

## Materials Needed:

- Assortment of stuffed animals (pets, farm animals, etc.)
- Toy veterinarian kit (stethoscope, thermometer, bandages, pretend syringe, otoscope)
- Optional: Chart paper or small whiteboard
- Optional: Markers or crayons
- Optional: Printable 'Patient Check-up' sheets
- Optional: Small blanket or towel for 'exam table'

## Lesson Activities:

### Welcome to the Vet Clinic! (5 mins)

Hello future veterinarian! Do you know what a veterinarian (or vet) does? That's right, they are special animal doctors! They help keep our pets and other animals healthy and happy. Today, YOU get to be the vet!

### Meet Your Patients (10 mins)

Let's set up our vet clinic. Arrange your stuffed animals. This one can be a dog named Sparky, this one a cat named Whiskers, and maybe this one is a bunny named Hopper! (*Allow student to name some animals*). Vets need to know what kind of animal they are helping. Can you tell me what kind of animal Sparky is? And Whiskers? Great job!

### The Check-Up (15 mins)

Okay, Dr. [Student's Name], let's give Sparky a check-up. First, let's listen to his heart with the stethoscope. Put it on his chest... thump-thump, thump-thump! A healthy heart! Now let's check his temperature with the thermometer (pretend). Beep! Looks normal! Let's check his ears with the otoscope – nice and clean! And look at his teeth – strong and white!

Let's make a note on our chart (or draw on paper): Sparky is healthy!

*(Repeat check-up steps with another stuffed animal, guiding the student on using the tools and what to look for.)*

### What Makes Animals Healthy? (10 mins)

What do animals need to stay healthy, just like us? (*Guide discussion towards: food, clean water, exercise/play, sleep, love, and visits to the vet!*). Let's pretend to give Whiskers some healthy food and fresh water. Good job taking care of your patient!

### Fixing Boo-Boos (10 mins)

Oh no! Hopper the bunny hopped too high and has a little scratch on his leg! What should we do, Dr. [Student's Name]? We can clean it (pretend) and put a bandage on it. Can you carefully wrap the bandage around Hopper's leg? There! All better. You are a very kind vet!

### Wrap Up (5 mins)

Wow, you were a fantastic veterinarian today! You checked on your animal patients, learned what they need to stay healthy, and even fixed a boo-boo. Being a vet is an important job because we need to take good care of our animal friends. Great work, Doctor!