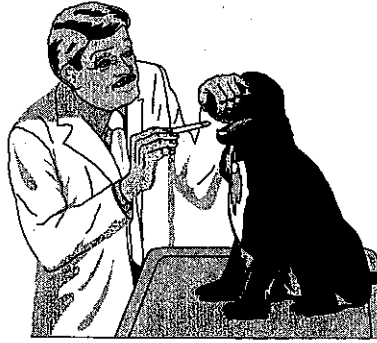


Veterinarians



Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about veterinarians. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can about veterinarians. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Visiting with a Vet" chart.

Read the James Herriot children's books (you may also want to ask a parent or teacher to read aloud some sections of the adult books as well). After reading the books, write a book review for a newspaper. Be sure to read several real book reviews first so that you have a sense of the style and content.

Make arrangements to visit a veterinarian's office. Use the "Interview Planning Sheet" to help you prepare a list of questions to ask during your visit. Make a detailed list of all the things you see and learn during your visit. Consider asking if you could take pictures to help you document what you see.



Make a detailed diorama of a veterinarian's office. The list you compiled during your visit to veterinarian's office will be a valuable resource as you create your diorama.

Write a non-fiction book for children about veterinarians. Include plenty of colorful drawings, and if possible, textures to touch or window flaps that hide surprises for the young readers to discover.

Make a mobile of the different animals a veterinarian might treat. Investigate the use of different materials such as felt, paper, cloth, wire, and papier-mâché for creating elements of the mobile. Pick the material you

consider best suited to this project. Remember the objects in a mobile should be able to move in a very light breeze.

- Make a catalogue of the different kinds of equipment and medicines veterinarians use to treat animals. Look at a variety of catalogues to get some ideas about how to set up your catalog. Remember to include pictures.



- Find out which colleges and universities offer veterinary medicine programs. Write or e-mail these institutions to request catalogues and course descriptions from each of the programs. Use a large U.S. map to locate each of the programs. What types of things does a student need in order to qualify for a veterinary medicine program?

- Try to arrange a volunteer experience with a local veterinarian. Carefully prepare a presentation that will demonstrate to the vet your commitment and interest in learning more about veterinary medicine. Consider doing this after you complete your Passion Pursuit so that you could share your work in a portfolio with the vet. Offer to help in any way your vet might need. If you are able to work in the vet's office, be sure to keep a journal of your experiences.

