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# Make a Stethoscope

## **Supplies:**

- Headband
- Pipe cleaners
- 2 bottlecaps (different sizes)
- Cotton balls
- · Tape or glue
- Scissors
- Your stuffed animal patient!



\*If you don't have a headband at home, you can use items like another pipe cleaner, rolled aluminum foil, cardboard, or even a plastic bottle cut into the shape of a headband!

#### Instructions:

- 1. Glue or tape cotton balls to each end of the headband.
- 2. Glue or tape the smaller bottle cap on top of the bigger one.
- 3. Wrap the ends of two pipe cleaners around the headband so they hang down.
- 4. Approximately halfway down the pipe cleaners, twist them around each other.
- 5. At the bottom of the pipe cleaners, attach the two bottlecaps.



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- 6. Use your new stethoscope to give your stuffed animals a health exam.
- 7. Use the attached activity cards to practice your veterinary skills!





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# **Veterinary Skills Practice Cards**

Use these cards to practice being a veterinarian at the Zoo!

**Supplies:** Stuffed animal patients, bandages, flashlight, syringe, gauze, comb/brush, nail file/clippers, cotton swabs, stethoscope, thermometer, bowl, tweezers, scale

\*You may not have all these items at home. Get creative in finding alternatives. For example, a pen could work as a syringe, or a book as a scale.

Ouch! Someone has a broken leg. Find some gauze and a stick to wrap it up and support it.

Uh oh!
One of your animals has a
cut on its foot. Find a
bandage to cover it up!

Your animal has been itching a lot lately. Find a comb or brush to check for fleas and ticks.

Use your stethoscope to listen to your animal's heartbeat. Is it too fast, too slow, or just right?



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Your animal's nails are getting a little long!
Use a nail file or clippers to trim them.

I can't hear you! Find a cotton swab to clean out your animal's ears.

Someone has a sore throat. Get a flashlight to look in their mouth and see what's wrong!

There is a splinter in your patient's paw! Some tweezers will help you get that out.

You need to give your animal a shot. Find a syringe you can use to do this.

Does your animal have a fever? Use a thermometer to check its temperature.



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Your animal has started panting. Maybe it needs a drink of water!

It's time to see how much your animal weighs! Use a scale to get its weight.

