

WORLD OF WORK

CAREER DOCTOR



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Q I am a 25 year old with a passion for animals. My dream is to hopefully work in an area related to animal welfare. Sadly, I do not possess the skills to become a vet but I care deeply for animals and would love the chance to be able to work with them. I know the money in the animal rescue sector is not great but for me the job satisfaction and sense of reward would outweigh the financial benefits. Have you any advice on how I could get started in this area?

A Pursuing a passion as a career is something many people will never experience. Identifying the passion is somewhat easy, but taking the decision and the action to pursue it is the hurdle.

There are a number of tools and options available to help you research the area and locate vacancies. Brainstorming is a valuable way of unearthing options and you can work by yourself or with friends and family.

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One word of advice is to work with individuals who support the career choices you have made. You can also use online resources or publications related to the animal industry.

A powerful source of information for research purposes is talking to individuals working in the field or related fields. It may sound obvious, but too often jobseekers ignore this resource. This method can help identify possible career options and what resources or qualifications are needed to pursue them. Also, just as importantly, it provides a list of valuable contacts within the industry that may lead to the offers you want.

Finally, on the comment you make about the financial reward, money is often a reason people use for not following their dreams. Those individuals would be surprised how successful a person can be financially when they are passionate about what they do.

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