Who are Veterinarians

And What Do they Do?
Who is a Veterinarian?

A medical professional responsible for the welfare of animals.
Veterinarians are...

- Uniquely Educated Medical Professionals
- Trained to protect the health of both animals and people
- Present in a tremendous amount of work opportunities
Today’s Veterinarians


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<td>105,358</td>
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3 Data referenced from the AVMA Report on Veterinary Compensation, 2015 Edition

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Did you know that veterinarians are consistently ranked among the top of respected professions among consumer surveys?
# Todays Veterinarians

U.S. Veterinary Positions (among employed veterinarians)
Definitions of categories below:

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<td>Private Clinical Practice</td>
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<td>Food animal exclusive</td>
<td>1,233</td>
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<td>Food animal predominant</td>
<td>3,371</td>
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<td>Companion animal predominant</td>
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<td>Companion animal exclusive</td>
<td>43,851</td>
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<td>Equine</td>
<td>3,874</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total Private Practice</strong></td>
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<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
<td><strong>44.8%</strong></td>
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## Public & Corporate Employment

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<td>Federal government</td>
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<td>11.45%</td>
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<td>State or local government</td>
<td>1,054</td>
<td>6.6%</td>
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<td>Uniformed services</td>
<td>772</td>
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<td>Industry</td>
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<td>Other Public &amp; Corporate</td>
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<td><strong>Total Public &amp; Corporate</strong></td>
<td>15,854</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>47.8%</td>
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**Employment Unknown**

| Employment Unknown                   | 27,015|

**Not Listed Above**

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Preparing for Veterinary School

- Solid foundation in science, math & communications.
- High school graduate
- Four year undergraduate degree
- Appreciation for animals and their role in society
Veterinary Medical School

- There are 30 AVMA-accredited schools of veterinary medicine in the United States
- 60% of veterinary students are female
- There are 22 AVMA-recognized veterinary specialty organizations, comprising 41 distinct specialties.
- The veterinary school in Indiana is at Purdue University
Todays Veterinarians

A growing profession:

- Currently there are about 2000 veterinarians in Indiana
- The veterinary profession grows about 3% a year
- There are a variety of fields that a veterinarian can go into: Small, mixed and or large animal, public health, education, research and much more...
Veterinary Practice Careers

Many types of general practices

- Small Animal – e.g. feline exclusive, avian exotic
- Equine
- Production Animal or Combinations of the above
- Referral or specialty practice

In the United States 67% of veterinarians engage in the field of private or corporate clinical practice.
Large Animal Veterinarians

- Some veterinarians specialize in treating animals such as swine (pigs), bovine (cows), equine (horses), and avian (poultry),
- Herd health management is an important part of these veterinarians’ job. They advise owners on the best approaches to production medicine.
More Veterinary Careers

- Government/Public Health
- Department of Homeland Security
- Meat & Milk Inspection
- Military Service
- Disease Control
- Teaching and Research
- Industry
  - Drug Research
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Development & marketing of animal products
  - Discovering new treatment options for animals and humans
And Even More Veterinary Careers

- Others
  - Animal Shelter Medicine
  - Zoo Medicine
  - Wildlife Medicine
  - Sports Medicine
  - Animal Assistance & Therapy Programs
What’s a “Typical” Day in a Veterinary Practice

- The day may include:
  - Wellness Exams
  - Medical Cases
  - Surgeries
  - Emergencies
  - Radiology (x-rays)
  - Blood Tests
  - Prescribing Medications
  - Administering treatments
  - Managing the Practice

Is there such a thing as a “typical” day?
Other Important Team Members

- Office Personnel
- Administration
- Kennel Attendants
- And Last but not least Registered Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants.
  - RVT & VA are vital members of the veterinary healthcare team.
  - Training includes 2-4 year college programs in accredited schools throughout the US.
Today’s Veterinarian

“The best doctor in the world is the veterinarian. He can’t ask his patients what is the matter – he’s got to just know.”

~Will Rogers