

# TECHS @ WORK

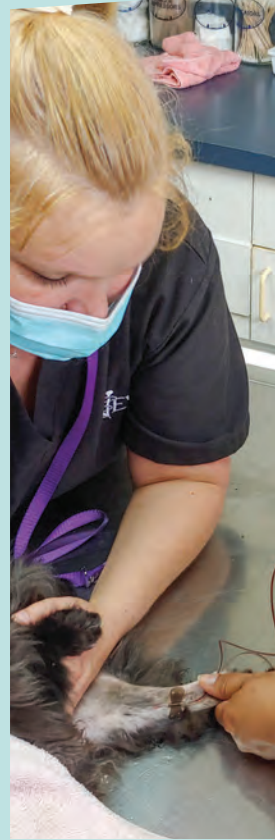
## TECH-ING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

In October, *Trends magazine* celebrates the heroic work that veterinary technicians and assistants do in veterinary practices each and every day. With the onset of the pandemic, as all veterinary staff members head to their most essential jobs, that heroism is magnified even more. That is why this year, our annual Techs@Work photo collage has a special theme, “Tech-ing Through the Pandemic.” Because we’ll get through it. And technicians will make it happen. Thank you to all veterinary technicians and assistants out there. We salute you!



← Technician Danielle Pitre, hospital nurse manager at AAHA-accredited Lafayette Veterinary Care Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, wraps a patient in a calming towel during his wellness visit.

(Courtesy of Danielle Pitre)



→ Technician Jamie Love (left) restrains a patient while technician trainee (and current receptionist) Sara Rojas draws blood at AAHA-accredited Lincoln Animal Hospital in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

(Photo by Nichole Desrosiers)



→ Holland Fields, CVT, tends to a dehydrated and malnourished kitten at AAHA-accredited DoveLewis Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Fields was helping to increase the kitten’s body temperature while he received electrolytes and other medications.

(Photo by Rachel Medo)



← Mike Vitale (studying to be an RVT) and Chloe Modica, RVT, perform a blood draw on a cat from the medial saphenous vein at AAHA-accredited Animal Clinic of Chardon in Chardon, Ohio.

(Photo by Carolyn Askew, DVM)





Veterinary assistants Belinda Uribe (left) and Summer Rennon pose with a patient after performing an ear cleaning and bath at AAHA-accredited Mohnacky Animal Hospital of Carlsbad in Carlsbad, California.

(Photo by Jennifer Novelich)



Lisa Coyne, LVT (right), a technician for more than 30 years, works with a feline patient at AAHA-accredited Green Lake Animal Hospital in Seattle, while veterinary assistant Brianna LaRoy helps with setup and monitoring.

(Photo by Kelly Semple)

Alex Record, LVT, (left) and Thomas Longfield, veterinary assistant, hold Trixie Quackenbush and her brother Van Gogh at AAHA-accredited Ebenezer Animal Hospital in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The pair came in for a sick visit after getting into the trash and arrived with notes for the veterinarian.

(Photo by Britany Hines)



Erin Mullen, LVT, a technician at AAHA-accredited Veterinary Dental Services in Boxborough, Massachusetts, carries Hadley, an 11-week-old goldendoodle, inside for his consultation.

(Photo by Genel Les, MBA, CVPM, CCFP)



Natalie Loechel (center), who is in a CVT program, works with Carisa Rindal, DVM (right), at AAHA-accredited Vista Animal Hospital in Erie, Colorado. Loechel was assisting with new patient Rusty's first veterinary appointment in the practice's "Sunshine" room, which practice owner Bonnie Abbott, DVM, said has helped with new clients and clients who don't like being separated from their pets. "This was the first day of no clients in the hospital, on March 23," Abbott said. "The next week, we had all staff wearing masks all day, every day. We love how this window exam room has helped us stay closer to our clients. We have the client on speaker phone during the entire appointment."

(Photo courtesy of Vista Animal Hospital)



Sarah Rebusmen, a veterinary assistant in the emergency department at Arkansas Veterinary Emergency in Little Rock, Arkansas, poses with a pup shortly after all staff were first instructed to start wearing masks and doing curbside triages.

(Photo by Lauren Reames)



Technicians Tay Woods, CVT (right), and Curran Wilgers tend to a puppy at AAHA-accredited Pebble Creek Animal Hospital in Tampa, Florida.

(Photo by Lisa Peterson, CVT)



Kristi Hruska, LVT, CVPM, and Brittany Baum, LVT, check in clients outside to cut down on phone calls at AAHA-accredited Ralston Vet in Ralston, Nebraska.

(Photo by Kasia Mannar)



Abbey Bowie, RVT, shows off a small patient at Tanglefoot Veterinary Services in Cranbrook, British Columbia. Bowie said this was the first time she and Uli Helvoigt, DVM, had seen a hedgehog come in for a spay.

(Photo credit Uli Helvoigt, DVM)





Mona Shelton, CVA II, holds up “double trouble” pups Riva and Bodie, who came in for their first wellness visit at VCA Park Cities Animal Hospital in University Park, Texas.

(Photo by Deanna Balog)



Caitlin Butscher, RVT, prepares a blood draw with assistance from Eugene Campos at BluePearl Stone Oak Specialty and Emergency Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

(Photo by Hannah Rivers)



Melissa Vargas, LVT (left), and Erick Rodriguez, veterinary technician student at LaGuardia Community College, perform a blood draw on patient Flash Gordon at Battery Park Veterinary Hospital in New York City.

(Photo by Antonia Fuksman, LVT)



Megan Hesselbrock, RVT, cares for an injured crow at Valley Veterinary Clinic in Simi Valley, California.

(Photo by Kristina Caudillo)

