

# Health Career Observer



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## Veterinarian

Veterinarians care for the health of pets, livestock and other animals by performing wellness exams, advising owners, and treating injuries and illness. Companion or small animal vets work in private clinics and hospitals and most often care for cats and dogs but may treat other pets such as birds, ferrets and rabbits. Large animal vets work with farm animals such as pigs, cattle, sheep and horses. Veterinarians diagnose and provide treatment plans, consult with owners, and perform medical and surgical procedures such as vaccinations, dental work, setting fractures, and more.

Average Annual Pay: \$100,370



## How Do I Become a Veterinarian?

**Projected Job  
Market Growth:  
19% by 2031**

Veterinarians must complete a bachelor's degree in a field such as biology and then complete Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM or VMD) degree at an accredited college of veterinary medicine. A veterinary medicine program generally takes four years to complete and includes classroom, laboratory, and clinical components. Veterinarians must be licensed by passing the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

## What Does a Veterinarian Do?

- Examine animal
- Diagnose injury & illness
- Perform x-rays & interpret diagnostic tests
- Treat and dress wounds
- Perform surgery

- Provide treatment-set broken bones, stitch wounds, provide immunizations
- Educate owners about care, medical conditions and treatment
- Prescribe medication
- Euthanize animals



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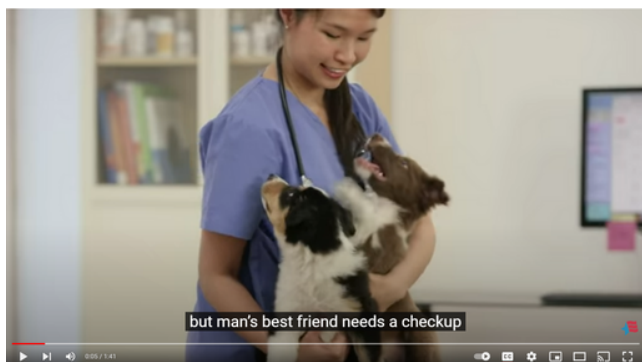


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