

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

ANIMAL OSTEOPATH



Final level of education : Bac + 5

Sector of activity: animal health

Professional skills: Ability to listen, empathy, autonomy, teamwork.

Main responsibilities

- The animal osteopath, an animal health professional, works on a wide range of pathologies and species to bring comfort and well-being to animals;
- Diagnose and treat functional disorders in animals using manual techniques;
- Advises animal owners on appropriate care and exercises;
- May collaborate with veterinarians to develop integrated treatment plans;
- May specialize in the treatment of certain animal species.

Degree and training

- This job is accessible with a Diploma in Animal Osteopathy (Bac+5).
- Registration on a list maintained by the Conseil National de l'Ordre des Vétérinaires (CNOV), after validation of theoretical and practical skills tests, is compulsory.
- This job requires good physical condition and a passion for animals.
- Certifications and diplomas
- Animal osteopath
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Studying to become an animal osteopath requires 5 years of theoretical and practical training.

Animal osteopathy schools are independent private schools (not recognized by the state) in France.

Examples of areas of expertise (non-exhaustive list)

- Animal anatomy
- Animal biology
- Biomechanics
- Identification of symptomatology (functional, mechanical, tissue, circulatory, etc.)
- Animal nutrition
- Equine osteopathy
- Animal pathologies
- Posturology
- Animal behavior
- Animal approach and handling techniques
- Customer relationship management
- Animal palpation techniques
- Professional ethics

Working conditions and occupational hazards

- Outdoors
- Carrying and handling heavy or cumbersome loads
- Working with animals
- Business travel
- Possible handling of NAC :
rodents: rats, rabbits, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.
birds: parrots, parakeets, canaries, etc.
carnivores: fennec, stoat
turtles
snakes: garter snake, python, boa
some monkeys

Work schedule and hours

Self-employed person who manages his or her own business.

Salary

For a beginner, about €1,500 to build up a clientele, rising to €3,000.

Special features: The animal osteopath advises the owner on diet, exercise and environment to maintain the animal's health and well-being, and raises public awareness of the benefits of animal osteopathy. He plays an active role in animal welfare.