



SALARY

WHAT IS IT?

Vets treat sick and injured animals. They may specialise in small animals like cats and dogs, or larger animals such as farm animals, horses and zoo animals. Vets also need other animal specialists to help look after the animals too. Roles in animal medicine and care include:

- ⇒ Veterinary surgeon
- ⇒ Veterinary nurse
- ⇒ Veterinary physiotherapist
- ⇒ Specialist animal vet
- ⇒ Farrier (cares for horse's feet)
- ⇒ Zookeeper
- ⇒ Animal trainer

Vets have a starting salary of around £30,000 and can make upwards of £80,000 per year while a vet nurse has a starting salary of around £18,000 and can make up to £26,000.

A veterinary physiotherapist has a starting salary of around £18,500 and can make up to £65,000 per year.

Farriers can earn £16,000-£30,000 and animal trainers can earn £15,000-£50,000 per year

For more information on careers in animal care, [click here.](#)

WHERE CAN I GET A JOB?

There are many veterinary practices in Eastbourne and the surrounding areas. Drusilla's Zoo and other animal sanctuaries are close by, or you could travel around the country, or even around the world!

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Job	GCSEs (or equivalent)	A-levels (or equivalent)	Degree	Other
Veterinary surgeon	5 GCSEs at grade 9-7 incl. English, maths and Science	3 A-levels including biology and chemistry	5 year veterinary degree	2 years in practice and optional 2 years specialising
Veterinary Physiotherapist	5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 incl. English, maths and Science	2 or 3 A-levels including biology	Physiotherapy degree	Physiotherapy degree apprenticeship
Veterinary Nurse	As above plus one of the following →	Level 3 Diploma in vet nursing	Foundation degree	Vet nursing advanced apprenticeship
Farrier	Varies depending on route	Optional farriery access course	Not required	Advanced apprenticeship
Zookeeper	As above	A-level biology or Level 3 diploma in animal care	Various options but not required	Apprenticeship in animal care and welfare
Animal trainer	As above	Varies depending on route	As above	On the job training or apprenticeships