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I learned some interesting things about the admissions process here too. Well, I heard two very different opinions, actually. One was that it's ALL about the numbers. They assign each different area of the application a certain number of points and each applicant can only earn so many points in one area. One tip was that someone who spent time at several different clinics (preferably different types of animals) for a limited number of hours earned the max number of points for veterinary experience while someone who was a vet tech for several years working full time didn't earn full points because they'd only been to one place / experienced one type of animal medicine. Also, I learned that the cutoff for points this year was 203. And that interviews received 0, 25, or 50 points - nothing in between. So once you get offered an interview, it's what makes you or breaks you. Plus it's your interviewers who stand up for you and your experience when your application is up for final review. (2 of the 3 interviewers are actually on the admissions board, one person is there just to be a liaison.) The other opinion I heard was that the numbers don't really matter that much - they're just there as a liability issue because there was some issue with being sued a few years back, and with numbers, there's something to point to if anyone complains.