

Human-Animal Interaction Careers

Would you like to make working with animals part of your career?

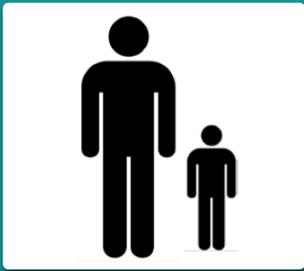
Are you unsure **what** your options are or **how** to pursue that career?

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?**



Animal-assisted therapists work more with **humans**

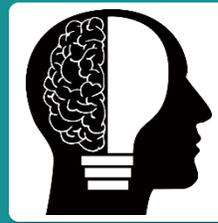


Veterinarians work with **both**

Wildlife managers work more with **animals**

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.



Psychology



Business



Microbiology

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?



Euthanasia



Sick animals



Animal testing

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.



Creativity



Co-operatively



Independently

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Education

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](#).



Certificates



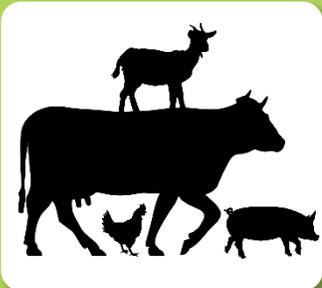
College

D.V.M.
Ph.D.

Post-Graduate

Careers

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.



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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