

Careers with Animals



When you love animals, sometimes you wish you could spend all of your time with them. For adults, work usually gets in the way of that...unless you have a career working with furry and feathered friends!

There are lots of options when it comes to jobs in the animal world. Some involve direct animal care, like veterinary hospitals, for example. Some veterinary teams focus on healing dogs and cats, and some specialize in rabbits, guinea pigs and tinier creatures. Other veterinarians are specifically trained to treat farm animals like cows and goats, and when wildlife is sick or injured, there are even specialists for them, too. Besides veterinarians, there may be veterinary technicians and assistants, behaviorists, office managers, and pharmacy technicians who handle medicines.

Or, how about dog training? Trainers have studied dog behavior, how to teach pet parents alongside their pups, how dogs “speak” through their body language, and much more. They often teach classes for puppies who are learning basic commands, as well as agility courses that might involve obstacle courses and lots of exercise. They also work with families individually if their dog needs special training, like how to be polite and calm on a leash.

Then there are pet groomers! Dogs with fluffy fur (and some cats, too) need baths, haircuts, and more to prevent their fur from getting knotted and causing discomfort. If you’ve ever given your dog a bath at home, it’s easy to see why groomers need special skills and an understanding of dog behavior!

Animal shelters and municipal animal control shelters also need employees—people to take care of pets who have no home, to process adoptions to find them new homes, and more. Large animal shelters, like the Connecticut Humane Society, have those roles, as well as volunteer and foster managers, maintenance workers, and additional staff members to make sure everything runs smoothly.

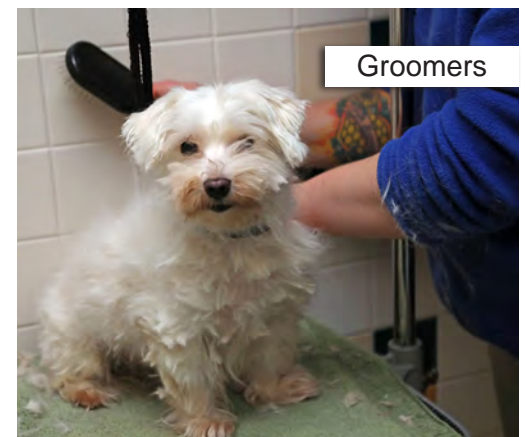
You can even start deciding now if this is the type of career you want. Contact different employers for information and ways to get involved—they will typically be excited you’re interested in what they do!



Veterinarian



Trainers



Groomers



Farm Animal Veterinarian

Think a career with animals might be for you?

- Spend a day “shadowing” an employee in their job
- Look into internships
- Ask to visit a workplace
- Ask local shelters about volunteering
- Start an animal club in school



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