

Veterinary Clinic

1. Choose props

Patients and Accessories

stuffed animals
pet collars
leashes
cardboard pet carrier or box

Examination Supplies

lab coat or smock
stethoscope
magnifying glass
flashlight
scale for weighing
tongue depressor

Treatment Supplies

bandages (cloth or adhesive)
gauze
cotton swabs
tongue depressors (for splints)
empty sterilized pill bottles

Grooming Supplies

plastic tub (or empty water table)
empty plastic shampoo-type bottles
sponges
towels
hair dryer (cord removed)
brush
comb
toothbrush
ribbons
bandanas

Office Supplies

office sign (page 123)
patient forms (page 124)
appointment book
telephone
clipboard
dry pet treats

Tip!

Purchase a cardboard pet carrier for a minimal cost at a veterinary clinic or pet store. Explain how you plan to use the carrier, and it may be donated!

2. Introduce the theme



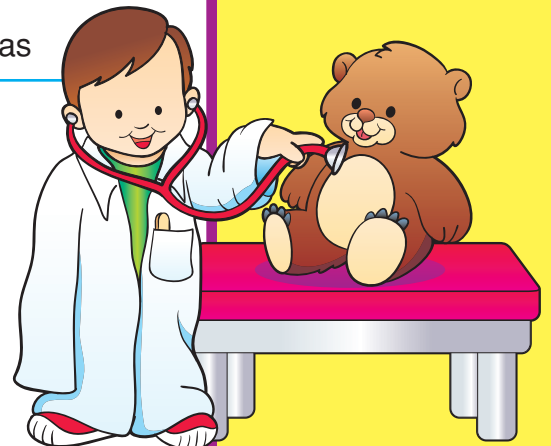
Caring for Your Pets: A Book About Veterinarians
written by Ann Owen and illustrated by Eric Thomas



Do You Have a Pet?

(sung to the tune of "Do Your Ears Hang Low?")

Do you have a cat?
Do you have a puppy dog?
Do you live with a hamster
Or take care of a frog?
Do you have a special friend who's a veterinarian?
Do you have a pet?



3. Suggest several roles

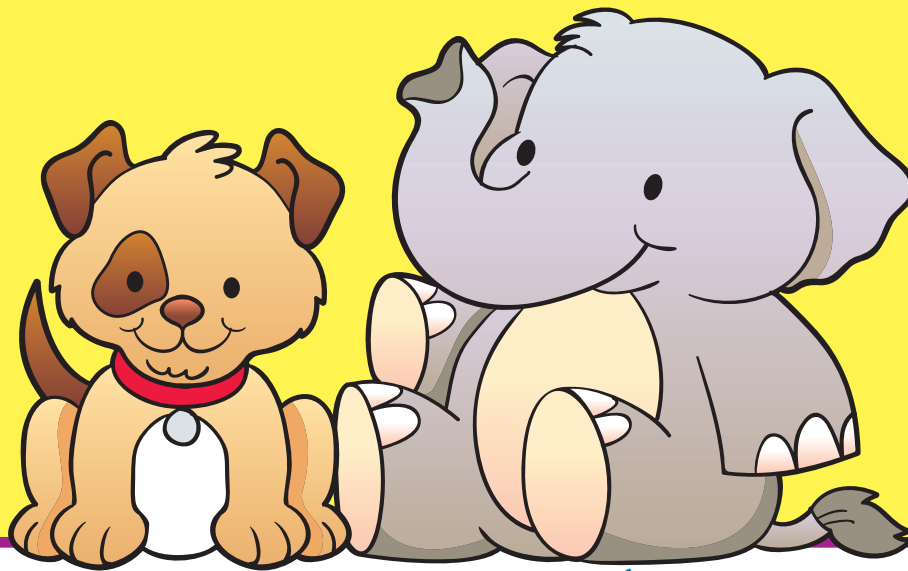
Receptionist Answers telephone, greets pet owners and their pets, hands out patient forms, books appointments, confirms appointments

Pet Owner Brings pet to office, fills out forms, describes symptoms

Veterinarian Examines and treats pets

Vet Tech Helps veterinarian

Groomer Bathes and grooms pets



4. Inspire plenty of play

- Vary the selection of toy stuffed-animal patients.
- Every few days, suggest a different play scenario, such the following:
 - Offer a weeklong pet-grooming special that includes a bubble bath and a blow-dry (or brush).
 - All pets receive free dental checkups during Dental Health Day.
 - Arrange a pet show (all vaccinations must be up to date).
 - Get free and painless microchip implants (the rice-size implants that are helpful in returning lost pets to their owners).
 - Sign up for our pet owners' training class.
- Invite youngsters to share pet-related stories, photographs, pictures, and artwork during group time.