



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUBSM

Taking Bailey to the Veterinarian

A veterinarian is a doctor for animals. The job of a veterinarian is similar to that of a human doctor except veterinarians work with animals. Veterinarians are often the first professionals who come to mind when anyone thinks of a career in dogs or other animals. A veterinarian may specialize in small animals, such as dogs and cats, or large animals, such as horses and cows. Some veterinarians even take care of lions, zebras and animals you might see in a zoological park.

Bailey's owners take her to the veterinarian, Dr. Nancy Jones, for a physical exam and vaccinations every year.

During an annual physical exam, Dr.

Jones examines Bailey's ears

and eyes and listens to her heart and lungs. She gives Bailey a series of **vaccinations** (shots) that will help keep Bailey healthy. Dr. Jones examines Bailey first to make sure she is healthy, then she administers the shots.

Dr. Jones looks in Bailey's ears as her assistant holds Bailey still. Dr. Jones gently cleans the outside rim of Bailey's ears with **gauze**, a cloth-like material,

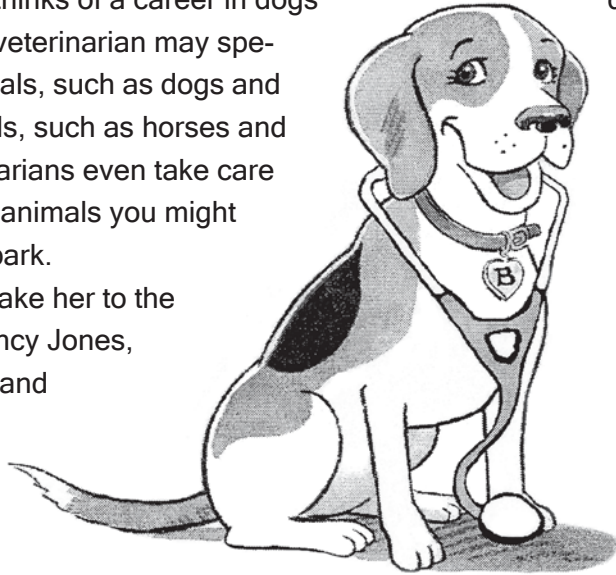
to help remove excess earwax. Dr. Jones looks through an **otoscope** to check the inside of Bailey's ears. An **otoscope** has a long tube on one end and an eyepiece on the other. A veterinarian can look deep inside a dog's ears with this tool.

Each year Dr. Jones uses an **ophthalmoscope** to check Bailey's eyes. She is making sure Bailey's eyes are healthy and clear. The **ophthalmoscope** has a lens with an attached eyepiece. Dr. Jones can see into the deepest part of Bailey's eye with this device.

Dr. Jones listens to Bailey's heart and lungs with a **stethoscope**. A veterinary **stethoscope** is similar to a medical doctor's. Both have tubes connecting the earpieces to a shiny, metal disc. This disc increases the sound of the heart and the lungs so Dr. Jones can hear their sounds clearly.

Dr. Jones gives Bailey a series of **vaccinations**. Each year Bailey receives these shots that keep her healthy and safe from certain diseases.

Dr. Jones tells Bailey's owners she is healthy and in good condition. Bailey's owners thank Dr. Jones, attach Bailey's leash and walk her to the front of the veterinary clinic.



Look at the words below. Can you match their definitions with the words? Draw a line connecting each word with its correct definition. You can find each answer in the story above.

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| 1. cloth-like material Dr. Jones uses to clean Bailey's ears | A. stethoscope |
| 2. an instrument used to hear the heart and lungs | B. otoscope |
| 3. a tool that allows Dr. Jones to see deep into Bailey's eyes | C. gauze |
| 4. Bailey receives this annual series of shots | D. ophthalmoscope |
| 5. a tool with a long tube on one end Dr. Jones uses to see into Bailey's ears | E. vaccinations |

Answers

1-C; 2-A; 3-D; 4-E; 5-B