



HOW DO VETS FIND OUT WHAT IS WRONG WITH THEIR ANIMAL PATIENTS?

When an animal patient visits a vet, the vet finds out what is wrong with them by



speaking to the owners
The vet can learn about the animal's symptoms by speaking to the pet owners.



using their senses to examine the animal
The vet can feel, smell, and see unusual symptoms on a pet.



using tools to examine the animal
The vet can use tools to examine the pet more closely, for example by listening to their heart with a stethoscope.



referring to a specialist vet
The vet can refer their animal patient to a vet who specialises in a specific topic or animal.



doing more testing
The vet can perform more tests to find out what illness the animal could have. This includes x-rays and blood tests.



prescribing treatment
The vet can prescribe medicine or other treatment, depending on their assessment. How well the treatment works can determine the next steps.



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