

A Career in the Veterinary profession - What's it all about?

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Who am I?



What does a vet do?

- ❑ Gather information and evidence
- ❑ Diagnose
- ❑ Treat
- ❑ Prevent
- ❑ Inform

What does a vet do? Career opportunities?

- Clinical practice - Small/Equine/Farm/Exotics
- Conservation and Wildlife
- Behaviourists/Physiotherapists
- Scientific researcher including in lab work
- Teaching
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Border control
- Government work - advising legislation and monitoring public health
- Animal protection - RSPCA
- Environmental work
- Film and TV!

Other careers with animals

- Farm husbandry work
- Animal care - kennels, stables, animal sanctuaries
- Zoo work
- Animal technician - research labs
- Careers with dogs - behaviourists/groomer/daycare
- Biologist - study of animals and plants
- Countryside protection and conservation
- Gamekeeper
- Equine work - horse riding/equine dentist/physio
- RSPCA - welfare officers/kennel workers
- Veterinary nursing/receptionist/animal care assistants

A day in the life of a vet

8:20am: - Hospital 'Rounds' The night team handover the patients to the day team.

9am: operating begins

12pm: write up notes, ring clients, check in on inpatients

1pm: Lunch break

2pm: consulting - vaccinations, poorly pets

6pm: finish notes, ring clients, handover to night team.

Home!

What qualities should a vet have?

Discuss or have a think!



How can I get there?

1. Work experience
2. A-levels
3. Where do you want to study? UK/Abroad?
4. Applications
 - a. Personal statement, interviews, campus tours
5. Offers and decisions!



What happens at Vet School?

- 5 or 6 years of study
- Year 1: anatomy, physiology of major body systems - How does it work and what is normal?
- Year 2: anatomy, physiology of major body systems - What is abnormal?
- Year 3 - introduction to clinical work and research project
- Year 4: Approach to organ systems - how do we treat?
- Year 5 - Clinical rotations in small, farm and equine animal practice. Covers additional topics such as veterinary public health and pathology.

EMS - 'Extra Mural Studies' - Placements in your holiday time

Thank you!

Any Questions?

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Ethical scenarios

- Horse/Greyhound racing
- Brachycephalic airway syndrome
- Zoos/aquariums
- Vet bills
- Bovine TB and badger culling