

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Los Angeles (spcaLA)
Curriculum for Humane Education Presentations

Careers with Animals

Activity: Careers with Animals Presentation - PowerPoint

Subject: Careers with Animals

Age group/Grade level: 6th – 8th Grade

Objective: To help guide students who are considering a career helping animals. General educational requirements and pay-range for each occupation are part of this presentation.

Time Frame: 45 minutes -1 hour

Materials needed:

- Computer / Laptop
- Projector
- Extension cord or power strip
- Careers handouts (pages 3-6 of this document)

Procedure:

- Set up laptop and projector
- Select PowerPoint presentation
- Give a brief description of **spcaLA**
 - **Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Los Angeles** protects animals from abuse, harm, and neglect; finds homes for animals; and educates the public. The spcaLA has been around since 1877.

Discussion:

- Begin by asking students if any are considering a career with animals. What career do they usually think about when they think of a career with animals?
- Explain that the possibilities extend beyond being a vet and that salary and educational requirements vary between occupations.

Begin Presentation

- The slides in this presentation are self-explanatory. Each career has one slide describing the career's main responsibilities along with an expected salary range, and a second slide with suggestions of actions to take in order to pursue that career.
- If you have any questions about the slides in this presentation, please contact the Humane Education department: humaneeducation@spcala.com
- **Note:** A common theme through each career is the importance of volunteering in order to gain experience
- Careers covered:
 - Kennel Attendant
 - Animal Keeper
 - Animal Groomer
 - Animal Trainer
 - Animal Control Officer
 - Humane Officer
 - Wildlife Biologist
 - Marine Biologist
 - Veterinarian
 - Veterinarians also work as researchers or on farms that raise animals for meat.
 - Creative Careers
 - Students can combine their love for animals with other hobbies.
 - ♦ Photographer
 - ♦ Filmmaker
 - ♦ Painter
 - ♦ Sculptor
 - ♦ Author
 - ♦ Illustrator
- End by answering any questions.
- Pass out Careers handouts (pages 3-6 of this document).

Teacher reminder: Please follow-up with the spcaLA after each presentation. The Humane Education department would like to track how many students view each presentation; therefore teacher follow-up is greatly appreciated!

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Helpful Websites

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

www.spcala.com

American Humane Association

www.americanhumane.org

Online Community for Animal Control and Humane Officers:

www.ACOFunStop.com

Animal Groomers: **National Dog Groomers Association of America**
www.nationaldoggroomers.com

Animal Keepers: **American Association of Zoo Keepers**
www.aazk.org

American Zoological Association
www.aza.org

Animal Trainers:

Assistance Animals:

Assistance Dogs International

www.adionline.org

Canine Companions for Independence

www.cci.org

Companion Animals:

Association of Pet Dog Trainers

www.apdt.com

Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers

www.ccpdt.com

San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers

www.sfspca.org

Animal Behavior College

www.animalbehaviorcollege.com

Film and TV:

American Humane Association Film Division

www.ahafilm.org

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Steve Martin's Working Wildlife

www.workingwildlife.org

Benay's Bird & Animal Source

www.benaysanimals.com

Search and Rescue:

The National Association for Search and Rescue

www.nasar.org

Marine Biologists:

National Marine Educators Association

www.marine-ed.org

Sea Grant

www.seagrant.noaa.gov

MarineBio

www.marinebio.com

Veterinarians:

American Veterinary Medical Association

www.avma.org

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

www.aavmc.org

Wildlife Biologists:

The Wildlife Society

www.wildlife.org

The Ecological Society of America

www.esa.org

World Wildlife Fund

www.wwf.org

**Unusual Animal
Careers:**

Ark Animals

www.arkanimals.com

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Educational Resources for Animal Careers

California Universities offering a program in Veterinary Medicine:

- **U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine**, Davis, CA 95616
(530) 752-1360
- **Western University**, Pomona, CA 91766
(909) 623-6116

Schools offering certification as an Animal Health Technician:

- **Coastline Regional Occupational Center**, Costa Mesa, CA 92648
(714) 979-1955
- **Mount San Antonio College**, Walnut, CA 91789
(909) 594-5611
- **Pierce College**, Woodland Hills, CA 91371
AVMA accredited program in Veterinary Technology and Pre-Veterinary
Medicine
(818) 719-6463

Schools offering certification in Exotic Animal Training and Management:

- **Moorpark College**, America's Teaching Zoo, Moorpark, CA 93021
(805) 378-1441

Grooming School:

- **International Grooming School**, Anaheim, CA 92801
(714) 826-1640

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**, Los Angeles (spcaLA)
Director of Volunteer Services, (323) 730-5300, ext. 257
 - *P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village and Education Center*
7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90815
 - *South Bay Shelter* - 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
- **City, county, and private shelters**
(check the phone book for one near you)