

# Career Focus

Veterinarian



SPCA HEAD VETERINARIAN

Here's Peter McQueen, one of two full-time veterinarians at the Auckland S.P.C.A. He is kept very busy with surgery in the hospital.

The SPCA in Auckland employs about 60 full-time staff and is supported by volunteers who kindly donate their time to help our animals.

## Peter's tips for the job...

You need to have a great interest and concern for animals, as well as patience and compassion. Having a sense of humour can also help, especially when the hospital area is full of animals that are all needing surgery.

## Qualifications

Through Massey University in Palmerston North, you can study for a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc). This can help you in the future with many animal related careers.

## The Job and Where to Work

Being a vet, working in the Auckland SPCA hospital, I get to do a variety of different surgeries, from spaying and neutering to complicated bone surgery. I also do routine health checks of Village animals and consultations.

Places to work are SPCAs around the country, private vet clinics, MAF, research institutions, universities, drug companies and animals feed companies.

## The Best Part

Repairing homeless injured Animals and finding them a loving home to be adopted into.

## The Worst Part

Seeing animals who have been mistreated by people.



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