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<b>What training is needed to work in this field?</b>	Veterinary school is 4 years of post graduate work. Becoming a licensed animal acupuncturist is an average of 6 months of formal training through one of the accredited schools. Continuing educational classes is required of both, but learning is, of course, lifelong.
<b>What is a typical week like or what do you spend most of your time doing in your job?</b>	I see patients all day, everyday (no weekends). I use homeopathy, herbs, acupuncture and nutrition to promote the healing process in the creatures that visit.
<b>What is the job outlook for this field?</b>	Amazing. There is a tremendous need for proactive veterinarians that view integrative medicine as the best approach.
<b>What are the benefits of working in this field?</b>	(1) Free veterinary care. ☺ (I have 23 pets.) (2) Providing relief of suffering by offering non-invasive, side effect free medical options - excellent job satisfaction. (3) You'll never be unemployed.
<b>What advice or other information do you want to share with someone considering this field?</b>	There are so many chronically ill pets that it's easy to exhaust yourself. Be kind to yourself so that you will be healthy and ready to care for others.