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A veterinarian is a doctor who practices medicine on animals. Some veterinarians are general practitioners, seeing puppies, dogs, cats, and other animals. This can include seeing their animal patients for almost any common ailments, minor surgeries, or consultation services. Other veterinarians work in a specialized field such as researching and studying genetic diseases, reproductive health, internal medicine, behavior, and bones.

A veterinarians job duties may include;

- Examining and evaluating a pet's overall health
- Diagnosing illnesses
- Administering medications and vaccines to prevent or treat diseases
- Advising on nutrition, breeding, or medical care
- Performing routine or specialized surgeries to help alleviate pain and suffering in animals

The veterinary career field requires at least four of undergraduate classes and four years at a veterinary college. Some specialized areas within the veterinary career field may require additional schooling, such as pet cancer specialists.

The ever growing pet-owning population ensures that a career as a veterinarian will have the potential to provide a comfortable living. The best veterinarians have both a good bedside manner with animals as well as excellent people skills with the pet owners.

Veterinarians have many options in the type of environment they choose to work in. Many will work in private practices, others may work in established animal hospitals. Universities, zoos, and laboratories are other locations that utilize the services of a veterinarian.