

# Working with Animals 1

## Health and Medical Care

Animals and people have many connections. Some animals work. They help the police, people with difficulties, provide transport and compete in sport. Some people work with animals for different reasons. They provide medical help, care and training. Look at the following question about working with animals and some possibilities.

### *I want a job working with animals – what careers are there?*

- Veterinary surgeon
- Zookeeper
- Working for an animal charity
- RSPCA inspector
- Wildlife documentary production
- Veterinary nurse
- Marine biologist
- Police dog handler

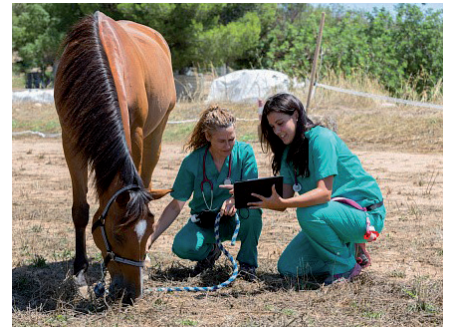
This lesson looks at people who work with animals to provide medical care. Look at the pictures, read the sections that follow and answer the questions about each in the Practice section.



Veterinarian



Veterinary Nurse



Veterinary Assistant

### *Veterinarian*

Just as there are medical specialties in human medicine, there are medical specialties in veterinary medicine, as well. A vet, which is shortened from veterinarian (American English) or veterinary surgeon (British English), is a professional who practices veterinary medicine by treating diseases, disorders, and injuries in animals. They are doctors for animals. There are many different types of veterinarians; some work with small animals, large farm animals, or wild animals. Veterinarians learn to treat all animals, but sometimes work with a specific type.

#### **What veterinarians do?**

Veterinarians care for the health of animals and work to improve public health. They diagnose, treat, and research medical conditions and diseases of pets, livestock, and other animals. They provide treatment for animals that is similar to the services a physician provides to treat humans.