

Finding out with Fender

Helping Animals

The Work of Vets



Dan and Fender took the baby seal to the Seal Sanctuary, as the fishing net was tightly wound around her neck and it was cutting into her skin and causing her pain.

She needed help from Annie, the vet.



Let's look at the work of a vet, like Annie:

Vets are people who take care of animals that are injured or sick, like doctors who look after people when they are unwell. To be a vet, you need to love animals and be:

hardworking

clever

understanding

caring

brave

patient and kind



Vets often have to work both day and night, as animals can become ill and need help at any time. It isn't easy being a vet because animals can't tell them where it hurts or how they are feeling, like people can tell a doctor.

Vets give animals medicine and give them vaccinations, to stop them catching some diseases. Sometimes they have to operate on them.



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Different Types of Vets:

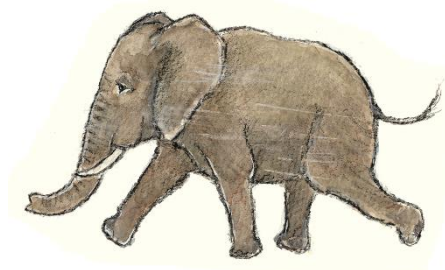
Some vets have veterinary surgeries, where people can take their pets. Here the vets have all the equipment and medicine they need to help the animals.

Other vets work with farm animals, so they need to travel to the farms, as the animals can't fit into cars. This can be hard work when it's in the middle of the night, in winter!



Equine vets just look after horses.

Some vets, like Annie, work with wildlife in seal sanctuaries or in zoos. This can be interesting and dangerous work! Often the animals need an injection to make them sleepy while the vet checks them over. Weighing big animals like elephants need special scales!



What do vets wear?

Vets usually wear a uniform and, when they do operations, they wear special tunics and trousers called scrubs. They wear scrubs, masks, gloves and shoe covers to stop the spread of germs and diseases.

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Questions about Vets



1) What do vets do?

2) Vets that treat horses are called _ _ _ _ _ vets.

3) Why is being a vet sometimes more difficult than being a doctor?

4) Can you think of 4 skills a vet should have?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____



5) What do scrubs help stop the spread of? _____

6) Can you think of 2 problems a vet might need to help an animal with?

7) Vets have to work both _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ to look after sick animals. This can be hard, especially in the w _ _ _ _ _.

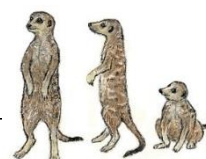
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8) Why do you think looking after wild animals is more dangerous than looking after farm animals?



9) If you were a vet, what type of animals would you like to look after and why?

Questions from the Fender story:



1) Dan held a towel over the seal's head so she wouldn't _ _ _ _ him.

2) Dan put the seal in a _ _ _ in the back of Fender.

3) Annie and Dan wore waterproof j _ _ _ _ _ when they were helping the seal so they wouldn't get wet.

4) First Annie had to _ _ _ the fishing net off the seal's _ _ _ _.

5) Then they put the seal in a _ _ _ _ _ pool to recover.

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Answers



- 1) What do vets do? **Vets look after sick animals** (or a similar answer).
- 2) Vets that treat horses are called **equine** vets.
- 3) Why is being a vet sometimes more difficult than being a doctor?
Because animals can't tell you where it hurts or how they are feeling.
- 4) Can you think of 4 qualities a vet should have?
Any of these words: **love animals, hardworking, clever, understanding, caring, brave, patient, kind**
- 5) What are do scrubs stop the spread of? **germs and diseases**
- 6) Can you think of 2 problems a vet might need to help an animal with?
broken leg, injury, wound, heart problems, eye problems, painful foot, tooth ache, ear infections etc
- 7) Vets have to work both **day and night** to look after sick animals. This can be hard, especially in the **winter**.
- 8) Why do you think looking after wild animals is more dangerous than looking after farm animals? **They are not tame so can bite, injure or kill you.**
- 9) If you were a vet, what type of animals would you like to look after and why? **Your own answer....**

Questions from the Fender story:

- 1) Dan held a towel over the seal's head so she wouldn't **bite** him.
- 2) Dan put the seal in a **box** in the back of Fender.
- 3) Annie and Dan wore waterproof **jacket** when they were helping the seal so they wouldn't get wet.
- 4) First Annie had to **cut** the fishing net off the seal's **neck**.
- 5) Then they put the seal in a **nursery** pool to recover.