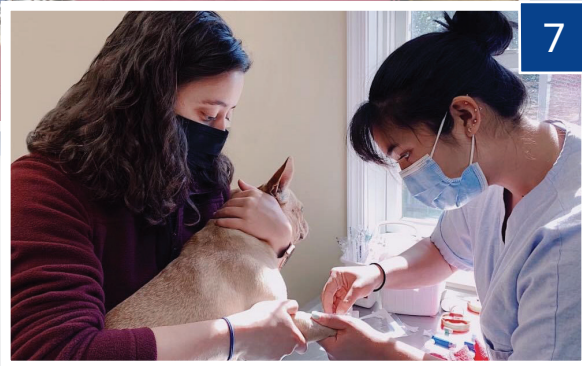


FINALISTS



1 Veterinary assistant Abby Letourneau, who is preparing to start veterinary school in the fall, holds a bunny patient while veterinary assistant Jessica Libby shaves the mats from its head.

2 Veterinary assistant Aaron Greene uses Fear Free techniques to restrain “Emma” at Kingsbrook Animal Hospital, as Jeremy Breitinger, DVM, changes bandages.

3 Technician Mandi comforts a feline patient after surgery at Smith Mountain Lake Animal Hospital in Moneta, Virginia.

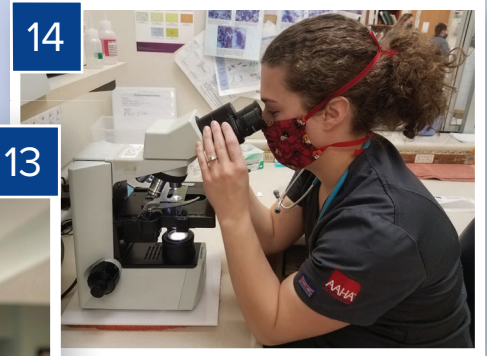
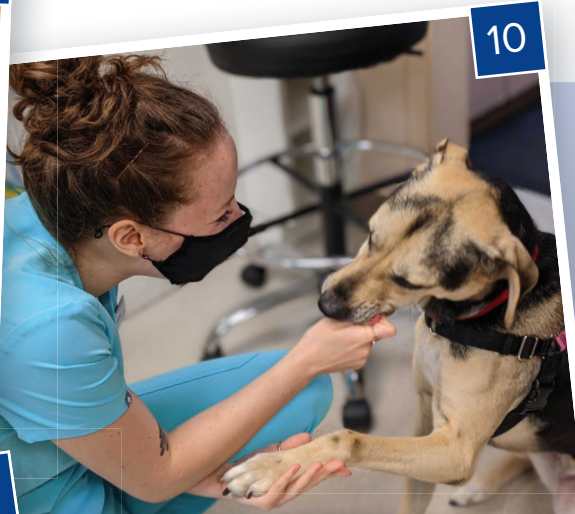
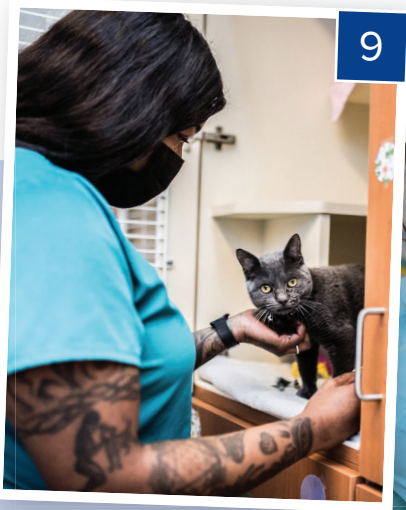
4 April Aiken, LVT, performs postsurgical monitoring while waiting to extubate a patient at Green Lake Animal Hospital in Seattle.

5 Ashley Hawley, Veterinary Assistant at Brandt Veterinary Clinic in Nokomis, Florida, helps patient “Niner” as he recovers from anesthesia after his dental procedure.

6 Sarah Weigel, CVT, cleans the surgical site on an anesthetized postoperative fracture repair patient prior to bandage placement at Metropolitan Veterinary Associates in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

7 Veterinary technicians Kaitlin Leigh and Jade McElveen place an IV as they prep “Lemon” for brachiocephalic surgery at Brookeville Animal Hospital in Brookeville, Maryland.

8 Veterinary Technician Heather Richards getting some help recording treatment information at Metropolitan Veterinary Associates in Norristown, Pennsylvania.



9 Technician Victoria Brown at the Women's Animal Center in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Women's Animal Center, the first animal shelter in the United States, has been serving the Greater Philadelphia region since 1869.

10 Emma Currie, LVT, works with patient Zoe at Elliott Bay Animal Hospital in Seattle Washington.

11 Hayden Fraser (right) performs IV catheter maintenance on "Beasley," who is being restrained by fellow veterinary assistant Destiny De Vos at Kindness Animal Clinic in Monroe, Washington. Fraser is working toward becoming a credentialed technician through AAHA's online DEVTP technician program.

12 Veterinary assistant Kristina Carter was working on the procedure team at 25-year AAHA-accredited Animal Care Clinic in San Luis Obispo, California, when she noticed a patient was vocal during recovery in the ICU. She didn't hesitate to find a way to provide extra reassurance and cuddles, all while continuing to update medical records. Carter has completed her RVT training program and was scheduled to take her exam in August 2021.

13 Veterinary assistant Gillian Marx connects with a patient at Brookeville Animal Hospital in Brookeville, Maryland.

14 Shelly Poirot, LVT, examines an ear swab at Ralston Vet in Ralston, Nebraska.

15 David Zajac, LVT, prepares "Korky" for a procedure at Elliott Bay Animal Hospital

16 Karen Yowell, LVT, holds patient and personal pet "Ruru" at the Anicura Harrisonburg Veterinary Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.