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When I grow up...

When I grow up I would like to be a veterinarian. I have wanted to be a vet for a while, since I was only six-years old actually. When I was little I had a toy vet kit, and I had always liked to play with it. I really want to be a vet because I have always loved animals, and I will definitely take care of any kind of animal that comes in.

The job as a vet is definitely a lot of hard work. I know it takes a lot of dedication also. To become a vet you have to graduate high school and college, and earn a degree from a four year program at an accredited college of veterinary medicine. In addition to that, you must have at least forty five to ninety semester hours at the undergraduate level for acceptance. Some graduates already begin to practice right after they get their license, but others choose to enter a one-year internship. I decided that I would want to do my internships while still in college, and then start my career right away after I finish that.

I would take care of any kind of animals. I would provide help for animals ranging from cats and dogs, to birds and hamsters. Some vets only take care of certain animals or only a specific kind. Some vets take care of only horses, or only dogs. At my veterinarian office, I would take in any kind of animal that comes in to me for help. When somebody comes in with an animal, I will do whatever I can do to make sure I will put a smile on their face after they get their animal back. A vet should not only get along with the animals, but their owners also. I know that I would be able to do both.

Being a vet requires knowing how to do a lot of things to animals. Vets have to be ready for anything to come their way. The animals are usually either just sick, injured, or just come in for a check up. Things I would have to do include simple things like just clipping their nails, to bigger things like doing surgery or operations.

There are many good things and benefits about being a vet. First of all, the salary is \$70,000- \$90,000 annually. Nothing could get better than being around one of my favorite things, animals, and getting paid to do it also. Second, you get to

interact with the animals and help them out. I would really love doing that because I know their owners would appreciate it after I am done.

There are a lot of different kinds of practices in the veterinarian profession. I surely would want to get to have my own private practice. I would have it close to the city, but not quite in it. This way, owners from all different areas around me would have an easy way to get to my office. I would have fourteen employees working each day. If a certain day gets really busy, it would not be a problem because there would be a bunch of employees working. No matter what, any animal that comes into my office would be guaranteed a check up.

I love all kinds of animals, but I especially can really relate to cats. We have had a cat ever since I was born. First we had a gray cat named Meeko, and then we had an orange cat named Sonny, and now we have a brown fluffy cat named Baylee. We got Baylee from one of our family friend's farm. When she was first born, she was sick and had problems, the biggest problem was in her eyes. We took very good care of her and got a lot of help from the veterinarians and now she is completely fixed and healthy. Seeing how we helped Baylee so much, I realized that being a veterinarian is something that I'm really interested in doing in the future.

Although I do not have a dog (and never did) I still love them. My neighbor has always had a dog. In fact, they just got a new dog a couple months ago. He may still just be a puppy, but he has grown so much and is getting so big! I always go outside and play with him because he is very energetic and playful. I love knowing that I can just go outside and play with a puppy, because that is what I love to do. Animals are so much fun because there is always something new to play with them.

Any time my cat needs to go to the vet, I always make sure I go along for the ride with them also. I think that it is cool getting to see what it is like inside of the office and I also like hearing what the vet has to say. There are a lot of different tools and machines in the veterinarian office, and it is really neat getting to see how they all work and what they do.

Another nice thing about owning my own veterinarian office is that they get to choose and create their own work schedule. They are able to pick the times when they are available, and they can also take days off when they need to. Because I love animals so much and I always want to be available to help them, I would try to take off as little days as possible!

After thinking about what job I would be most interested in doing in the future, I have decided that being a veterinarian is definitely the best choice for me. Animals are very important to me, and I would surely do my best to take care of any kind that comes in for help at my office. What is even better than just getting to be with the animals is that I would also be getting paid to do it. I hope that someday I am really able to have my own successful veterinarian office.