

# MY NEXT MOVE

## Veterinary Assistants & Laboratory Animal Caretakers

**Also called:** Animal Care Provider, Animal Caregiver, Certified Veterinary Assistant, Veterinarian Assistant (Vet Assistant)

### What they do:

Feed, water, and examine pets and other nonfarm animals for signs of illness, disease, or injury in laboratories and animal hospitals and clinics. Clean and disinfect cages and work areas, and sterilize laboratory and surgical equipment. May provide routine postoperative care, administer medication orally or topically, or prepare samples for laboratory examination under the supervision of veterinary or laboratory animal technologists or technicians, veterinarians, or scientists.

### On the job, you would:

- Hold or restrain animals during veterinary procedures.
- Monitor animals recovering from surgery and notify veterinarians of any unusual changes or symptoms.
- Fill medication prescriptions.

## KNOWLEDGE

### Business

- customer service
- administrative services

### Arts and Humanities

- English language

### Math and Science

- biology

### Health

- medicine and dentistry

## SKILLS

### Basic Skills

- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- thinking about the pros and cons of different ways to solve a problem

### Problem Solving

- noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it

## ABILITIES

## Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- listen and understand what people say

## Hand and Finger Use

- hold or move items with your hands
- keep your arm or hand steady

# PERSONALITY

People interested in this work like activities that include **practical, hands-on** problems and solutions.

They do well at jobs that need:

- **Dependability**
- **Integrity**
- **Attention to Detail**
- **Self Control**
- **Cooperation**
- **Persistence**

# TECHNOLOGY

You might use software like this on the job:

## Spreadsheet software

- Microsoft Excel 🔥

## Presentation software

- Microsoft PowerPoint 🔥

## Medical software

- McAllister Software Systems AVImark
- Practice management software PMS

# EDUCATION



**high school diploma/GED** or  
**certificate after high school**

usually needed

# JOB OUTLOOK

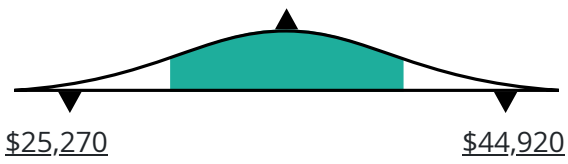


New job opportunities are **very likely** in the future.

**Bright**

SALARY:

**\$34,740**



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