

## JOB OF THE WEEK

### What is it?

**Exotic Animal Veterinarian** – An exotic animal veterinarian specialises in non-domestic animals such as zoo animals, wildlife, and exotic pets, including reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. Their principal duties include diagnosing and treating illnesses or injuries, vaccinating animals, and completing other tasks to support the health of animals working with

Find out more about study options here: [Veterinary science \(ucas.com\)](https://www.ucas.com)

### Day to day tasks

- Diagnose and treat sick and injured animals
- Perform operations
- Carry out blood analyses, X-rays, and scans.
- Provide care for animals in veterinary hospitals.
- Carry out regular health checks and give vaccines.
- monitor conditions like temperature and humidity in enclosures
- Supervise veterinary nurses, zookeepers and support staff
- Oversee and implement breeding programmes.

### Qualifications

**5 GCSEs – grades 9 – 6 including English and Maths and Science**

**A Levels** – you will require 2/3 A levels or equivalent for a degree course – check out specific universities prior to choosing A Levels

### Salary

Starting salary for basic veterinarians are typically between **£31,232 and £38,480**. When you specialise as an exotic animal vet, the income will depend on experience and where you practice. Zoo vets can earn between £41,000 and £131,000.

### Jobs and labour market

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
<b>£740</b>	<b>£38,480</b>
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
<b>36h</b>	<b>£21</b>

#### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth	Replacement
<b>5.3%</b>	<b>52.1%</b>

### Routes into the industry

- A university (Higher Education) course.
- An Apprenticeship.

Universities that offer specific veterinarian degrees : [The Best UK Universities for Veterinary Medicine Degree | SI-UK \(studyin-uk.com\)](#)

Examples of vacancies: [Exotic vet and vet nurse jobs | Apply at Vet Times Jobs](#)