

CAREER FACT SHEET

Animal Attendants and Trainers

Snapshot

Animal Attendants and Trainers train, feed, groom and care for animals.

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| How many are employed in this occupation? | 22,900 |
| What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers? | \$1,287 |
| How does unemployment compare with other occupations? | Average |
| What are the job prospects for this occupation? | Medium |
| What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years? | Strong Growth |

Main employing industries

Arts and Recreation Services; Other Services; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Education and Training

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- teaching animals to obey verbal and non-verbal commands and addressing behavioural problems
- training animals to accept riders and pull vehicles
- training animals to perform in competitions
- bathing, cutting, combing, blow-drying and styling pets' coats, clipping their nails and cleaning their ears
- inspecting, preparing, cleaning, disinfecting and maintaining comfortable animal cages and enclosures
- transporting food, filling water troughs and feeding animals according to their individual needs
- maintaining animal health records, treating minor injuries and reporting serious conditions to veterinarians
- exercising and playing with animals, answering visitor questions, and transferring animals between enclosures by leading or carrying them
- dusting and spraying insecticides on animals and immersing them in insecticide baths, to control insect pests.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

If you're interested in working in the great outdoors on tasks such as cultivating plants, testing soil PH levels, diving for lobsters, or raising livestock, then you should investigate a career in Australia's Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry. The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry employs a huge number of people in the many roles associated with the supply of fresh and frozen produce and timber to both local and overseas markets. The sheep, beef cattle and grain sectors are Australia's top producers however, there are many other types of farming, such as aquaculture and hydroponics, offering career pathways in a number of specialised areas. The forestry and fishing industries also employ a huge number of people in a range of occupations both directly and indirectly in supporting Australian forests and fisheries.

Possible job pathways

- Agricultural Consultant
- Agricultural Scientist
- Aquaculture Farmer & Workers
- Stock and Station Agent
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Worker
- Meat Inspector
- Quarantine Officer
- Primary Products Inspectors



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