

Daniella Dos Santos Veterinary Surgeon



Hi there! I am Daniella Dos Santos – a vet



Where do I work?

I work as a small animal and exotic pet vet in the South East of England, helping keep pets healthy and being there to help any sick pets too

What did I like doing when I was at school?

At school I loved science, but I also enjoyed design and technology!

What do I like doing in my spare time?

I love dancing and keeping fit. Both are a good way to relax.

What do I do as a vet?

I work with pets, doing a variety of things from diagnosing illnesses, performing surgery and general check-ups. But there are vets that work with farm animals, horses and zoo animals, as well as those that work in research or teach.



How does what I do make the world a better place?

Pets are really important companions for their owners' mental health and vets help keep those animals happy and healthy. Farm vets also make sure farm animals have a good life and the food we eat is safe.

What I like about my job



I love working with animals and learning something different every day. No two days are the same, I could be examining litters of puppies and kittens one day, to operating on exotic pets the next. I love making sick pets feel better and see the joy it brings their owners when their pets are healthy again.

Challenges I have faced

Sometimes being an exotic pet vet, I see animals with problems I have never seen before, so it is a challenge to figure out what is wrong and how to make them better. Helping families say goodbye to their very sick, injured or elderly pets is also a difficult part of my job.

If you want to be a vet, you need:

- * to love animals: it is a big part of the job.
- * to love people: every animal comes with an owner, keeper or farmer who you have to work with to keep animals healthy and food safe.
- * a curious mind as so much of what we do as a vet is problem solving, so you have to curious to find out "why" things happen.

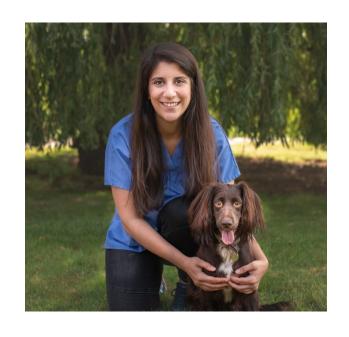




Discussion time

* Would you like to be a veterinary surgeon like Daniella Dos Santos?

Why? Why not?



- * What skills and interests do you already have that would help you become a vet?
- * What new skills and knowledge would you need to develop?



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Free supporting resources for veterinary science

Science for One – see 'Foil' for children aged 5-7, 'Playdough' for children aged 9-11.

<u>I bet you didn't know...</u> articles use cutting-edge science research as a context for learning. Teacher Guides describing the research and activities and investigations for children can be used as classroom presentations. See:

- Some mammals have unusual backbones
- Slug slime might be the answer for medical adhesives



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