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<b>What training is needed to work in this field?</b>	A Graduate Degree (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) which is a 4-year graduate program taught by one of the 30+ schools of veterinary medicine taught in the US. Graduates of foreign schools of veterinary medicine are also eligible to work in the US with some provisions.
<b>What is a typical week like or what do you spend most of your time doing in your job?</b>	Working with clients and their pets to ensure that the pets are maintained in good health. For sick pets, running the necessary tests and prescribing the necessary treatments in an effort to cure their disease.
<b>What is the job outlook for this field?</b>	Pet owners are taking better care of their pets than ever before and the pet is often seen as a member of the family. There are more job openings than jobs for doctors of veterinary medicine. The outlook looks good provided the economy remains strong because the dollars spent on pet care are considered "discretionary".
<b>What are the benefits of working in this field?</b>	There is a great satisfaction by helping people help their pets. There is also great satisfaction in helping sick and injured animals get well.
<b>What advice or other information do you want to share with someone considering this field?</b>	This work is not for everyone. Veterinary school is very competitive and the hours of work as a veterinarian are long and hard and the financial rewards relatively small. Make sure this is what you want by volunteering or working in veterinary hospitals before making your decision.