

WILDLIFE WONDER

Name Romain Pizzi

Job Zoo vet

I grew up in South Africa and have always been fascinated by animals. People used to bring me injured birds to look after when I was young, but it was only when I was finishing school that I thought about being a vet.

Zoo vets treat everything from tarantulas to tigers. I love the variety of my job – one minute I can be doing surgery on a spider and the next I'm giving medicine to a rhino. You name it, and I've probably treated it!



Romain even cares for cane toads. Croak!

hard work and far from glamorous. I once spent half an hour chasing a monkey round its enclosure, trying to treat a nasty bite. Lots of people were watching and cheering the monkey on, and I had to give up in the end!

Go wild!

A good zoo vet has to be really interested in animals, and not be someone who needs to be thanked all the time – your patients may be grateful for your help, but I've never been thanked by one yet!

Being a zoo vet is a great job, though it's

Some patients prefer to monkey around!

This job's for you if...

- ★ You like discovering new things
- ★ You love wild animals
- ★ You're good at puzzles

To see some vets in action, go to www.walksoflife.org.uk!

FIND YOUR PERFECT VET JOB!

Take our quiz to see what kind of vet you could be...

1 Which of these animals do you like most?

- Rabbit
- ▲ Lion
- Horse
- ◆ Pig

2 Where would you rather work?

- ▲ Anywhere in the world
- ▲ Near your home
- ◆ A place with lots of people
- Somewhere outside

3 How would your friends describe you?

- ▲ Daring
- ◆ Lively
- Friendly
- ◆ Curious

4 What would you rather do this weekend?

- Go horse riding
- ▲ Visit an exotic animal at the zoo
- ◆ Play football with your pals
- Explore somewhere interesting

5 What's your favourite subject at school?

- Sport
- ◆ English
- ▲ Science
- All of them!

See how you scored!

Mostly ● – Small-animal vet

You're really outgoing and love being busy, so you'd find helping lots of different pets stay healthy great fun!

Mostly ■ – Equine vet

Your caring, energetic character means you'd be fantastic at keeping your horse patients calm – and their owners!

Mostly ▲ – Zoo vet

Your adventurous nature and love of all animals means you'd be top at treating everything from pythons to penguins!

Mostly ◆ – Large-animal vet

You're always cheerful and like working outside, so you'd be able to keep all the large farm animals fit and happy!

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