

## On the Job with Dr. Marth Smith by Claire Daniel



Dr. Marth Smith is a vet at an animal shelter.

**Dr. Smith:** Hi! You picked a good day to come. We will be *busy*.

We have twenty new animals today.

**CD:** What do you do first each day?

**Dr. Smith:** I check to see if *any* of the new animals are sick. I look at their eyes and ears. Sometimes I give them shots. Come and meet a special cat.

**CD:** Will she find a home?

**Dr. Smith:** Read her story. See what you think.

Muffin

I was a lost kitty. A man found me and fed me. Then he *took* me to this shelter. I am a sweet cat. Will you please take me home with you? Thank you, Muffin

**Dr. Smith:** I wish I could spend time with Muffin, but I have to check the new animals.

**Dr. Smith** heard loud barking outside. Se went to see what was going on. A worker was leading two dogs into the shelter. "Come, Puffy. Come, Jake."

**CD:** What will happen to these dogs?

**Dr. Smith:** They will get a bath. I will check them to see if they are healthy. Then we will watch them for a day.

**CD:** Why do you watch them?

**Dr. Smith:** We like to see how they act with people and with other dogs.

After lunch, Puffy and Jake were clean. **Dr. Smith** checked their fur for fleas and sores.

**Dr. Smith:** Jake is fine, but Puffy is sick. I will treat her. She will need time to heal. Puffy and Jake are great dogs. It's a shame about Puffy.

**CD:** Which animals do you see the most?

**Dr. Smith:** We get more cats than *anything*. We also get a lot of dogs and rabbits.

**CD:** Why do people bring their pets here? Why don't they just keep them?

**Dr. Smith:** Some people don't have the time to take *care* of a pet. People need to think about what kind of pet they can take *care* of before they get one.

It was 6:00. I thanked *Dr.* Smith. She said she would call me in *eight* weeks to tell me about Puffy and the animals. This is what we said.

**Dr. Smith:** I have good news. A man adopted Jake two days after you left.

**CD:** That's wonderful! What happened to Muffin?

**Dr. Smith:** She left the same day I saw you.

**CD:** I'm glad about Jake and Muffin! How is Puffy?

**Dr. Smith:** Puffy is much better! She is as strong as Jake now. The best news is that Jake's owner called, looking for a new pet. He is going to take Puffy! Now Puffy and Jake can be together!

Phonics Skill	Comprehension Skill	High-Frequency Words
Variant Vowel /ou/ ow, ou	Classify/Categorize	any, Dr., busy, care, eight, took
<b>Genre: Nonfiction</b>		
Sometimes an author interviews a person to get information to share. Look for questions, answers and information about a vet's work at an animal shelter.		