

VETERINARIAN JOB PROFILE



Final level of education: Bac + 6

Sector of activity: Animal health

Professional soft skills: Being attentive, showing empathy, working in a team, showing autonomy.

Main responsibilities

- Ording to medical and surgical needs and sanitary safety requirements;
- Treats animals and is also the only professional authorized to euthanize animals deemed incurable;
- May carry out biological analyses or functional exploration examinations on animals;
- Engages in the sale of medications, food, and dietary supplements for animals;
- May carry out advisory and informational activities for livestock producers regarding animal production (hygiene, feeding, reproduction);
- May coordinate a team or manage a facility.

Degree and training

- This profession is accessible with a State Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree;
- This degree can be obtained in France and at any university in Europe authorized to practice throughout Europe;
- Additional training programs (Certificate of Advanced Veterinary Studies / Specialized Veterinary Studies Diploma – CEAV/DESV – in equine medicine and surgery, in companion animal surgery, in health and quality management in pig, dairy, poultry farming, etc.) may be required;
- Registration on the veterinary board is mandatory.

Examples of areas of expertise (non-exhaustive list)

- Animal anatomy
- Orthopedic surgery
- Veterinary surgery
- Animal dietetics
- Functional exploration
- Identification of symptomatology (functional, mechanical, tissue-related, circulatory, etc.)
- Animal physiotherapy
- Animal nutrition
- Orthopedics
- Specific animal health in farming
- Posturology
- Animal behavior
- Dental care techniques
- Animal biology, Biomechanics
- Zoology
- Epidemiology
- Animal welfare
- Zootechnics
- Virology, Parasitology, Vaccinology, Oncology
- Animal handling and approach techniques

Working conditions and occupational hazards

- At a private individual's home;
- In an operating room;
- Wearing professional attire or a uniform;
- Lifting and handling heavy or bulky loads;
- Prolonged standing;
- Frequent travel;
- Possible contact with pathogens potentially dangerous to humans;
- Handling biological samples (blood, feces, urine, biopsies, etc.);
- Handling potentially dangerous animals, and high mental workload.

Work schedule and hours

- *Long work days;*
- *Night work;*
- *On-call work;*
- *Weekend and holiday work.*

Salary

At the start of a career, for a veterinarian employed in a practice/clinic, the gross monthly salary ranges between €2,037 and €3,886.

Special features :

A veterinarian can and must treat wild animals, ensures public health, and contributes to research in various sectors.