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YET IN WILDLANDS

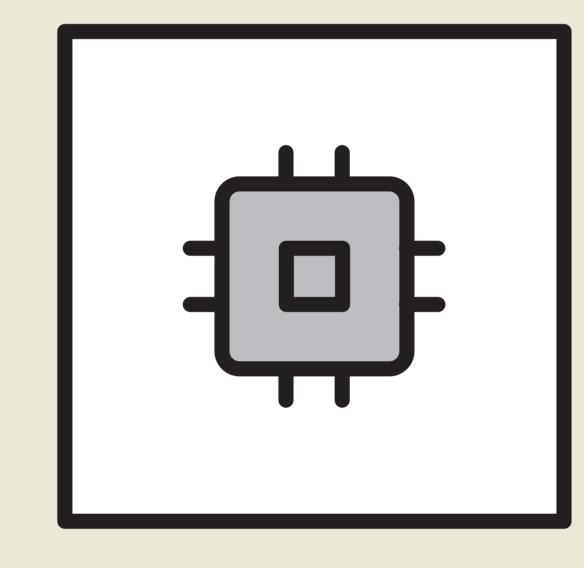
A person who is absolutely not popular with the animals but who is of vital importance for them is the vet. The vet working in WILDLANDS is Job. He monitors the health of all the animals in WILDLANDS in various ways.

WHAT DOES A VET DO?



VACCINATE

'Not only cats and dogs are vaccinated, but zoo animals are too. This helps them not to get sick, but also stops people getting sick from the animals.'



MICROCHIP

'All the animals in WILDLANDS are microchipped*. The microchip number is registered in our digital administration. This means we can see when every animal was born, who the parents are and what the medical history is, and so on.'

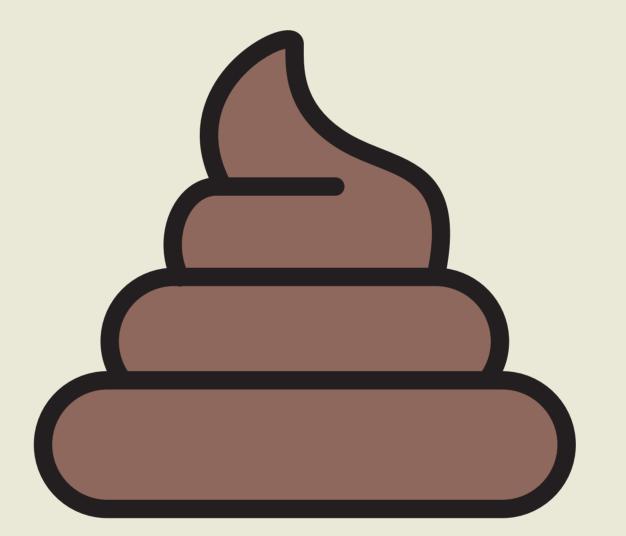
*Exceptions include animals that are too small (such as songbirds and geckos) and animals that are difficult to catch collectively (such as prairie dogs).



OPERATE

'The veterinary clinic has an operating room.

Animals can be operated on here under sterile conditions. Animals that are too large, are operated on in their enclosure.'



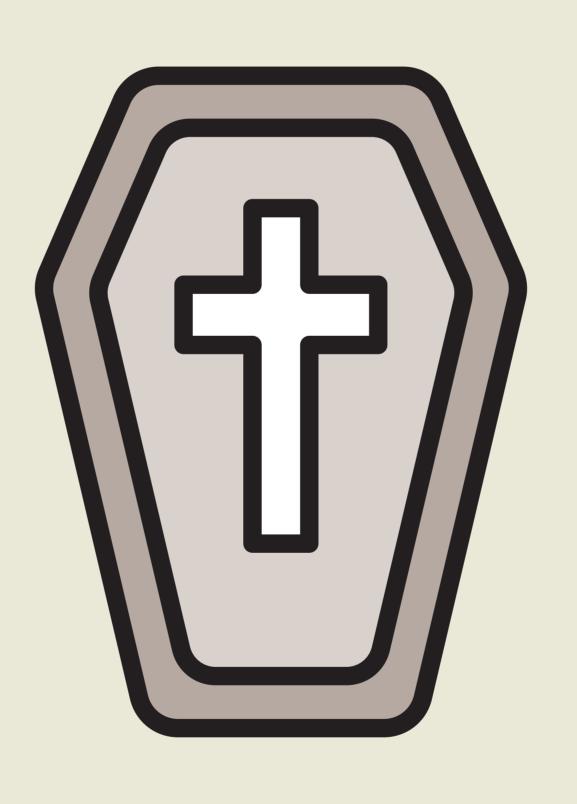
FAECES EXAMINATION

'The vet regular carries out an examination of the faeces of animals to look for such things as parasites or nasty bacteria that could make people or the animals sick.'



DANGEROUS ANIMALS

'As a vet you sometimes come face to face with dangerous animals. To ensure the safety of both the animals and people, these animals are only examined after they have been anaesthetised. An anaesthetic dart is usually enough to sedate a dangerous animal for a period of time.'



AFTER DEATH

'Where animals live, animals also die. Sometimes the cause of death is obvious, but not always. All animals that die in WILDLANDS are examined by the vet or Utrecht University. This helps us understand the cause of death and, if necessary, prevent the same thing happening to other animals.'

SURPLUS HOUSING

Surplus housing space provides additional accommodation for animals. If animals are no longer able to live in the group in which they are born, WILDLANDS will look for a place for them in another zoo. These animals are referred to as 'surplus animals'. They live temporarily in a separate enclosure or in the surplus housing space until they find a new home.



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EXCHANGE FOR BREEDING PROGRAMMES

Special breeding programmes have been developed to ensure animals in a zoo remain healthy. Zoos collaborate with each other and exchange animals to ensure there are sufficient animals available so that they do not have to be caught in the wild. The animals are exchanged without money playing any role: the animals are never sold. Only the transportation costs of the animal are paid by the receiving zoo.

