

Animal Careers

Have you ever wondered about a career working with animals?

From being a veterinarian or wildlife specialist to working in television and creating programs about animals, there are numerous ways you can make a difference for animals in your lifetime.

People who work with animals can have a variety of backgrounds.

One requirement is a great love of animals and a concern for their well being.

Humane Society Director

A humane society director runs an animal shelter where the ultimate goal is to ensure the humane care and treatment of the animals. The director supervises staff and ensures that the shelter's programs and services are helping homeless pets.

Humane Educators

Humane educators present programs to youth and adults on various humane topics, including pet responsibility, bite prevention, and kindness to animals. Their role is to educate the public and affect the community's view and behavior towards animals.

Animal Control Officer

Animal Control Officers duties can include monitoring animals city ordinances and laws, helping stray and injured animals, investigating animal cruelty, educating people on animal care, and preparing for court with animal cruelty cases.

Humane Investigator

Humane investigators respond to complaints about people who may be hurting or neglecting their pets. Investigators enforce laws. Humane Investigators are like animal detectives. They ensure animals have food, water, shelter, humane treatment, and proper veterinarian care.

Animal Care Specialist

Animal care attendants provide the actual day-to-day care for the shelter pets. They clean kennels, provide food and water to the animals, and may administer medications. It's a very hands-on job that puts you in direct contact with animals everyday.

Adoption Counselors

Adoption counselors help people find the right pet for their family's lifestyle. Making the right match helps ensure that a pet has found a permanent home and won't be returned to the animal shelter. This job is good for someone who likes to work with both people and animals.

Animal Shelter Veterinarian

An animal shelter veterinarian treats sick or injured animals or provides well-care exams for the animals at the shelter. They are responsible for the individual care of all the shelter pets as well as the health and well-being of the entire shelter population. The vet also performs the spaying & neutering surgeries.

Volunteering

If you are interested in working with animals, you can begin before you are out of school by volunteering. Volunteer orientation & training is the first Wednesday of every month. If you are under the age of 16, you must be accompanied by someone over the age of 16.



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