

Students Respond

I found it interesting that the students worked so well together and helped each other if needed because that shows good teamwork. This post changed my perspective on clinics because sometimes clinics can be either slower than expected due to patients canceling, or they can be more busy than usual and we all have to work together. A key take away for me was that the more we help each other, the more we get done! I can use what I learned about problem-solving to improve my interactions with future clients because the more prepared we are as a team makes it a better experience for the patient.

I enjoyed reading this blog because it discusses something I can relate to. Many people face obstacles when trying to get things done quickly and effectively. There have been times when I didn't know what to do, or I was just overwhelmed. I solved this issue by asking for help from my peers, my teacher, or the doctor. The fact that the writer said "you can be positive or negative" really caught my eye because it is very true. If you don't know what to do and you have a negative attitude, nobody is going to want to help you and it most likely won't get things done properly. However, if you are nice and have a positive attitude about the situation, more people will be willing to explain and help you. This is how things get done

This post was very intriguing because of the "positive and negative" perspectives that can truly effect your attitude. During clinic I realized the little mistakes make me more knowledgeable for next time to not make the same mistakes. I always start by asking my peers around me. When you said mistakes are necessary for growth it really clicked because that is the key thing a person should know in their future. After reading your blog, I can better myself in clinics by staying positive and not being afraid to make mistakes.

When classmates are absent during our clinic days, it does get a bit overwhelming. You come into class, prepared to do what you were assigned to do the day before, to realize you have more to do than you thought. You have to make sure everything gets completed that day, no matter how many students showed up. Working together and having great communication with others will get the job done. If someone needs to be assisted, but the classmate assigned is not present, you can jump in and help that patient out instead. Make sure you finished your assigned task also. Whatever needs to be helped with, help as much as you can, whether it be washing goggles, cleaning an op, and taking x-rays. This all fits into problem solving. Instead of leaving a patient without an assistant or leaving dirty goggles in the sink, because it wasn't your assigned task jump in and help out.

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Highlighted Blogs

Think Fast!



In the dental field, with every clinic comes new obstacles. As a dental assistant, it is our job to determine the most quick and effective way to solve these problems. Many times it is necessary to get another perspective from others to find the best solution. It is always okay to ask for help!



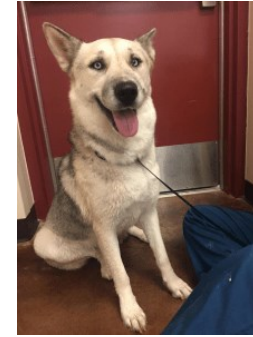
With being fairly new into the dental field, we are faced with new challenges in every clinic. We can choose to go about these problems in two ways, we can either be negative or positive. For the most part, during the clinic, everyone has kept a positive attitude. This means keeping a growth mindset and viewing our challenges as learning experiences, and hopefully not making the same mistake twice. Making mistakes is necessary for growth.

Of course when a person makes a mistake they may likely feel bad about it at the moment, but in the long run, it taught you something new.

Highlighted Blogs

Puppy Problem Solving

At every clinic here at CAVIT there are different problems that you will face. During the weekly grooming clinics, we face potential problems with the animals and our classmates. It is important that you use your prior skills and knowledge to handle difficult situations.



Communication is key when working in the veterinary field. When a problem arises at our clinics, we need to work well with our teammates to come up with the best possible solution. At our clinics we have one or two partners that we work with for each patient. It is important that we communicate with each other to ensure the safety of each other and the animal. Some key elements of teamwork are:

- Assigning each member of the team helpful roles
- Communicating your actions to your team
- Respecting each other
- Knowing the boundaries of your teammates

These qualities will ensure that you and your team members will be able to handle difficult problems that may come up and find the best possible solution. It is also important that you know how to communicate with the animals that you are working with. Since we cannot clearly understand animals, we need to know the different signs of animal behavior.



When you are able to read the signs in animal behavior it is easier to be able to solve animal related problems.

At the last clinic my teammate and I were assigned an extremely hyper-active puppy. Normally I work with older, more mellow dogs and had no experience working with puppies, so I knew that this would be a challenge. The puppy would not sit still and continued to jump up on us due to excitement. Since we could not get him to sit on the table, we solved the problem by working on the ground which helped us have more control. We also used treats, like peanut butter, to distract him so we could perform the necessary grooming treatments.