



INSIDE:

RESHAPING WORK

Loving Animals & Dogs

Career Exploration Curriculum Guide
Animal Care & Services | Grades K-3

Animal helpers are people who care for animals and help keep them safe, healthy, and happy. They may train dogs, treat sick animals, or care for animals in homes, shelters, or zoos. These careers are part of the Animal Care and Services pathway, where workers use patience, observation, and problem-solving every day.

LEARNING GOAL: Understand how people care for animals and explore how helping animals can be a future career.

BEFORE YOU WATCH

Ask students to share their answers to these questions.

- What is your favorite animal? Why?
- Have you ever helped take care of a pet? What did you do?
- How do you know if an animal is happy or needs help?
- What do animals need to stay healthy?

AFTER YOU WATCH

- What tools or supplies does a dog trainer use to teach dogs?
- What does the dog trainer enjoy about working with dogs?
- How does a dog trainer help dogs and their owners?
- Why do animals need help from people sometimes?



Watch:

[PBS KIDS | What Can You Become | Animal Lovers](#)



WOSU
classroom

HANDS ON ACTIVITY

Materials:

- Stuffed animals or toy animals
- Basic “care tools”:
 - Bandages or gauze
 - Small bowls (food/water)
 - Leash or string
 - Flashlight or toy tool
- Role cards (Dog Trainer, Veterinarian)



Steps:

1. **Set the Story.** The teacher introduces a simple scenario. In the scenario, identify the problem. An animal needs help. What can an animal helper do? Students can select a role card (Dog Trainer, Veterinarian), choose who they want to be, rotate roles.
2. **Act It Out.** Decide what the animal needs. Encourage students to choose a tool and act out helping. Students role-play solving the problem.
3. **Explain Their Thinking.** Ask questions and talk through the process out loud. What was the problem? How did you help? What tool did you use? What would happen if you didn't help? Is there another way to solve that problem?

EXTEND YOUR LEARNING

PLAY THE ROSIE'S RULES GAME!

Help Rosie take care of animals and other cool-a-madoodle things in this pet care game.



Play THE WILD KRATTS GAME!

Learn how African wild dogs, lions, jackals, cheetahs, and wild cats show fear, aggression, excitement, and relaxation.

