

# AMC Vet Camp: Online!

Thank you for enrolling your child in AMC’s Vet Camp: Online program this summer break! This is a week-long experience where your child will have the opportunity to meet real veterinarians while learning how they care for animals. Each day focuses on a new topic and includes a fun activity your child can do at home on Zoom!

**Program Dates:** Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Program Time:** 11:00am – 12:30pm EST

**Web Host:** Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>)

## Daily Schedule:

- Welcome & Topic Introduction
- AMC Guest Veterinarian
- Activity
- Conclusion & Share Out

## Session Themes:

- 8/21 – Types of Animals Veterinarians Treat
- 8/22 – Exploring Inside the Body
- 8/23 – Treating a Patient
- 8/24 – Keeping Pets Healthy
- 8/25 – Training to Become a Veterinarian

The link to the daily Zoom session will be emailed out before the program start date. Make sure your child has the appropriate materials required to participate in the daily Zoom session activity. Caregivers are welcome to join their child each day in the program or may also allow them to participate independently. We ask that all participants listen and behave respectfully towards the staff as well as the other participants attending this program.

**We will review the program rules with participants during the first ten minutes of Day 1 (Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am).**

If your child is no longer able to participate in this program, please contact us as soon as possible at [UsdanInstitute@amcnyc.org](mailto:UsdanInstitute@amcnyc.org).

Please sign below that you have read and agree to the terms written in this letter.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Child Participant’s Name (Print)

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Date

## Day 1: Types of Animals Veterinarians Treat

**Goal:** To identify major animal groups and the variety of animals that veterinarians treat.

**Daily Activity: Create Your Own Animal**

Participants will have the chance to create any animal of their choosing, or even make up their own animal if they wish, using any arts & craft materials.

**Recommended Materials List:**

Construction paper  
Colored pencils/markers/crayons  
Glue  
Scissors  
Clay/Play-Doh/Model Magic  
Craft fur  
Craft feathers  
Faux leather  
Googly eyes

\*\*All materials listed for Day 1 are recommended ideas, not necessities. Your child can create their own animal using any available craft supplies in the home.

## Day 2: Exploring Inside the Body

**Goal:** To learn the different diagnostic tools used to examine the inside of an animal's body.

**Daily Activity: Designing X-Rays**

Participants will create their very own "x-rays" using household craft materials. Cotton swabs or pipe cleaners can act as bones and be arranged into the shape of their desired animal/body part.

**Recommended Materials List:**

Black construction paper  
Cotton swabs and/or white pipe cleaners  
Glue  
Scissors  
(Optional) White crayons/colored pencils

## Day 3: Treating a Patient

**Goal:** To understand different treatment options for patients and how veterinarians prioritize emergency cases.

### Daily Activity: Treating a Patient

Participants will follow along with the instructor on how to bandage an injury and check vital signs.

### Recommended Materials List:

Stuffed animal/toy  
Popsicle sticks  
Gauze roll or strips of fabric  
Scissors

## Day 4: Keeping Pets Healthy

**Goal:** To discuss animal needs and the importance of enrichment.

### Daily Activity: Enrichment Creation

Participants will be creating an enrichment toy for their family pet. We have listed material options for a potential dog toy or cat toy. This is an open-ended activity and is not limited to the toy ideas listed below. If your family has a pet other than a cat or a dog, we have a list of different enrichment ideas here:

<https://www.amcny.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Exotics-Enrichment-Infographic-V4.pdf>

If you do not have a family pet, we have an option to create a bird feeder.

### Recommended Materials List: [Dog Rope Toy](#)

Fleece or old t-shirts, scissors, safety pin or rubber band

### Recommended Materials List: [Cat Feather Toy](#)

String/yarn, scissors, craft feathers, wooden stick, glue, tape

### Recommended Materials List: [Bird Feeder](#)

Bird seed, peanut butter/sunflower butter, cheerios, pipe cleaner, pinecones, toilet paper rolls, string, scissors

## Day 5: Training to Become a Veterinarian

**Goal:** To explore the different career opportunities in veterinary medicine and how to become a veterinarian.

**Daily Activity: Surgical Sutures**

Participants will practice their hand-eye coordination by learning to tie surgical knots.

**Recommended Materials List:**

Felt/fabric

Yarn/thread

Scissors

Sewing or yarn needle

(Optional) Tweezers