



Who Works in a Veterinary Hospital?

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL 2

Objective	To learn who works in a veterinary hospital and what work each person does.
Materials	<i>Activity Sheet Who Am I?/Tasks and Tools</i>

<p>Activity Procedure</p> <p>National Standards:</p> <p>Science 6.7 Science as a human endeavor</p> <p>English 12.3 Evaluation strategies 12.4 Communication skills</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask children what veterinarians do. (Or back up a step and first ask, <i>Why do we take pets to a veterinary hospital?</i>) Discuss the things that veterinarians do to help pets stay healthy; for example, wellness checks, giving vaccinations, and surgery. 2. Distribute copies of the Activity Sheet to the children and ask them to solve the puzzle(s) about the various job at a veterinary hospital. (Answers: veterinarian, veterinary technician, receptionist, kennel worker)
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EXTEND THIS LESSON	
Social Studies	Ask children what they know about the "other" jobs in a veterinary hospital. Encourage children to use the Internet and library resources to find out more about what happens in a veterinary hospital. For instance, children may take a virtual tour of a veterinary hospital or learn that in your state a veterinary technician can administer vaccinations to pets.
Art	Have pairs of children take turns tracing each other's outline on a large sheet of paper. Then have all the children turn their body outlines into pictures that represent a person who works in a veterinary hospital. Encourage children to include tools that this person uses on the job. Then invite children to share their drawings with the class.
Social Studies/Language	Arrange for a field trip to a veterinary hospital. Ask children to write out a question before visiting the hospital. After your visit, have children write a thank-you note to the hospital that includes a reference to something the children found interesting or learned.
Language Arts	Write the phrase veterinary hospital on the board. Then give each child an envelope with the letters <i>v, e, t, e, r, i, n, a, r, y, h, o, s, p, i, t, a, l</i> inside. Have the children make as many words related to pets and veterinarians as they can from these letters. Ask children to share what words they "found." Record all the words on the board.



Who Am I? / Tasks and Tools

Who Am I?

Use the code in the box to de-code the words below. The words name people who work in a veterinary hospital.

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Tasks and Tools

Think of words that describe the work that is performed and the tools that are used in a veterinary hospital. Use the code above to "spell" them with numbers. Then see if your friends can read the words you've written!

