

Veterinary Assistant

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do veterinary assistants do?

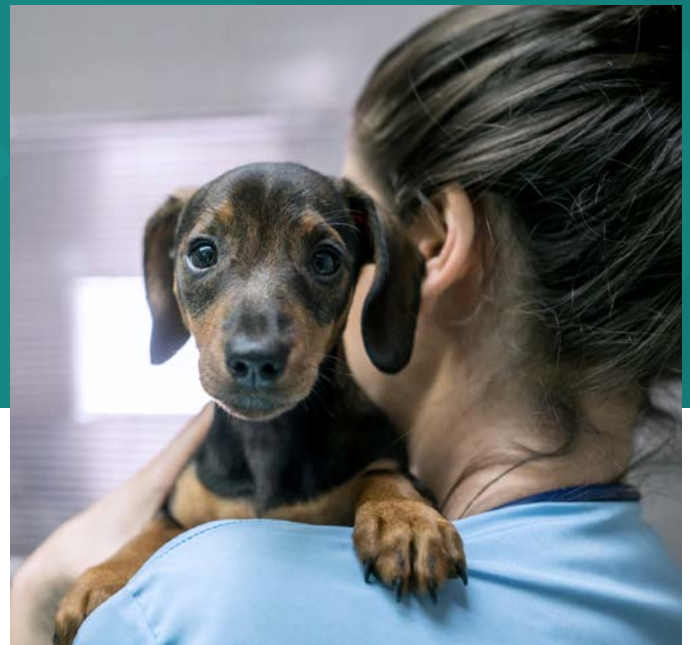
The role of veterinary assistants is to help veterinarians and veterinary technicians and

technologists care for animals in clinics and practices nationwide. Your specific responsibilities would vary from location to location, but may include:

- Feeding, bathing, and exercising animals
- Cleaning and disinfecting cages, kennels, and examination and operation rooms
- Restraining animals during examination and laboratory procedures
- Maintaining and sterilizing surgical instruments and equipment
- Monitoring and caring for animals after surgery
- Helping to provide emergency first aid to sick and injured animals

Where do veterinary assistants work?

Veterinary assistants are found in veterinary practices and clinics nationwide. As many clinics and animal hospitals are open 24/7, night and weekend schedules are often available.



How much do veterinary assistants earn?

Pay rates for veterinary assistants vary by employer, geographic location, and experience. The U.S. Department of Labor includes these professionals in the Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers category and reports that the middle 50% of professionals in this field earn between \$21,170 and \$30,460* a year.

Is the veterinary assistant field growing?

Veterinary assistants are part of the rapidly growing pet industry, which was valued at \$60 billion annually. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the demand for veterinary assistants will grow by 19%, or by 16,300 new jobs, before 2026.

*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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JESSICA C., CAREERSTEP LEARNER

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Improve Your Life

With CareerStep you'll have everything you need to succeed as a veterinary assistant, including comprehensive training developed by industry professionals, the flexibility to train on your own schedule.

Prepare For A Better Job

Our expert-designed training includes everything you need to prepare for a successful new career. The CareerStep Veterinary Assistant program covers the following:

- Examination room procedures
- Communication and client relations
- Office and hospital procedures
- Small and large animal nursing
- Pharmacy and pharmacology
- Laboratory procedures
- Surgical preparation and assisting
- Radiology and ultrasound imaging

Learn At Home

Online training minimizes the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Achieve Success With Live Learner And Career Support

Our program is designed to help you accomplish your goal of getting a job. In addition to employer-trusted training and online flexibility, you'll also have one-on-one access to three support teams—learner support, technical support, and career support—to ensure you can complete your training and prepare for a better future! All of these support teams are committed to helping you:

- Complete your training quickly
- Prepare for national certification exams
- Successfully move into the workforce

Program Modules and Approximate Completion Hours

Module	Hours
Program Orientation	1
Computer Fundamentals	7
Microsoft Office Training Orientation	1
Word 2019: Beginner	10
Excel 2019: Beginner	12
Working as a Veterinary Assistant	3
Business Writing	16
Veterinary Assistant Foundations	14
Animal Safety & Nutrition	14
Client Management	16
Patient Management	18
Small & Large Animals	15
Pharmacy & Pharmacology	8
Laboratory & Surgical Procedures	14
Final Exam Preparation	1
TOTAL	150