

## **Veterinarian**

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My dream job is to become a veterinarian. I would like to become a veterinarian because animals are my favorite. Working with them all day would be amazing. At home I have two dogs and a cat. I have been wanting to become a vet since I was four years old. I watch the animal rescue shows on TV. It is my favorite show. It would be so cool to become one one day.

Everyday veterinarians take care of any type of animals. Some days might involve surgeries such as spays or neuters. Other are just check-up appointment kind of days or other serious matters. On some days veterinarians have to research, examining or coming up with medical plans for animals. Animals aren't the only clients that vets have to deal with. Human researchers and investigators are also clients of veterinarians. Each and every day you are working with all different kinds of animals. On Monday you could be working with dogs and Tuesday you could be working with farm animals such as horses or goats.

When you are in high school you can prepare yourself by taking math and science classes in high school. Of course you have to also get good grades. It is a good idea to get a Bachelor of Science degree before applying to veterinary school. You need to complete different subject class before being accepted into veterinary school. It takes four years to complete vet school but you need to have a Bachelor's degree and graduate from vet school. Some people go to school for longer time so they are able to focus on other options such as surgeries, radiology, or laboratory. You must be licensed to become a vet and to get a license you would need to get a DVM degree and pass the state and nation's exams. Then you may register and practice wherever you want.

Vets can earn fifty-two thousand dollars to one hundred sixty-one thousand dollars a year. The average salary for vets are eighty-nine thousand dollars a year. Earnings also depend on your location and yourself. Your salary is also determined by what kind of vet you become. At a research facility you would make around one hundred ninety-three thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars. If you work for the government then you would make around one hundred forty-six thousand nine hundred seventy-four dollars. At an animal hospital you would make one hundred sixty-three thousand eight hundred forty-nine dollars. When you just begin you would make thirty-one dollars and eighty-five cents an hour.

So now you and I know what it takes to become a veterinarian. All of this information will be useful. Not just in my future but now in the present, too. I hope one day that I will become a vet and have my dream come true of becoming one. Now all I have to do is prepare myself and get good grades and be ready for whatever comes my way.

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