



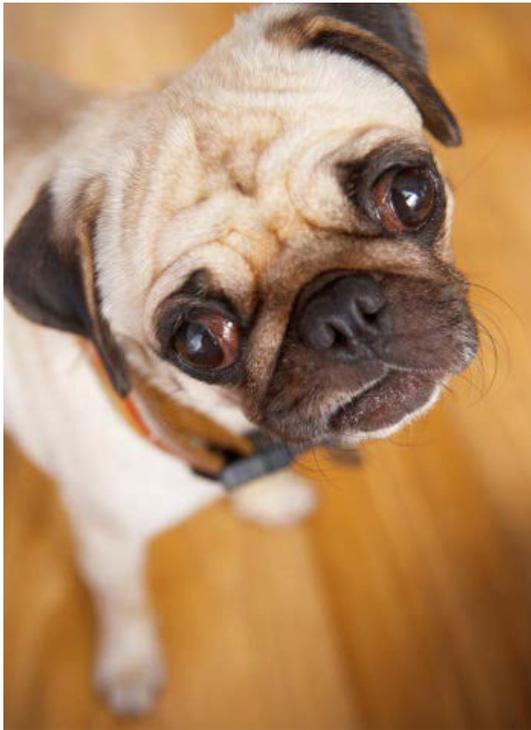
# Visiting the Veterinarian with your Pet

What happens when your  
pet goes to the vet?



# Who has a pet at home?

How many of you have dogs?



How many of you have cats?



# What other pets do people have?

- Bird



- Snake



- Hamster



- Horse



- Guinea pig



- Fish



- Rabbit



# Some people might not have pets because...

- They have allergies
- They are not allowed to where they live
- They don't have time to care for them
- But maybe they can some day....



# Why do we have pets?

- Because....
  - We love them and they love us
  - They are part of the family
  - They protect us
  - They are fun to play with



# What does a pet need to stay healthy?

## Training



Food &  
Water

## Grooming



## Exercise



## Love & Attention



# What does a pet need to stay healthy?

- Yearly check ups with the vet



What a great dog you have! I'm going to listen to his heart....

I love Boomer so much. I'm so glad I'm getting his health checked.

# What happens when you visit the doctor?

- **The doctor checks your....**
  - Weight
  - Temperature
  - Eyes
  - Ears
  - Mouth
  - Skin
- **The doctor listens to your....**
  - Heart
  - Lungs
- **Veterinarians check the same things with your pets**



# How do you feel when you go to the Doctor's office?

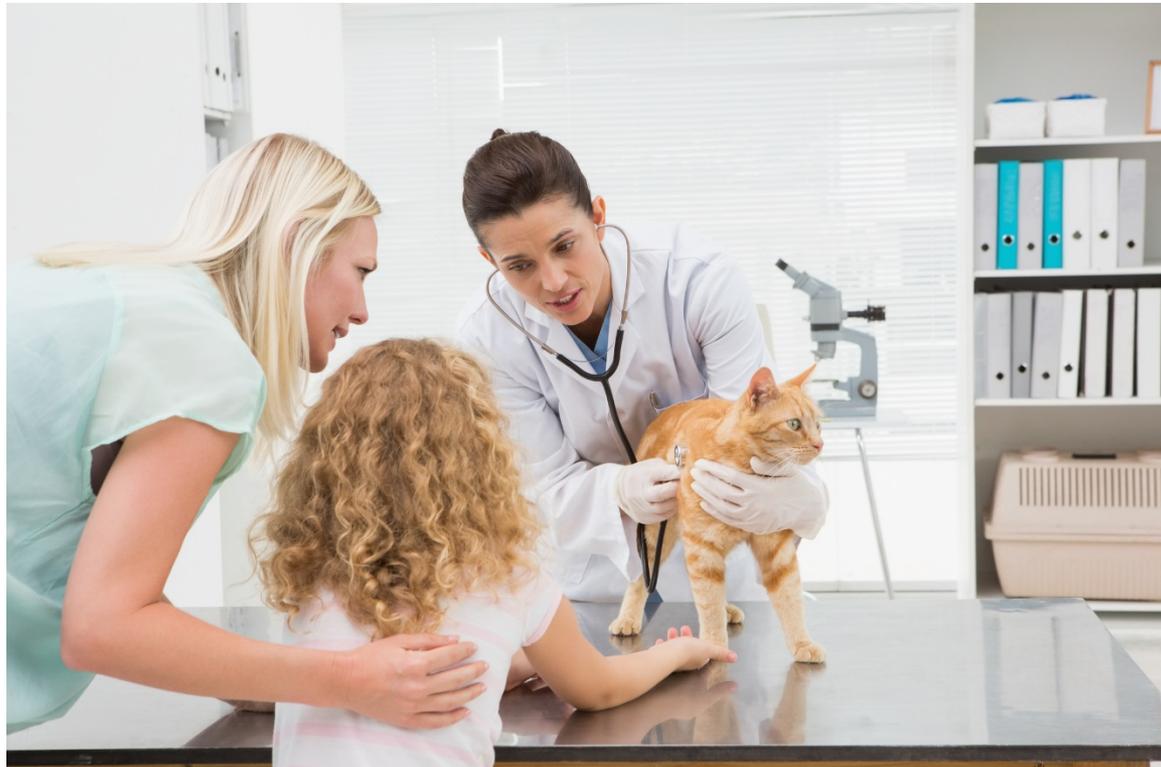
- You may be scared or nervous *at first* when you visit the doctor
- Animals can feel the same way
- Think about being an animal visiting the vet
  - You are in a strange place and you don't know what's happening



Fifi looks a little scared. But I'm so glad the doctor is checking her.

# How does the vet help your pet stay healthy?

- Full check-up every year
- Surgery to prevent babies
- Shots to prevent sickness
- Check your pet's blood



# How does the vet help your pet stay healthy?

- Check for bugs inside and out



Worm egg seen with microscope

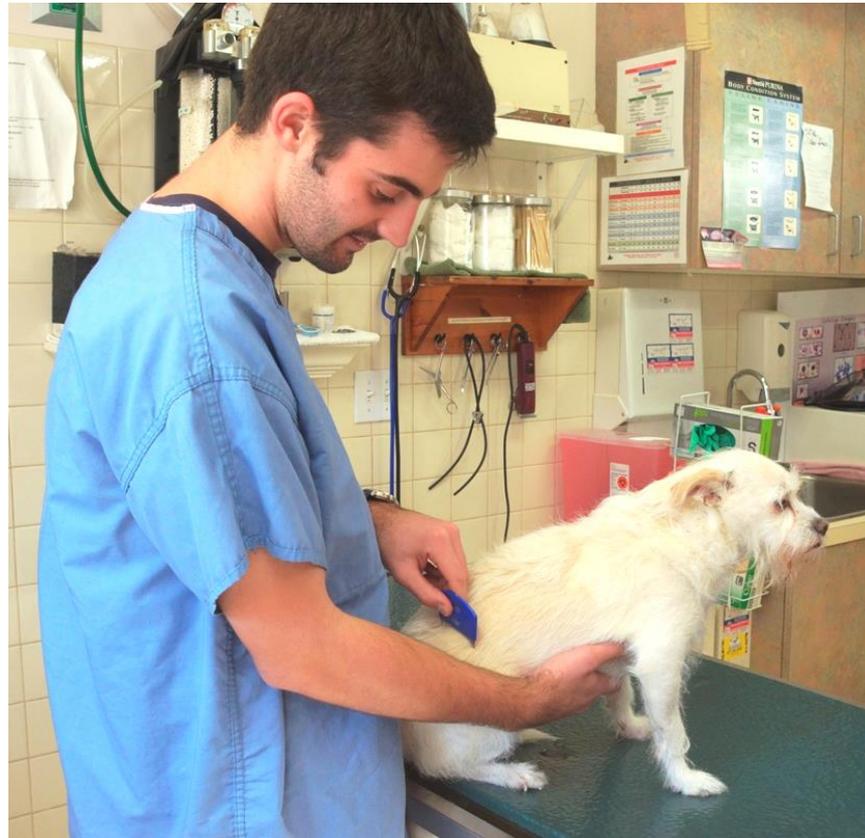


Hmmm..I see something in here....

I see an egg! This dog has worms. We can give him medicine for that.

# How does the vet help your pet stay healthy?

- Check your pet's skin for fleas and other problems



# Activity – Practice being a Veterinarian

- Doctor stations
  - Physical exam
  - Give shot
  - Check for bugs
  - Grooming





# How can you help keep your pet healthy?

You can help your parents by....

- Asking the last time your pet went to vet
- Making sure your pet gets flea medicine every month
- Helping to pick up your pets poop every day
- Walking or playing with your pet every day
- Giving your pet fresh water every day
- Helping your parents feed your pet
- Leaving animals alone when they are sleeping



# Homework

- Find out the last time your pet went to see the vet
  - Are they due for any shots?
  
- If it has been over a year since your pet went to the vet, it is time to take them in.
  - Help your parents schedule a visit with the vet soon!



# Questions?

