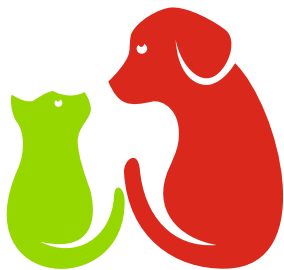


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# The Vet Clinic

*Tips for caregivers to help kids learn  
through play!*

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## Talk

- Talk about the needs of pets. What do they need to stay happy and healthy?
- Using the X-rays and the skeletons, discuss how bones give bodies structure, help bodies move, and protect internal organs (heart, lungs...).
- Helpful Words:
  - Veterinarian: animal doctor
  - Examination: checking the health of a pet by looking and testing
  - Stethoscope: a tool used by doctors and veterinarians to listen to an animal's heartbeat or breathing

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## Play Together

- Role play being a veterinarian: use the Pet Vet Form to treat your patient at the exam table.
- Take turns as the pet owner too: why did you bring your pet to visit the vet today?

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## Explore

- Use the materials in the Art Studio to create your favorite pet.
- Think about your visits to the doctor. What is the same or different about doctors and veterinarians?

## *Ideas to Learn Together Throughout the Children's Museum*

- Let your child lead the way
- Ask open-ended questions that require more than a "yes or no" answer
- Let your child do the work
- Encourage safe risk-taking

# THE VET CLINIC

Use the tools of the trade including x-rays and real vet kennels to explore a career as a veterinarian and practice taking care of pets.

