Caring for Critters

Farming and Ranching
- operate dairy, hog, and poultry farms to provide milk, meat, and eggs for consumers
- raise cattle, sheep, and other animals for food, leather, and other animal byproducts

Animal Breeding, Handling, and Training
- operate a pet store, be a dog groomer, dog handler, horse trainer, or an animal breeder

Animal Welfare Organizations
- organize local animal control centers, humane societies, and animal rescue agencies

Wildlife Management and Zoos
- work for the United States Forest Service, State Fish and Game, as a National Park Ranger, etc.
- work at a zoo by being an animal caretaker, manager, or veterinarian

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How to Prepare for a Career in Veterinary Medicine

• You need to be an outstanding student (especially in college).
• Begin preparing in high school by taking as many math and science courses as possible.
• In College you should enroll in a pre-veterinary major and maintain a high GPA.
• You need to gain experience by volunteering or working in a veterinary practice.
• There are only 28 veterinary schools in the U.S. and getting in is very competitive.
• Once in vet school, it takes four years to obtain a D.V.M.
• Most veterinarians choose either small animal practice, large animal practice, mixed (both small and large), or horse practice.