



What Is It?

Feed, water, groom, bathe, exercise, or otherwise provide care to promote and maintain the well-being of pets and other animals that are not raised for consumption, such as dogs, cats, race horses, ornamental fish or birds, zoo animals, and mice. Work in settings such as kennels, animal shelters, zoos, circuses, and aquariums. May keep records of feedings, treatments, and animals received or discharged. May clean, disinfect, and repair cages, pens, or fish tanks.

What Do They Typically Do?

- Getting Information
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Performing General Physical Activities

Annual Income:

- Entry Level: \$22,520
- Typical: \$28,380
- Experienced: \$31,060

Major Employers:

Retail Trade, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, Other Services (Except Public Administration)

What do I do next?

Learn about the job culture:

- Schedule at least one informational interview
- Conduct a job shadow, if possible
- Research available volunteer or intern opportunities

Prepare for training:

- Visit and call trade schools or colleges that offer a related program
- Research regional job openings at: idahoworks.gov

Explore all pathways to certification:

labor.idaho.gov/jobscape

Talk to your school counselor or advisor for more information

Get started today!

Ask about the career & technical programs at your school or nearby technical college.

Check out Idaho Digital Learning Academy for online opportunities: idahodigitallearning.org

For tips, tools, and resources to learn how your skills and interests can translate to a rewarding career, visit the Next Steps Idaho website.