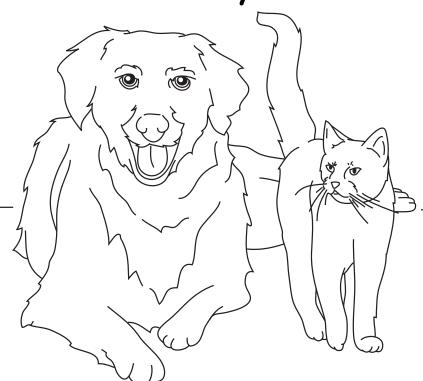
# Leeping Your Pex Happy & Healthy

**Activity Book** 



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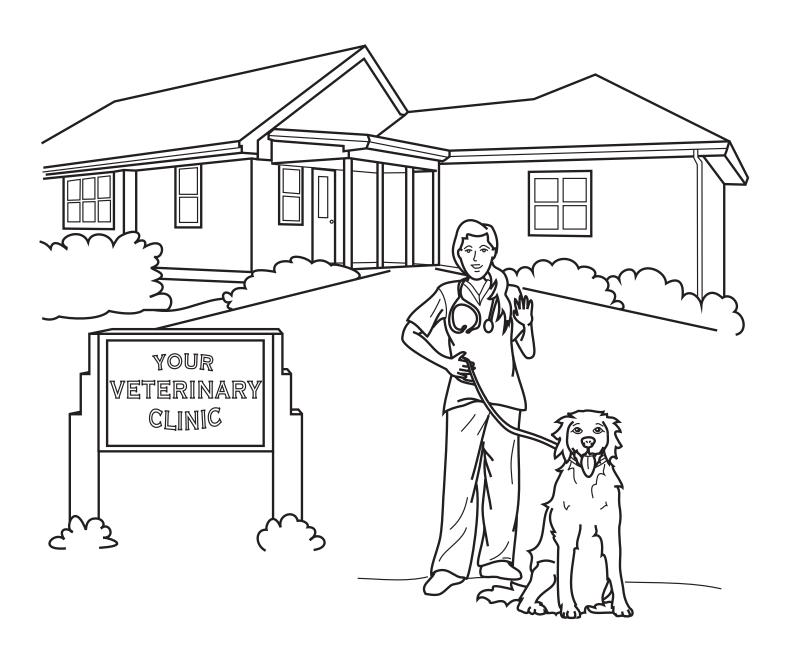
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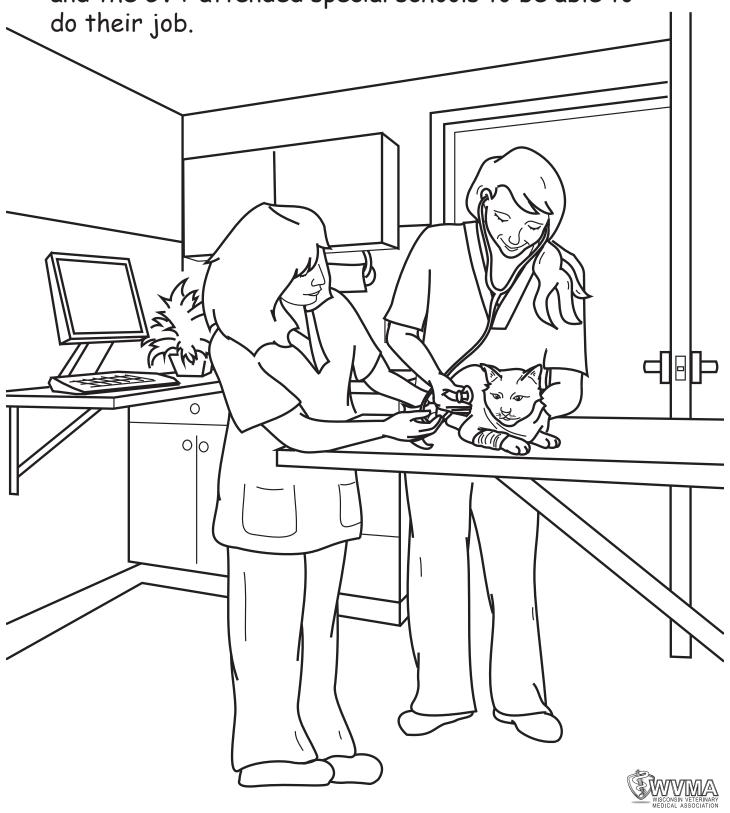


You see a doctor for checkups or if you are sick — so do pets! Animal doctors are called veterinarians.

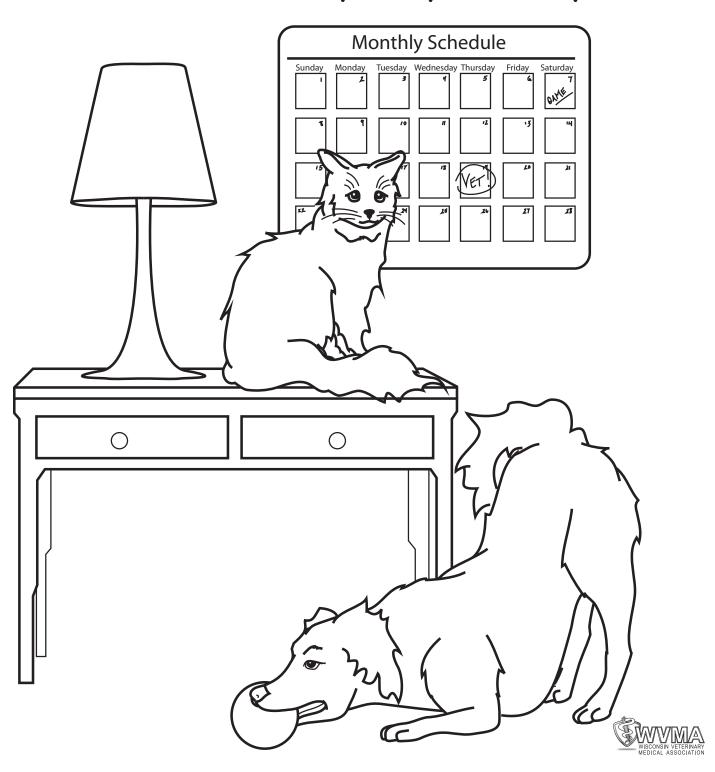




A certified veterinary technician (CVT) helps the veterinarian during exams. The CVT is similar to a nurse in your doctor's office. Both the veterinarian and the CVT attended special schools to be able to do their job



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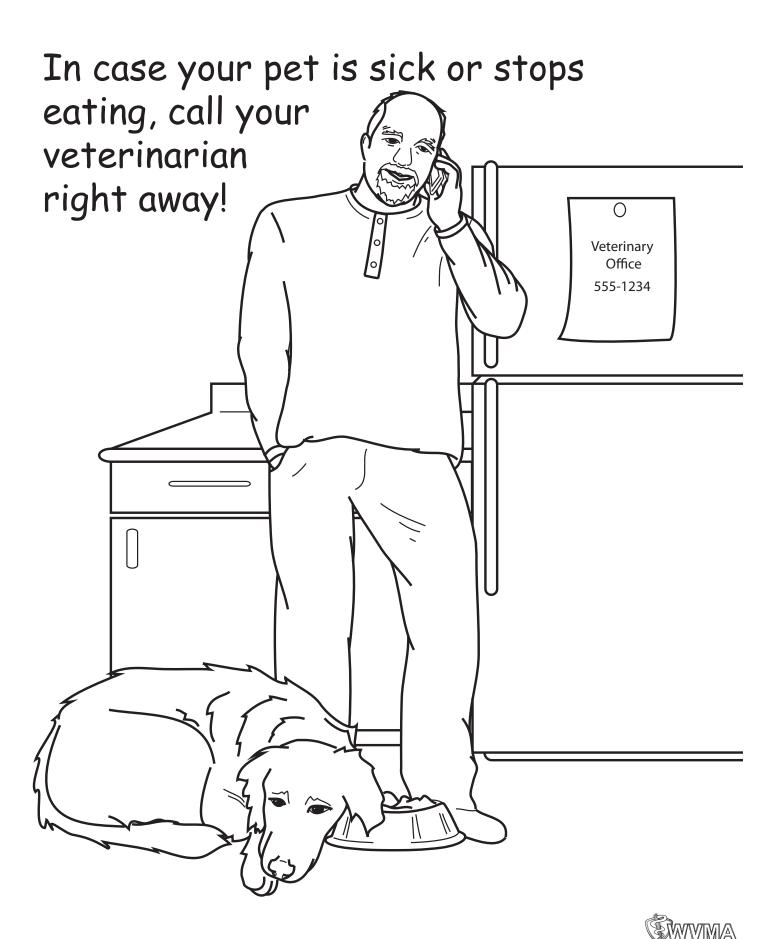
During the exam, ask your veterinarian about what preventative medications your pet needs to keep bugs and parasites away. Don't forget to ask for tips on nutrition, exercise, training and grooming!

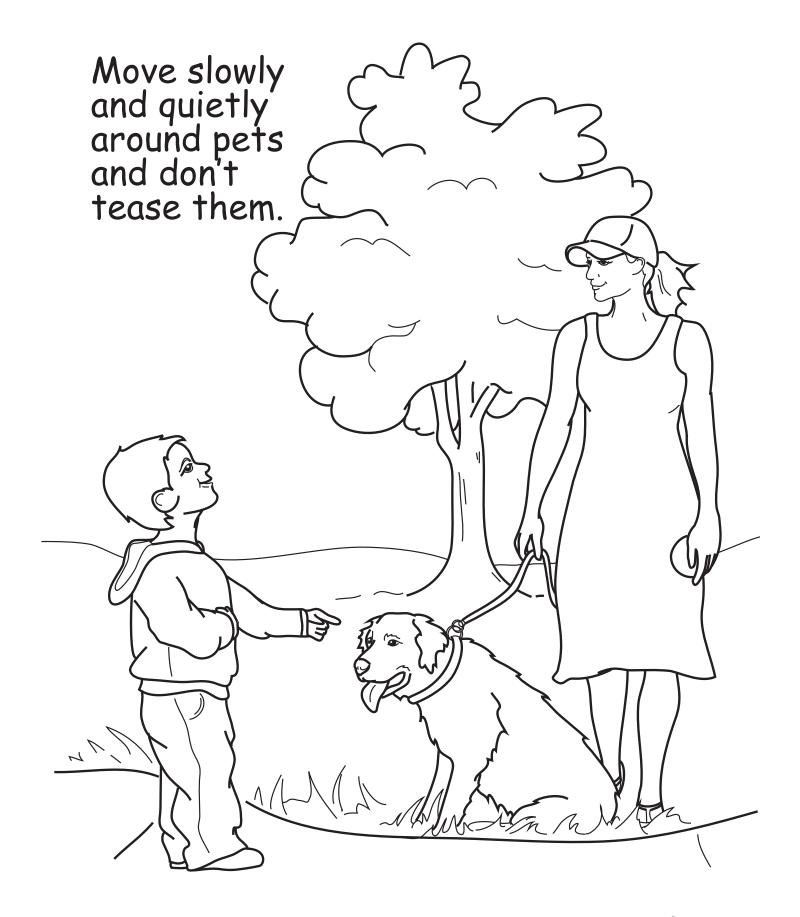
Search for the pet-related terms listed below in the word find. Words may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal or backwards!

bandage	grooming	play	training
bugs	health	shelter	treats
care	leash	sit	vaccinations
collar	medication	stay	veterinarian
exam	nutrition	stethoscope	walk
food	parasites	syringe	water
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## **Tips for Parents**

#### **Pet and Family Wellness**

Pets should see their veterinarian at least once a year for an exam and vaccinations as needed to make sure they stay healthy.

Your pet's health is important to your family's health. Without regular veterinary care, pets may contract parasites or diseases that can be transferred to your family.

#### Safety

Always ask the owner for permission before approaching or touching a pet.

Move slowly and quietly around pets and don't tease them.

Keep your hands and face away from a pet's face.

Don't sneak up on a pet, especially when they are eating or sleeping.

Keep your family and pets safe with routine veterinary visits.

#### **Things to Consider Before Selecting a Pet**

Talk to your veterinarian and discuss the following:

- \* What type of pet would be best for your family?
- \* What is unique about the species you are selecting?
- \* What are the special needs of the pet you are considering?
- \* Who will care for your pet?
- \* Does the pet fit into your lifestyle?
- \* What age animal should you get?
- \* Where can you obtain a pet?
- \* How much grooming and training will this pet require?
- \* Can you afford a pet?
- \* Know what to look for in a healthy animal!



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