



# A CAREER AS A VETERINARIAN...

A REPORT BY BILLY SOMMERS

MOM, DO VETERINARIANS NEED A LOT OF SCHOOL? DO THEY JUST HELP CATS AND DOGS? DO THEY...

BILLY, WHY ARE YOU ASKING SO MANY QUESTIONS ALL OF A SUDDEN?



UH... I HAVE TO DO A REPORT ON A CAREER. I CHOSE VETERINARIANS. IT'S... KINDA DUE TOMORROW...



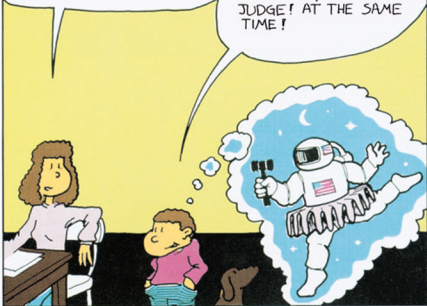
IT'S DUE TOMORROW!

AARK! DUE TOMORROW... DUE TOMORROW!



BILLY, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO START A PROJECT SO LATE! I'LL BET MARY ELLEN BARTON DIDN'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

"BRAINS" BARTON? SHE FINISHED HERS TWO WEEKS AGO! SHE'S GOING TO BE AN ASTRONAUT, BALLERINA AND JUDGE! AT THE SAME TIME!




WELL, YOU'RE JUST AS SMART AS "BRAINS"... ER... MARY ELLEN. YOU JUST HAVE TO PUT YOUR MIND TO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

I WANT TO BE A VETERINARIAN!



HMM... WE HAVE TO TAKE MAX IN FOR HIS CHECK UP. LET ME CALL DR. CURTIS TO SEE IF YOU CAN ASK HIM SOME QUESTIONS.





WELL, YOU HAVE DONE QUITE A BIT OF RESEARCH! NOW, GET IT DOWN ON PAPER FOR YOUR CLASS TOMORROW.

## THE NEXT DAY...

... FROM THE SMALLEST VETERINARY CLINIC TO THE SPACE PROGRAM, VETERINARIANS HELP TO MAKE EVERYBODY'S LIFE BETTER. AND AS THE FAMOUS AMERICAN HUMORIST AND PHILOSOPHER, WILL ROGERS, ONCE SAID, "PERSONALLY, I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT THE BEST DOCTOR IN THE WORLD IS THE VETERINARIAN. HE CAN'T ASK HIS PATIENTS WHAT IS THE MATTER ... HE'S JUST GOT TO KNOW."



**LATER, AT HOME...**

MOM! I'LL BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW ALL THE DIFFERENT THINGS I COULD DO IF I BECAME A VETERINARIAN...

I COULD WORK FOR A PRIVATE COMPANY, AND DO RESEARCH. I COULD DISCOVER THINGS THAT HELP HUMANS AND ANIMALS...



OR I MAY BECOME A VETERINARIAN AND WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND HELP WITH THE SAFETY OF FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS OR WATER SUPPLIES...

OR I COULD WORK TO PREVENT DISEASE IN LIVESTOCK AND HELP FARMERS...



OR I COULD BECOME A TEACHER AND HELP OTHERS LEARN TO BE VETERINARIANS.



AT DR. CURTIS' OFFICE ...

BILLY, YOU ARE TAKING FINE CARE OF MAX, HERE!

I REALLY LIKE ANIMALS! THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BE A VETERINARIAN!



VETERINARIANS HELP ANIMALS, BILLY, BUT THEY MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR EVERYBODY AS WELL. THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF VETERINARIANS...



ABOUT 75% OF ALL OF THE VETERINARIANS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE...

...SOME TREAT MOSTLY SMALL ANIMALS AND PETS, SUCH AS DOGS, CATS, BIRDS AND FISH...

... SOME TAKE CARE OF LARGE FARM ANIMALS, LIKE COWS AND SHEEP...

... AND SOME TAKE CARE OF ALL TYPES OF ANIMALS.



SOME VETERINARIANS SPECIALIZE IN ONE PARTICULAR ANIMAL. SOME TREAT ONLY HORSES, FOR EXAMPLE...



...OR THEY MAY SPECIALIZE IN A MEDICAL FIELD, SUCH AS...



...THERE ARE VETERINARIANS WHO WORK IN ZOOS ON ALL KINDS OF WILD ANIMALS!



**WOW!**  
IT MUST TAKE A  
LOT OF SCHOOL!

WELL, IT TAKES FOUR YEARS OF  
VETERINARY SCHOOL **AFTER** YOU GET  
OUT OF COLLEGE. BUT A VETERINARIAN  
MUST ALWAYS BE A STUDENT. THERE  
ARE ALWAYS NEW TECHNIQUES AND  
TREATMENTS TO LEARN!

IT TAKES A LIFETIME COMMIT-  
MENT TO IMPROVEMENT OF BOTH  
ANIMAL AND HUMAN HEALTH. BUT  
WHEN YOU LOVE YOUR WORK,  
IT'S ALWAYS EXCITING TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT IT!



YOU SHOULD STOP AT THE LIBRARY  
ON YOUR WAY HOME. YOU'LL FIND  
A LOT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
DIFFERENT TYPES OF VETERINARIANS!

**AT THE  
LIBRARY...**

I NEVER KNEW  
VETERINARIANS COULD  
DO SO MANY DIF-  
FERENT JOBS!



LATER THAT DAY... MOM! MY REPORT WENT GREAT! EVEN OL' "BRAINS" BARTON SAYS THAT NOW SHE WANTS TO BE A VETERINARIAN TOO!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, BILLY! I'M SURE YOU WOULD MAKE A FINE VETERINARIAN...



BUT REMEMBER... YOU'LL NEVER GET INTO VETERINARY SCHOOL IF YOU ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

**AW, MOM!**

AARK!... AW MOM!...  
AW MOM!... AARK!



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