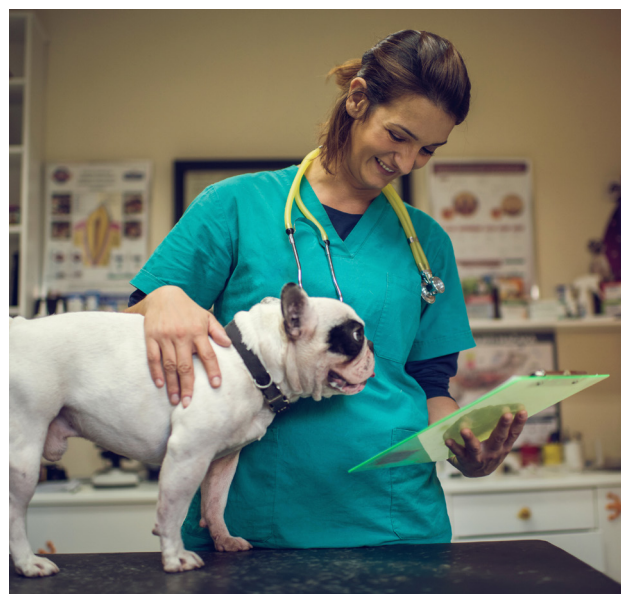


# SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARIAN

A small animal veterinarian is responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of sickness, disease and injury in companion animals like dogs, cats, rabbits, caged birds, and other small pets.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Provide clinical and surgical care and disease surveillance to small animals
- Prescribe and administer medications and set fractures
- Administer vaccinations and draw blood for testing
- Humanely euthanize terminally ill or fatally wounded animals
- Perform reproductive surgeries like spay or neuter procedures
- Give technical advice on products for small animals or pets
- Operate medical equipment like x-ray machines and ultrasound technology
- Advise on measures to prevent the occurrence or spread of diseases
- Adhere to standard safety protocols and maintain a clean, sterile environment
- Communicate and educate pet owners about disease, preventative, breeding and behavior
- Perform site visits as needed
- Keep accurate records of animal patients' health histories
- Oversee staff and office/business affairs
- Communicate with animal pharmacy and/or maintain inventory of prescription medication and other animal health and nutrition supplies on site



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) required; consider receiving special certifications for therapy, oral, ophthalmology, anesthesiology, neurology, or critical care

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, chemistry, anatomy, computer courses, mathematics

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Clinics, animal hospitals, laboratories, animal health companies, or you may be self-employed

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- American Association of Feline Veterinarians
- World Small Animal Veterinary Association

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$80,000