

Design an Animal Facility

Does your child want a career working with animals? This activity can encourage young animal lovers to think about their future and get creative with what that future can look like. This is great activity to pair with spcaLA's DIY Presentation on Careers with Animals.

MATERIALS:

- Pencil
- Eraser
- Paper
- Markers/crayons/color pencils
- Ruler

PREPARATION:

Before getting started, talk with your child about their career interests. What types of work are they interested in? If you reviewed the Careers powerpoint, did any of those jobs stick out? Ask them to focus on one career to build a dream facility around. Below are some examples.

Career/Facility Examples:

Veterinarian	Design a vet hospital
Trainer	Design a training facility
Shelter worker	Design an animal shelter
Wildlife Biologist	Design an animal sanctuary
Marine Biologist	Design a marine mammal care center or lab

PROCEDURE:

- Brainstorm what you want included in your facility and why they are important. Consider the following:
 - Health and safety of the animals
 - Play, entertainment and enrichment
 - Functionality
 - Customer/public appeal
- Map out your vision and where you want things to go. Will there be a pool? Is there a place for laundry? Storage? Kitchens to prepare animal meals? An office?
- Create a final blueprint of your facility.
- Add color (optional)
- Share your vision with family and friends!

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- For an extra challenge to the project, add some math! What will the facility's measurements be? What is the measurement of each room? What about each kennel or enclosure? Try to draw the design to scale!

