



P.A.W.S.

Pet And Wildlife Stewardship

There are a variety of careers that someone who loves animals can enter into. These are exciting and challenging careers that require varying levels of education from Technical Certifications to Doctorate degrees.

Objective

Students will become familiar with a variety of careers that will allow them the opportunity to engage with and protect animals.

Required Materials

- Cause for P.A.W.S. Student workbook
- Telephone
- Computer
- Internet

Overview

1. Conduct a classroom discussion. Ask students to consider what jobs are available to someone that wants to work with animals. Create a list of positions as a class. Are there any careers listed that they hadn't considered or thought of?

2. Ask students to research a career working with animals. Upon completing their research, ask students to complete a 1-2 page essay summarizing their findings. Ask students to complete the following in regards to their chosen career:

- Identify the education requirements to hold that position
- Identify at least one educational institution in the state of Oklahoma that offers degrees or certifications relevant to that career field
- Conduct an online job search for listings within the state of Oklahoma (encourage students to use search engines such as jobsok.com, indeed.com, monster.com, etc.). Choose three job postings to compare and contrast.
- Based on the selected job postings, ask students to create a comprehensive list of skills required to work in that career field.
- Ask students to compile five questions they have about the career they have chosen to research. Students will seek answers to these five questions by contacting the Human Resource department for one of the three job postings they have selected.

STUDENT CONTEST

Students can mail their papers to

Newspapers in Education | 100 W Main St. Ste 100 | Oklahoma City, OK 73102 with an official entry form or submit them digitally by visiting <https://nie.newsok.com/educators/curriculum/cause-for-paws/>.

Student entries will be divided into three categories by grade level. The winner in each age group will receive a recognition award and one project will be chosen as the Grand Prize Winner! The Grand Prize winner will be highlighted through The Oklahoman and NewsOK.com and will receive a \$500 cash prize to be shared by all group participants.