



# ACRO in Action



## Job Profile



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**Job Title:** Veterinary Surgeon

**Job Profile:** Vet at a local general practice for animals: promoting and maintaining the health of animals; diagnosing and treating sick and injured animals. Other tasks include operating on sick or injured animals—routine surgery and soft tissue surgery.

**Subjects:** Sciences— especially biology.

## Key Skills

<b>A</b> ttitude	<b>Motivation, Determination &amp; Confidence:</b> It definitely takes both motivation and determination to thrive in a very stressful, demanding profession. It can be very hard work so you have to be motivated and have confidence in what you are doing.
<b>C</b> reativity	<b>Making Choices &amp; Problem Solving:</b> I often compare what we do to a puzzle. Sometimes the puzzle pieces come together quite quickly (i.e. determining what is going on with a patient) but at others, more investigation is required to understand what the problem is. This is exciting and each day we learn something new.
<b>R</b> elationships	<b>Working with Others &amp; Communication:</b> Team work is essential to thrive in any caring profession. Communication is very important, and I work on it constantly to ensure my clients are engaged and informed about their pet's health.
<b>O</b> rganisation	<b>Decision Making, Research, Managing Risk:</b> You must be able to make decisions to diagnose your patient; keep up with the latest research to make sure you are informed to make the best decisions. To understand the risks when operating on an animal.

**What I love about my job:** I have always been passionate about animals, in particular dogs. I decided to become a Vet at age 4 (when I first took my dogs to the vet with my mother). It is a very challenging but also very rewarding. Making a positive difference in a patient's quality of life is one of my biggest motivators.