

The Zoo Vet

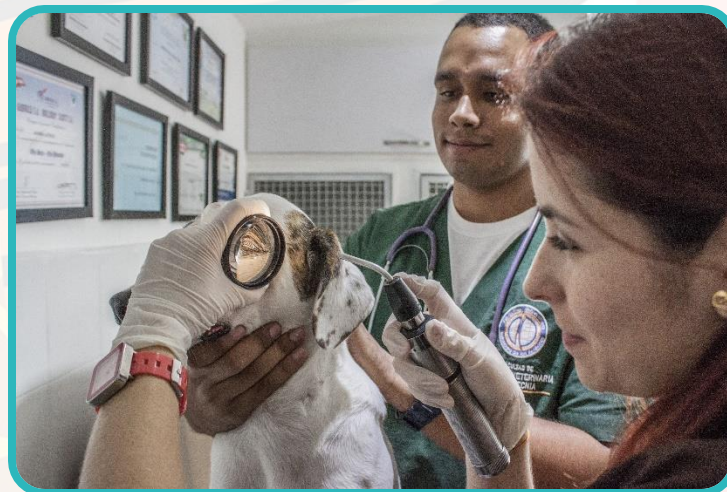


What is a vet?

A vet is someone who looks after animals. These animals might be poorly or injured. A vet is like a doctor for animals.



What Does a Vet Do?



A vet has to do lots of different things. These include:

- checking that animals are healthy;
- giving poorly animals injections or medicine;
- doing tests on animals to check what is wrong;
- doing operations on poorly animals;
- teaching people how to look after their animals.

What Is a Veterinary Nurse?



A veterinary nurse is someone who helps a vet.

Like the vet, they also look after poorly or injured animals.

What Does a Veterinary Nurse Do?

A veterinary nurse also does lots of different things. These include:

- looking after animals that are being kept at the vet's surgery;
- feeding and walking animals;
- doing tests on animals to check what is wrong;
- helping the vet with operations;
- teaching people how to look after their animals;
- giving medicine to poorly animals.



What Is a Zoo Vet?

A zoo vet is a vet that works only in a zoo.

Zoo vets have to be very careful because they sometimes work with dangerous, wild animals.

They help the other zoo workers to take care of the animals and make sure the animals are staying healthy.

They sometimes also work with people all over the world to find out more about wild animals and what special care they might need.



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How Do You Become a Vet?



You need to work hard at school, especially in science. Then, you need to go to university where you will learn how to be a vet.

Spending some time working with animals (such as on a farm) will also give you lots of good experience.

What Skills Does a Vet Need?

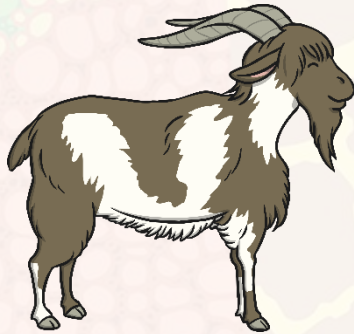


Most vets love animals. They need to be caring too.

Vets also need to know a lot of information about lots of different animals.

Being a vet is hard work. Sometimes, they have to work overnight or on weekends.

Which Animals Might Visit the Vet?



farm animals



zoo animals



working animals



wild animals



pets

All of these!

Where Does a Vet Work?

Most vets work in a special building called a **vet's surgery**. This is where people will bring their animals to see the vet.

Sometimes, a vet will visit other places to see an animal. This is usually if the animal is too big or too poorly to go to the vet's surgery.

These places can include farms, zoos, parks or people's homes.





**Would You Like to
Be a Vet?**

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