Would you like to make working with animals part of your career?
Are you unsure what your options are or how to pursue that career?
Use this guide to identify your interests, values, & skills that lead to careers & educational opportunities.

Humans, animals, or both?
Every career with animals also involves humans. Do you prefer to work more directly with humans, animals, or both?

What topics do you like?
Careers with animals can emerge from many different topics such as biology, psychology, or animal science. Additionally, knowledge of law, business, marketing, and more can be valuable skills to this evolving industry.

What do you want?
Some careers have physical, emotional, mental, and moral challenges. For example, veterinarians work with animals in distress, perform euthanasia, and work long hours. Think about career challenges you may face, and which ones energize you?

How do you work best?
Certain workplaces are better suited for those who work independently, co-operatively, creatively, or with structure. Do you prefer to work inside vs. outside, city vs rural? Take a strengths assessment to determine the best environments for you.
Human-animal interaction education is offered in various levels. To find different programs visit the Animals & Society Institute or professional webpages such as International Society for Applied Ethology Education Page.

There are a variety of career options within human-animal interactions. Every career allows for a different amount of human and animal contact, required education or training, salary, working hours, advantages, and challenges. Consider your values in work and life. Gain experience in a few areas via internships or part-time work to help you make a satisfying career choice.

- **Education**
  - Certificates
  - College
  - Post-Graduate (D.V.M., Ph.D.)

- **Careers**
  - Animal Agriculture
  - Wildlife & Zoos
  - Animal Welfare
  - Education or Research
  - Laboratory Animal
  - Animal Health
  - Animal-Assisted Therapy
  - Administration, Business, Marketing

Want to learn more?
Talk to your career advisor or someone in the human-animal interaction field. Read our paper in the Human-Animal Interaction Bulletin.

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