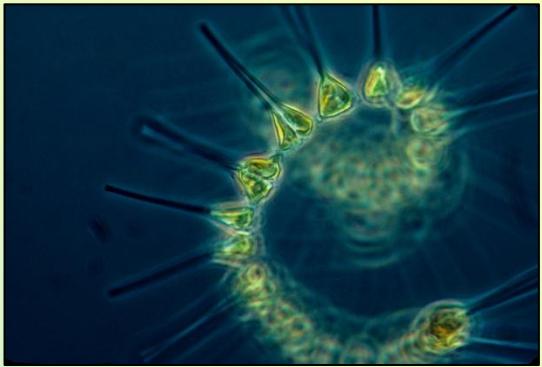
[Click Here or Scan QR Code to Answer!](#)

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

Underrated Animals

Plankton: The Tiny Powerhouses That Hold the Planet Together

Plankton may be microscopic, but they are some of the most important organisms on Earth. Found drifting through oceans, lakes, and rivers, plankton form the foundation of nearly every aquatic food web. From tiny fish to massive whales, countless species rely on plankton directly or indirectly for survival. Even humans depend on them more than most people realize.



Phytoplankton, the plant-like plankton, produce about half of the oxygen on Earth through photosynthesis. They use sunlight, carbon dioxide, and dissolved nutrients in the water to create energy, making them essential not only to marine ecosystems but to life on land as well. Zooplankton, the animal-like plankton, feed on phytoplankton, bacteria, and other microscopic organisms, passing energy up the food chain to larger animals. Many zooplankton begin life as microscopic larvae before developing into more complex forms, meaning entire ocean food webs rely on these early life stages. Because so many marine species start life feeding on plankton, even brief disruptions to plankton populations can have widespread effects.



Plankton have very short life cycles, often lasting only days or weeks. This isn't a weakness, but an adaptation. Living in constantly changing environments, plankton grow and reproduce quickly when conditions are right. Their small size gives them high metabolic rates, meaning they use energy fast and divide rapidly rather than storing energy for a long lifespan. This quick turnover allows plankton populations to respond immediately to changes in light, temperature, and nutrients.

Their rapid life cycle also keeps ecosystems functioning. Plankton are eaten almost as quickly as they grow, and when they die or are consumed, their nutrients are recycled back into the water. This constant renewal fuels marine food webs and helps regulate the movement of carbon through the ocean, playing a quiet but critical role in climate regulation. Despite their importance, plankton are increasingly at risk. Rising ocean temperatures, ocean acidification, pollution, and disrupted ocean currents all threaten plankton populations. Some species struggle to survive as waters warm, while others find it harder to form shells in more acidic conditions. Even small changes in plankton populations can ripple through entire ecosystems, affecting fish populations, oxygen production, and climate balance.

Invisible to most people, plankton are easy to overlook. **Yet they support ocean life, produce the air we breathe, and help stabilize the planet's climate.** Small, unseen, and absolutely vital, plankton are one of the most underrated animals on Earth.

IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR

26-27 FAFSA

FINANCIAL AID WILL BE AWARDED TO
AS SOON AS YOU WOULD LIKE HELP.
COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

If you have any questions,
please see Kesta immediately.
We look forward to helping
you complete your FAFSA for
the 26-27 academic year!



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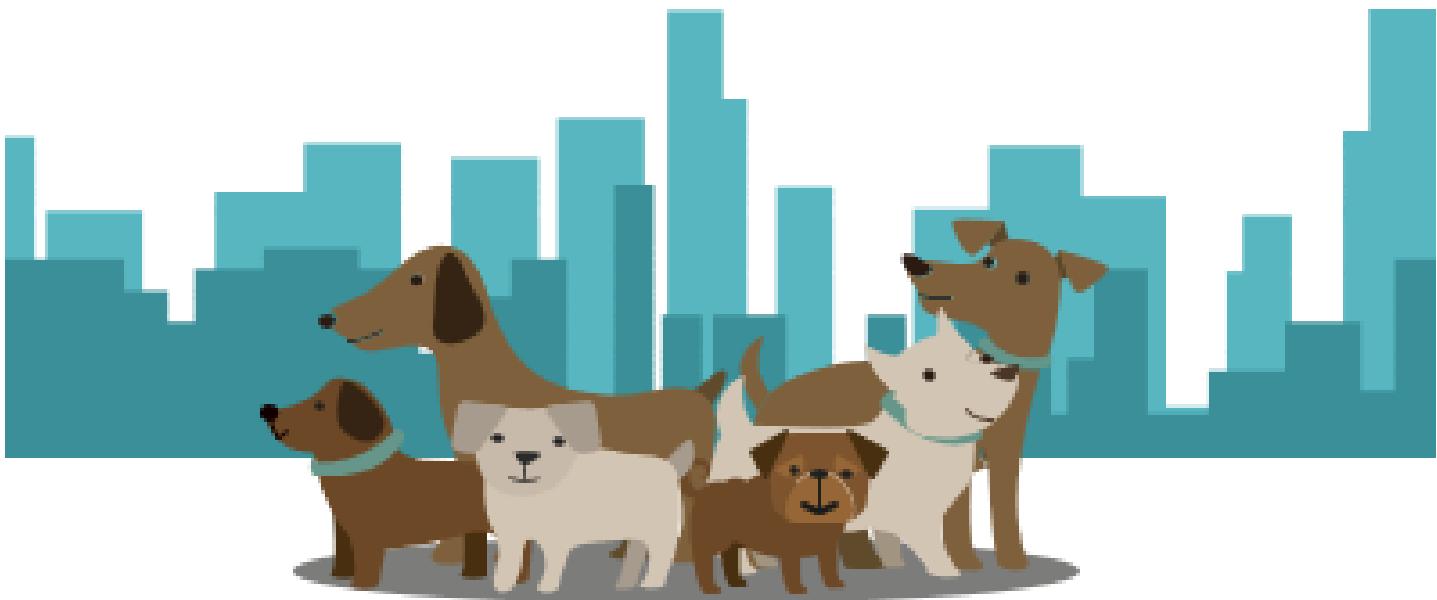
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Deadline

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.

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

If you have any questions, please see Keria immediately. We look forward to helping you complete your FAFSA for the 26-27 academic year!

2:30 PM TO 4 PM

RM: 104

Time & Room

**TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS**

Days

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CAN FILE YOUR FAFSA AT HOME.