

It Takes All Different Kinds

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL 4

Objective

To explore the different jobs a veterinarian can do to keep animals and people healthy.

Materials

Activity Sheet Veterinary Careers Word Scramble

Activity Procedure

National Standards:

Science

6.7 Science as a human endeavor

English

- 12.3 Evaluation strategies 12.4 Communication skills
- 1. Ask students if they think that veterinarians only work in veterinary hospitals. Explain that veterinarians work in many different places, doing many different things. To help students begin to think about the different careers of a veterinarian, distribute copies of the Activity Sheet and have students complete it. When they are done, discuss the answers. (Answers: 1. space shuttle,
 - 2. farm, 3. wildlife refugee, 4. aquarium, 5. public health, 6. circus,

 - 7. veterinary hospital)
- 2. Next divide the class into groups and assign each group one of the settings discussed in the Activity Sheet.
- 3. Have students use the Internet or library to research the work that a veterinarian would perform in their assigned environment. Then have each group create a lesson (perhaps including a slide show) for second graders that includes a photo of a veterinarian in that setting and also the following information:
 - What is the name of this job?
 - In what setting do these veterinarians work?
 - What kinds of animals does a veterinarian treat in this job?
 - What types of tasks does this veterinarian perform?
 - Why is this job important?
- 4. Let groups present their lessons to a second-grade class (or if not possible, then have the groups take turns making presentations to each other).

Language Arts

EXTEND THIS LESSON

Divide the class into small groups and assign each one a setting in which veterinarians work. Then have the students work together to write a "Help Wanted" ad for a veterinarian in that setting. Suggest that they include a photo from the Internet and write in persuasive style to make the job sound appealing. Then have the groups exchange ads and provide feedback to each other.

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Name	Date	
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Veterinary Career Word Scramble

Veterinarians work in many places. Each sentence tells about different environments where veterinarians work. Unscramble the bold word in each sentence and write the word correctly in each blank. Use the word box if you need help.

1.	Veterinarians sometime	s a	re	asked	to	per-
	form experiments with	an	im	als on		
	the	_ (F	OCE	eas ut	tle	sh).

- 2. Farmers rely on veterinarians to keep the animals on their _____ (mraf) healthy and safe.
- 3. Veterinarians are often asked to treat wild animals that have been injured when they are brought into a _______ (liiwedfl geerfu) for protection.



- 4. Veterinarians who specialize in treating sea animals may like to work at an _____ (mquuarai).
- **5.** Sometimes animals carry germs that can make people sick. Some veterinarians work for _____(lcubpi lthahe) departments to help doctors understand these germs.
- **6.** Veterinarians make sure that elephants, lions, and bears are kept healthy so they can perform their routines at a _____ (rcuics).
- 7. If your pet needs a shot, you will probably take it to see a veterinarian who works at a ______ (yrretvenia tlosipha).

wildlife refuge space shuttle veterinary hospital aquarium public health farm circus