



Animal Care Specialist (687)

Medical care is provided not only to all men and women in the Army, but to all animals as well. Government-owned patrol dogs, ceremonial horses, sled dogs and sea mammals all need quality care in order to keep working as hard as they do in the Army.

As an integral member of the Army veterinary team, the Animal Care Specialist supervises or provides care, management, treatment and sanitary conditions for Army animals under the supervision of a Veterinary Corps officer.

TRAINING

Job training for an Animal Care Specialist consists of nine weeks of Basic Training, where you'll learn basic Soldiering skills, and seven to 52 weeks of Advanced Individual Training, including practice in animal care. Part of this time is spent in the classroom and part in the field. Some of the skills you learn are:

- Patient care techniques
- Emergency medical techniques
- Methods of sterilizing surgical equipment
- Plaster-casting techniques

HELPFUL SKILLS

Helpful attributes include:

- An interest in general science and biology
- An interest in helping others
- An ability to work under stressful or emergency conditions
- An ability to follow directions precisely

ADVANCED RESPONSIBILITIES

Advanced level Animal Care Specialists supervise and train other Soldiers within the same discipline.

RELATED CIVILIAN JOBS

The skills you learn as an Animal Care Specialist will help prepare you for a future as a civilian veterinary aide or assistant at a veterinary hospital.

With continued study and experience, you may qualify for certification as an Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician.

RELATED ARMY POSITIONS

Health Care Specialist (68W)

Hospital Food Service Specialist (68M)

Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist (68R)

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