

VET

Average National Salary £47,271 per year

VETERINARIANS TYPICALLY DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Examine animals to assess their health and diagnose problems
- Treat and dress wounds
- Perform surgery on animals
- Test for and vaccinate against diseases
- Operate medical equipment, such as x-ray machines
- Advise animal owners about general care, medical conditions, and treatments
- Prescribe medication
- Euthanize animals

Veterinarians treat the injuries and illnesses of pets and other animals with a variety of medical equipment, including surgical tools and x-ray and ultrasound machines. They provide treatment for animals that is similar to the services a physician provides to humans.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF VETERINARIANS:

Companion animal veterinarians treat pets and generally work in private clinics and hospitals. They most often care for cats and dogs, but they also treat other pets, such as birds, ferrets, and rabbits. These veterinarians diagnose and provide treatment for animal health problems; consult with animal owners about preventive healthcare; and carry out medical and surgical procedures, such as vaccinations, dental work, and setting fractures.

Food animal veterinarians work with farm animals such as pigs, cattle, and sheep, which are raised to be food sources. They spend their time visiting farms and ranches to treat ill and injured animals and to test for and vaccinate against disease. They may advise farm owners or managers about feeding, housing, and general health practices.

Food safety and inspection veterinarians inspect and test livestock and animal products for major animal diseases. They also provide vaccines to treat animals, enhance animal welfare, conduct research to improve animal health, and enforce government food safety regulations. They design and administer animal and public health programs to prevent and control diseases transmissible among animals and between animals and people.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A level – To get on to a veterinary medicine degree you will normally require **A level biology** and two other subjects. Entry requirements range from BBC to A*AA, with the universities and colleges most commonly asking for AAA. In addition, you will also **need five GCSEs (A-C) including science, English, and maths**.

Entry to veterinary medicine courses is highly competitive and the selection process rigorous as a result. You can expect to be interviewed by each university and some also employ additional screening tests. The University of Surrey uses an online questionnaire, designed to test your level of knowledge about the profession and to check you have the requisite insight and motivation to take on the degree.