

Come and take a tour of Auckland Zoo's Vet Hospital!



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Reminder: turn on captions | *Time:* 11 minutes

1. What is the Te Reo Māori name for 'Vet Hospital'? (Hint... look at the sign!)
2. What are some of the procedures that are done in the main treatment room?
3. What procedure is going on in the video?
4. What does the tube that is in Sharni the serval's throat do?
5. What does the filling/root canal look like on the x-ray?
6. How do the vets keep the primate's hands and feet warm when they're asleep for surgery?
7. How many kākāpō are there alive currently?
8. What foods do they give to Bella the kākāpō?
9. Why are they putting the microchip in the frog's foot?
10. Would you like to be a rata kararehe (vet), vet nurse or work in a vet hospital one day? Why or why not?

Interesting vocabulary to learn more about:

Gallery, public, procedures, treatment, expertise, diagnostic, quarantine, external, reassuring, familiar, niho, mā, huawhenua, rata kararehe.

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Ka pai! (Well done!)

Now it's time to check your answers.

1. Hōhipera rata kararehe.
2. Vet dentistry, x-rays, surgery.
3. Sharni the serval is having a root canal (a type of filling on a niho (tooth)).
4. Helps her breathe while she is asleep for the procedure.
5. It is a bright, solid mā (white) colour on the x-ray.
6. With little kiddy socks and bubble wrap!
7. Slightly over 200.
8. A selection of huawhenua (vegetables) but also some seeds and nuts which she really likes. As well as some fresh browse (leaves and branches).
9. The frog's foot has thin skin. This allows the laser light, the device that scans and reads the microchip, to work properly.
10. Various answers.
Teacher judgement required.



Challenge:

Give one of your soft toy animals a vet check up!
Dr. James shows us how in this video.