

Children's Resources: What is a Veterinarian?



Word of the Day: Veterinarian

A veterinarian, also known as a vet, is an animal doctor. They help take care of animals when they are sick or hurt. It is important to take your pet to the veterinarian to make sure your pet is happy and healthy.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been to the doctor?
- Why do people need to go to the doctor?
- Do you think pets need to go to the doctor? Why?

Veterinarian Tools



Bandages and Gauze

Bandages and gauze help cover wounds.



Stethoscope

Stethoscopes help vets listen to an animal's heart and breathing.



Collar

Collars stop animals from licking wounds.



Needle

Needles help give vaccines or draw blood.



Medicine

Medicine helps animals feel better.



Otoscope

Otoscopes help vets look inside of an animal's ears.

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Infants/Toddler Activities



Arts & Crafts

Decorative Band-Aids

Materials: band aids, non-toxic markers, stickers, washi tape

- If you have spare Band-Aids, let your toddler practice their fine motor skills by decorating a few with the art materials you have at home!

“Trip to the Veterinarian” Felt Board

Materials: felt, cardboard or poster board, hot glue, scissors

- Felt boards are a fun way for your toddler to create art pieces without the mess!
- First, you will need to make your own [DIY Felt Board](#). You can do this by hot gluing a large piece of felt to cardboard or poster board.
- For a “Trip to the Veterinarian” themed felt board, make felt pieces such as: a cat, a dog, a thermometer, a stethoscope, a collar, bandages, etc.
- Let your child decorate the felt board with these new pieces for a fun and engaging afternoon activity!



Sensory Activities

Animal Bath Time

Materials: bathtub or plastic container, soap, water, plastic animal toys

- Let your child give the animals visiting the vet a nice bath!



Games

Help Cover Boo Boos

Materials: band-aids, animal toys

- Your child can practice their veterinary skills by placing bandages on their stuffed animals. Bonus if they decorated the bandages themselves!

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PreK-Kindergarten Activities



Arts & Crafts

DIY Stethoscope

Materials: funnel, paper towel tube, tape, markers, stickers

- Follow this [fun craft idea for a DIY Stethoscope](#). All you'll need to do is tape a funnel to the end of a paper towel tube and let your child decorate.

DIY Collars

Materials: felt, velcro/buttons, fabric glue, scissors

- The [collars used by veterinarians](#), also known as Elizabethan collars or E-collars, are tools used by veterinarians to prevent animals from licking or biting at healing wounds.
- Your child can create collars for their very own stuffed animals. Create a funnel/cone shape with felt and cut the tip off. Then, attach velcro or buttons to the sides so they can easily be opened and closed.
- Let your child cut out decorative pieces of felt and glue them onto the personalized collars for their stuffed animals.



Games

Veterinary Clinic

Materials: stuffed animals, pretend veterinary tools, child scrubs

- Set up a “vet clinic” for the stuffed animals in your home!
- There are endless possibilities. You can:
 - Practice bandaging using strips of fabric
 - Give “medicine” with empty cups or pom pom ball “pills”
 - Use your hands to search for ticks and fleas in your animal’s fur
 - Write your diagnosis and findings on a clipboard
 - Use a magnifying glass or other tool to closely examine the patient