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11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Good Overview But Depends On Your Situation
By Anton Karidian
I've enjoyed several books in the "Everything Guide" series, so thought I'd try THE EVERYTHING GUIDE TO WORKING WITH ANIMALS by Michele C. Hollow and William P. Rives. There is a very wide range of animal-related careers discussed in here, including veterinarian, wildlife biologist, animal welfare lawyer, police dog trainer, oceanographer, entomologist (bug scientist), aquarium worker, and much more. The authors always try to give you a sense of what it's like to work in these jobs, sometimes by profiling people working in them, as well as telling what training and background you need to find yourself in a certain job. How useful this book is depends on your situation. Most of the jobs described in here require extensive schooling and experience working with animals. Some of the sections, especially those on veterinary medicine, are discussed extensively and give numerous web sites to check. I can see that a college student working on a biology degree would find this book very helpful to see the wide range of animal-related jobs that are out there, and help that student to think about what direction to take in graduate school. But for someone in a similar situation to me, i.e., in their 40s or 50s who does NOT have an animal-related degree or substantial experience with animals, the book does not extensively discuss feasible options. For instance, three animal-related businesses that are quite easy to set up for someone without much background are pet sitting, pet shop owner, and dog groomer. A couple of years ago I started a pet sitting business, before I read this book. It has between two and three pages on pet sitting, but does not give any web sites on it nor mention the two main pet sitting organizations, so it gives you no where to go for more information. There's about one page specifically on setting up a pet shop with no web sites given, while dog grooming also gets about one page, but does give a web site on that. However, there is a related chapter called "Running a Private Practice" that is helpful for starting these businesses, and gives half a dozen web sites to check out. (Actually, of the 22 chapters, the last 6 are more general topics like the future of careers with animals, joining professional organizations, managing stress, etc.) So there is some help here for people without the degrees or experience, but most of the book is for people with an extensive background working with animals. THE EVERYTHING GUIDE TO WORKING WITH ANIMALS is similar to the other two "Everything" career guides that I've read, The Everything Alternative Careers Book: Leave the Office Behind and Embark on a New Adventure! (Everything (School Careers)) and The Everything Guide to Government Jobs, which all give a wide-ranging overview of their subjects. I can't say that any of these have led me to a job, but at least I know more about what's going on out there!
7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great Reference
By TeaRose
I bought 2 copies, one for each of 2 daughters, after reading it at the library. I wish it went more into detail about how to get training in fields other than vet medicine, or at least gave multiple web sources.
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By M. Reeves
I like it but I think they are way off in terms of how much Vet Techs earn.

Animal acupuncturist. Zoo designer. Wildlife rehabilitator. Working with animals can involve much more than helping at an animal shelter or grooming dogs. There are lots of different jobs out there for people who share a deep concern for the welfare of animals. Authors Michele C. Hollow and Dr. William P. Rives give you the inside scoop on all of them, including: Veterinarian and veterinary technician Zoo worker Animal trainer for movies and TV Beekeeper Guide dog trainer This unique career guide features personal stories from experts in the field, including a large-animal surgeon, a professional dog trainer, an animal behaviorist, and the former president and CEO of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This guide gives you everything you need to find a job that fits your animal-loving personality.

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