



Dr. Chris Hallihan Veterinarian



I am a veterinarian and own a small animal hospital.

How long have you been a veterinarian?

I've been a veterinarian for 25 years.

Where do you currently work?

Animal Care Centers, Flanders and Landing, NJ

How do you spend most of your time at work?

Examining and treating many small animal species, mostly dogs and cats, but I also see birds, reptiles, small mammals, and pot bellied pigs.



Why did you choose this career?

I've always loved animals and science, and was fascinated by aspects of medicine and surgery, but had no desire to work on people! 😊

What did you do to prepare for this career?

I completed four years of undergraduate school and majored in biology, then four years of veterinary school. I had to pass both the national and state veterinary board exams to practice medicine.

CHRIS'S FUN FACTS

I'm a fan of the Star Wars movies, Stephen King's novels, and most Billy Joel and Genesis songs.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Diagnosing a difficult case and saving a life, or doing the same with a challenging surgery.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

Honestly, it's having to deal with the business side of the profession, especially staffing issues.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

Get as much experience as possible when you're in school - the sooner the better - to be sure you truly want to be a vet. It is a long haul, and it's not all puppies and kittens. 😊



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