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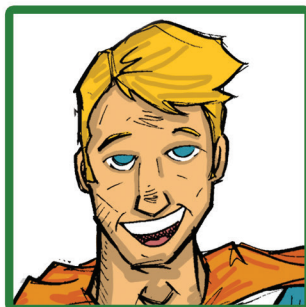
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Industry Veterinarian



Research Veterinarian



Private Practice



Farm Veterinarian

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Earth.

Around the world there are dangers.

Those that we can see, and those that are hidden from view.

There are wars being waged on a scale so small that we can't even see the enemy with our naked eye.

Enemies so vile they not only prey on humans, but they target our animals, too.

But lucky for us...

There are heroes who have dedicated their lives...

To protecting the animals...

And people of our world from these dangers...



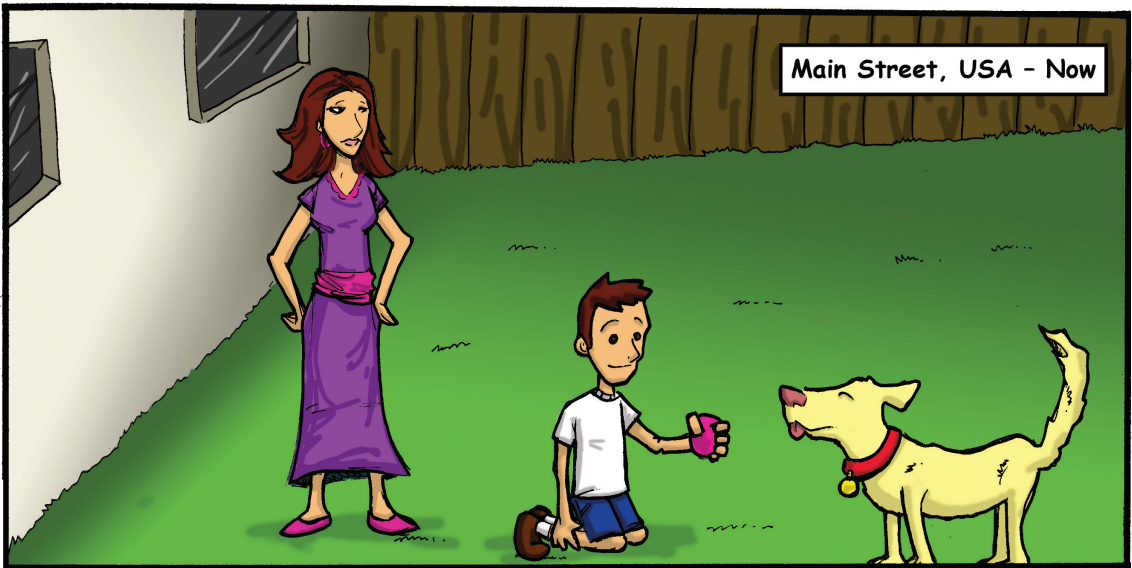
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Main Street, USA - Now



Go get it Bosco!



Good boy Bosco, now bring it back!



Bosco, what's the matter boy?
Come on, bring the ball back.



Bosco?
Are you okay boy?
What's the matter?



Mom, I think something's wrong
with Bosco!



HELP!



HELP!



Did someone call for help?



I... I was just playing fetch with Bosco when all of a sudden he dropped the ball and wouldn't bring it back.



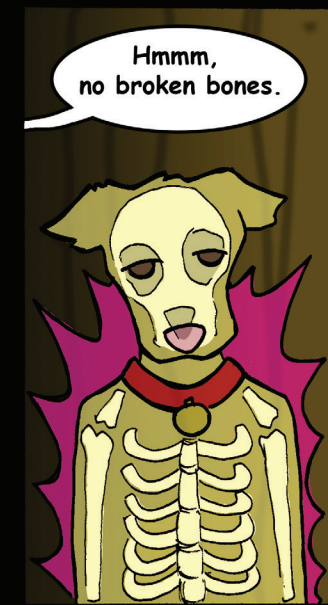
And then he.. he just laid down and won't get up!

Don't worry buddy.

Let me take a look and see if I can find out what's the matter.



Does that hurt Bosco? Let's take a closer look.



Hmmm, no broken bones.



His belly seems a little empty. Looks like he hasn't been eating much lately.



Hmmm. What's this?

It looks like he has a cut on his leg? Did you know about this?



Yeah, we went for a walk by the river the other day and he cut himself on a rock.

It's just a small cut, I didn't think it was bad!

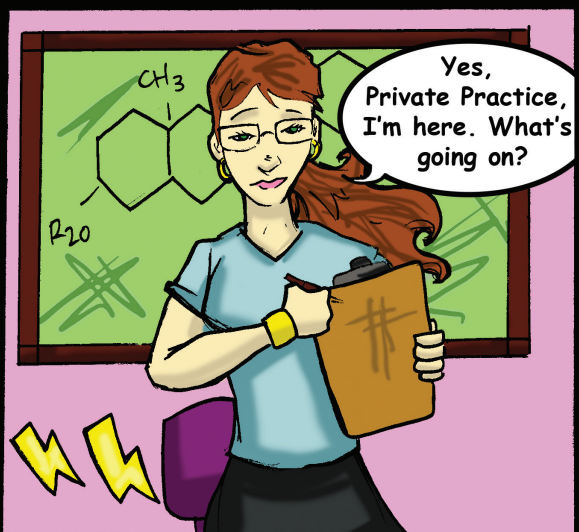


Don't worry, I have an idea of what it could be...

But I need to send a sample of his blood to Researcher to know for sure.



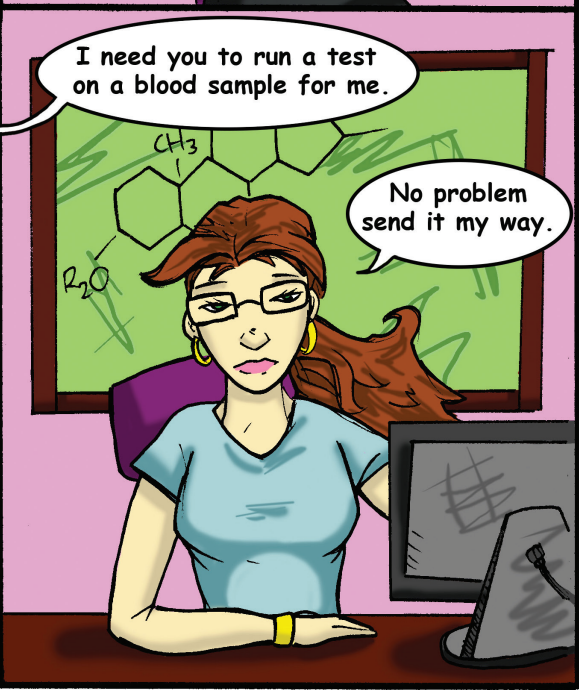
Researcher, are you there?



Yes, Private Practice, I'm here. What's going on?



I've got a dog that laid down and won't move. He hasn't been eating that much. And he seems to be sensitive to touch.

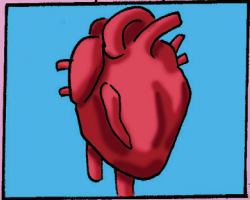


I need you to run a test on a blood sample for me.

No problem send it my way.



I've got good news and bad news.

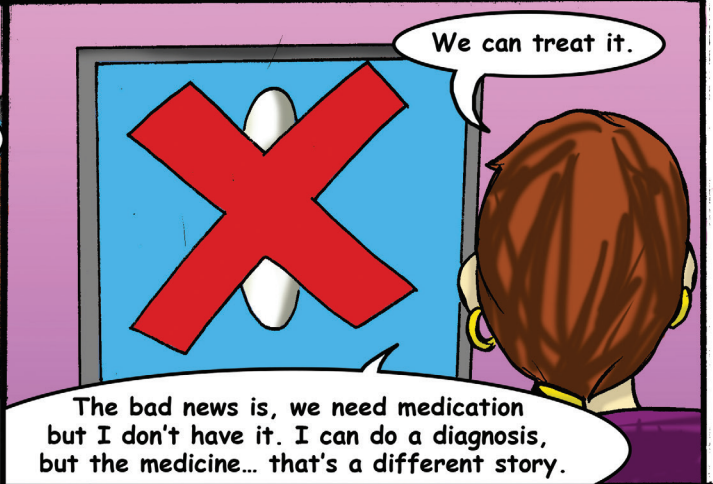


Give me the good news first.

Well, the good news is I've confirmed the cause of the illness.



It's Leptospirosis - Lepto for short. The reason you weren't seeing other symptoms is because we caught it early.



We can treat it.

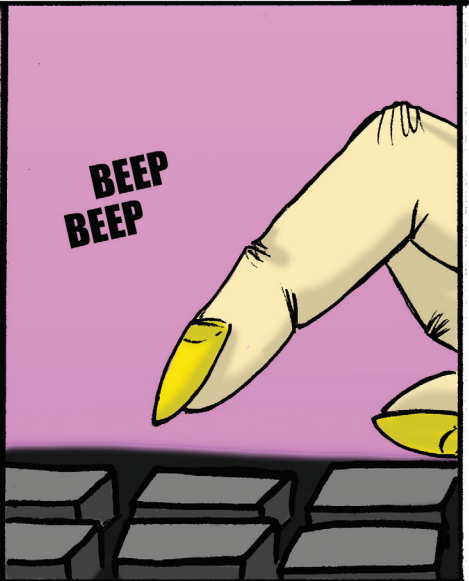
The bad news is, we need medication but I don't have it. I can do a diagnosis, but the medicine... that's a different story.



Who would have it??



There's another veterinarian whose special powers would allow him to get the medicine we need.



BEEP BEEP



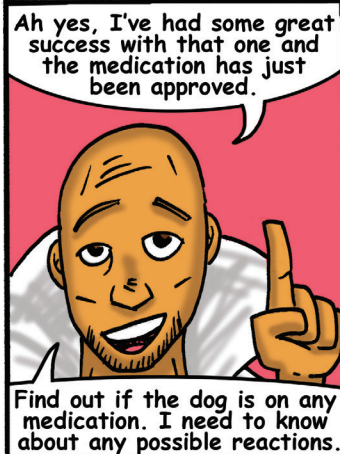
Industry Vet, are you there?

Yes Researcher, what can I help you with?



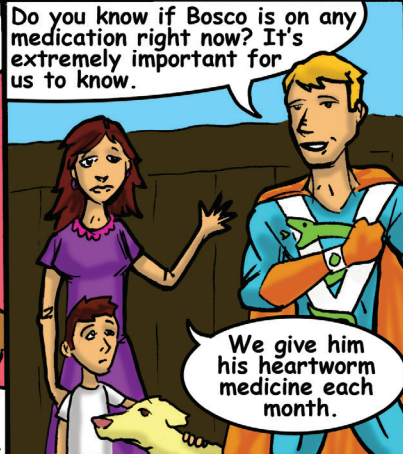
I just helped Private Practice diagnose a case of Lepto, and we need the medication to treat it.

I hear you're working on a new treatment.



Ah yes, I've had some great success with that one and the medication has just been approved.

Find out if the dog is on any medication. I need to know about any possible reactions.



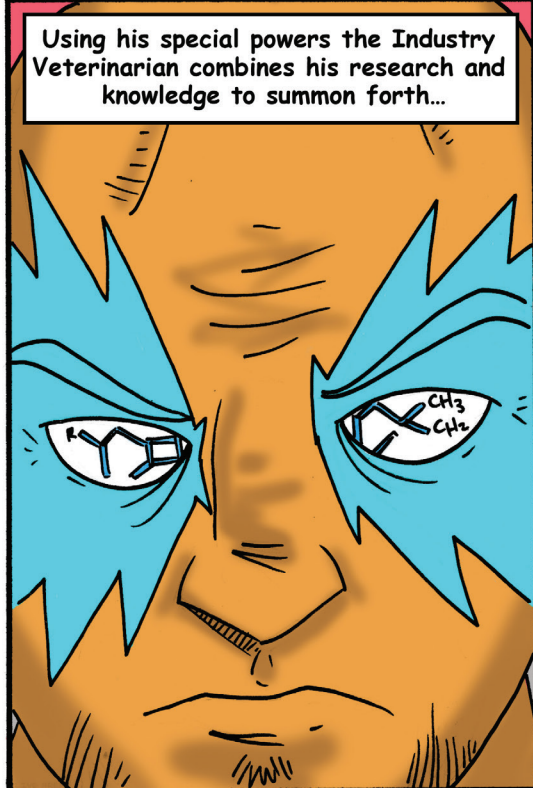
Do you know if Bosco is on any medication right now? It's extremely important for us to know.

We give him his heartworm medicine each month.

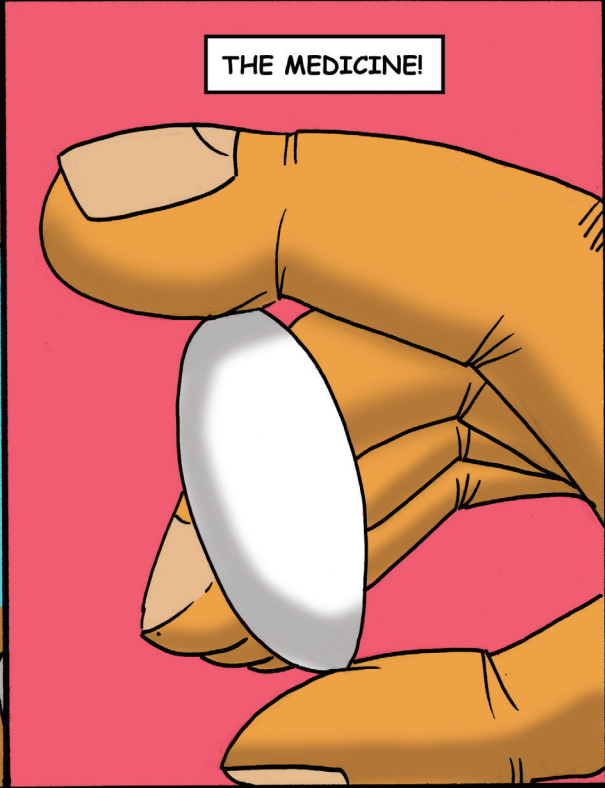


Perfect!

This medication won't react with that.



Using his special powers the Industry Veterinarian combines his research and knowledge to summon forth...



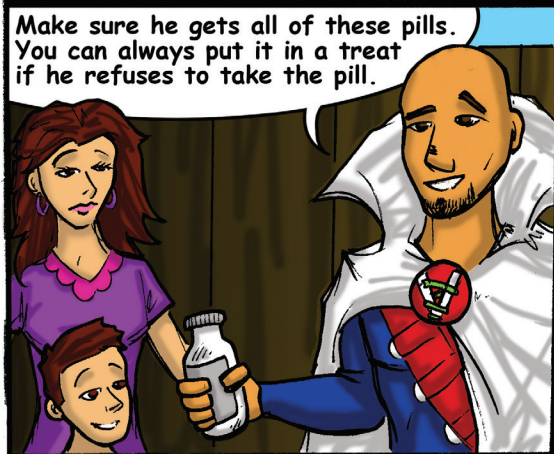
THE MEDICINE!



I've got the treatment and I'm on my way to give it to Private Practice.



Here you go boy, take this medicine.



Make sure he gets all of these pills. You can always put it in a treat if he refuses to take the pill.



Thanks Doc!

Remember, you need to be sure to take Bosco to the veterinarian at least once a year. With yearly check-ups we can catch certain illnesses before they get worse. And make sure to vaccinate him to protect him from other diseases.



Also, Lepto is what we call a zoonotic disease and that means you can get it too. So be careful around Bosco and the river.



Thanks Veterinarians!
You saved the day!

Meanwhile...

On the other side of the world...

Help!

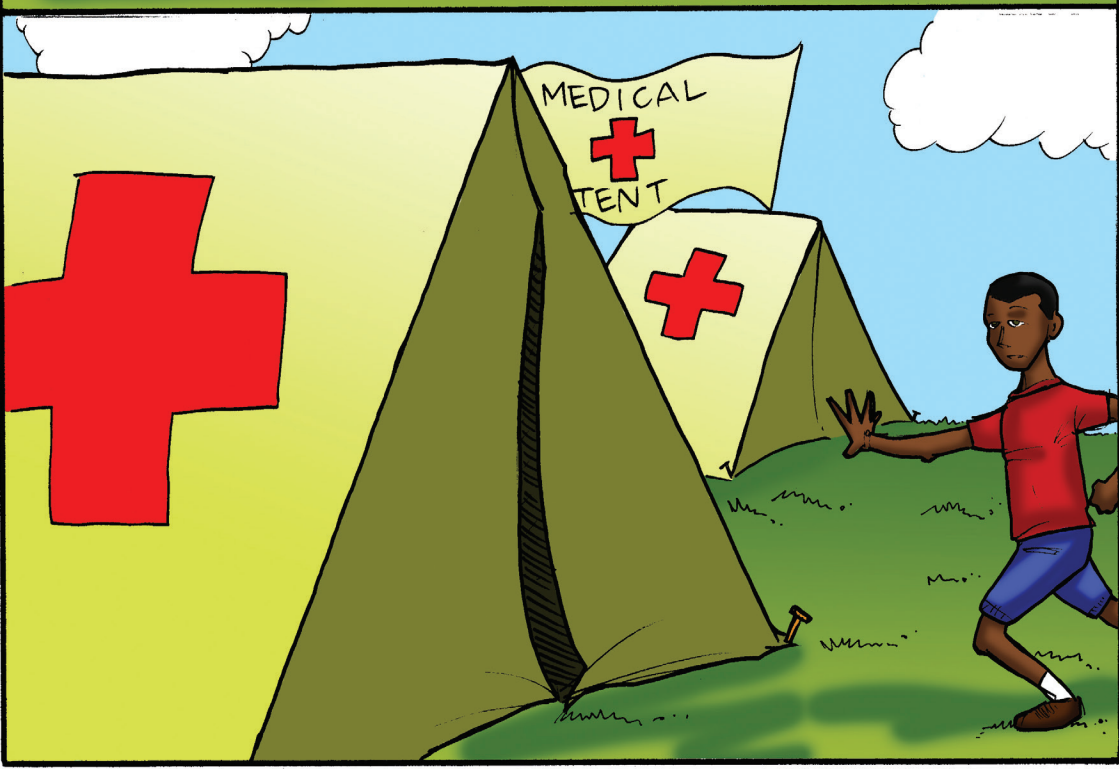


Help!

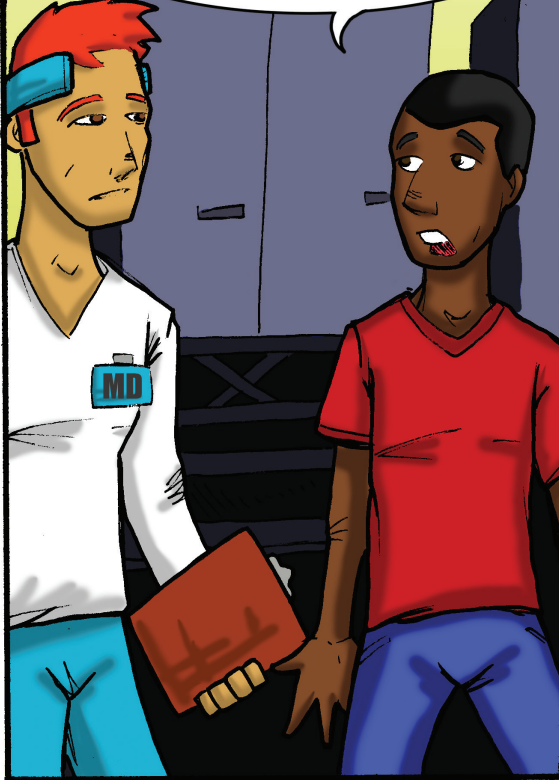
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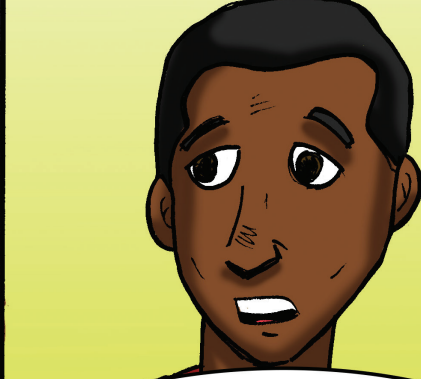
MEDICAL
TENT



Doctor, I need help!
My father is sick... And now,
all of a sudden our donkeys are acting
differently! I don't know
what to do!



My father has been vomiting,
he has a fever and headaches. The donkeys
won't move. They are more stubborn than
ever! They seem to be having a hard time
breathing, and I've even noticed that their
faces have been twitching!

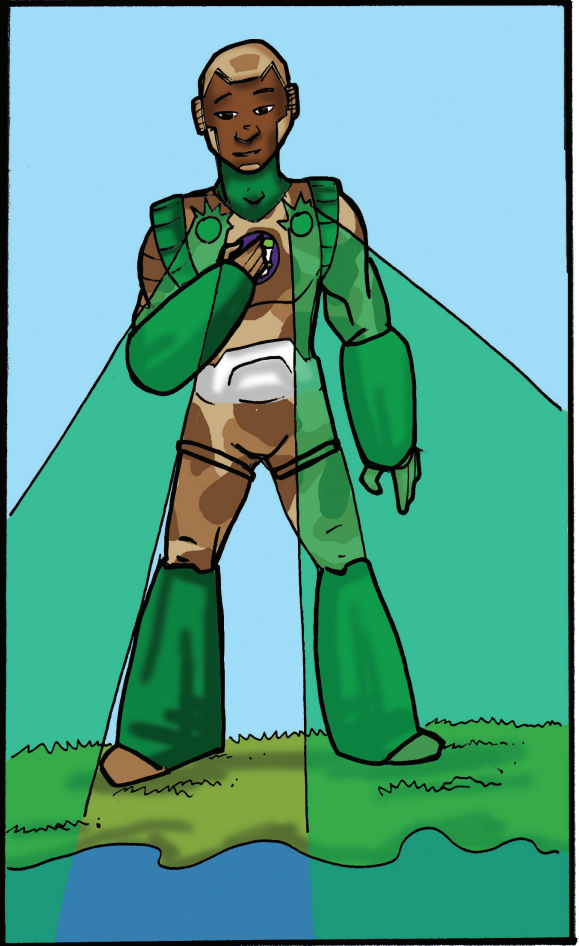


Oh boy, this sounds bad.
It looks like I'm going to need
help from...



THE ARMY VET!



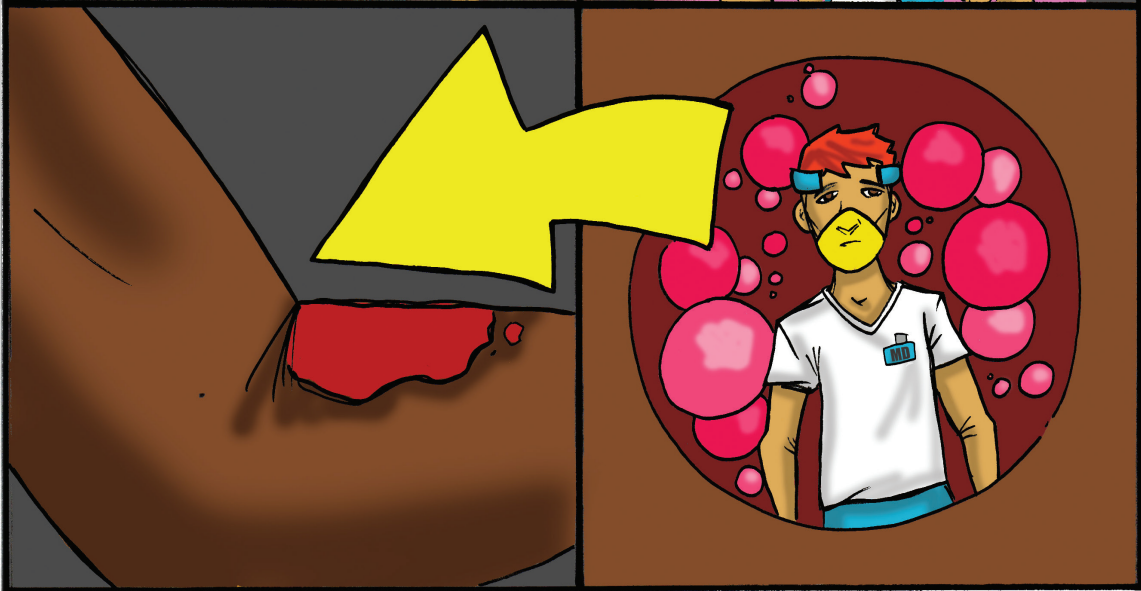


Hey Doc, according to this readout I'm seeing a lot of cases of dead birds in this area. And most seem to be centered around these ponds to the north of the village. It's the one where they take the donkeys to drink.

Interesting. This rash, his other symptoms, and the dead birds gives me an idea about what's wrong.



Let me take a closer look...



The veterinarian said that there were dead birds in the area... the donkeys are sick and have been drinking at the pond where the dead birds have been found, and this person is showing some interesting symptoms.



It all points to West Nile Virus but I can't be sure until I find the antibodies. That will confirm it!



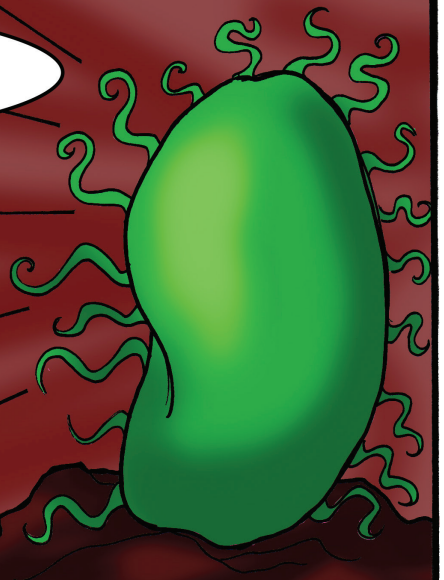
Come on, where are you?

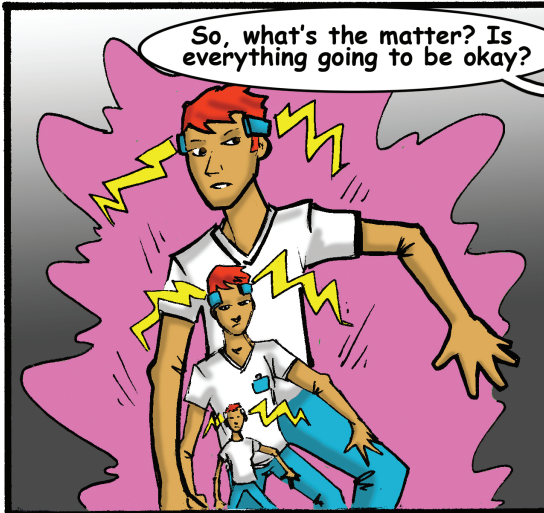


You can't hide forever!

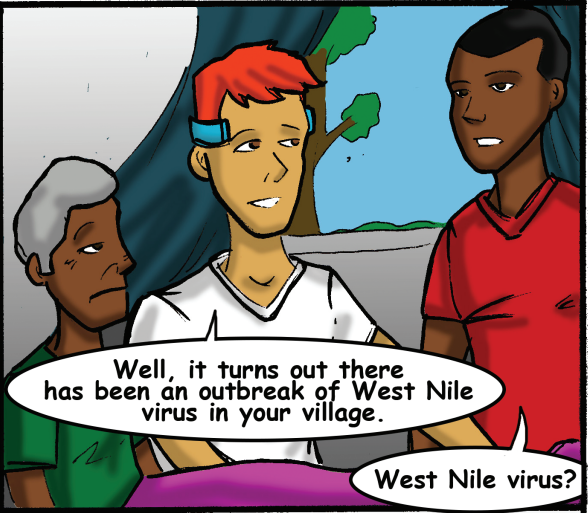


AHA! There it is! With all the symptoms pointing to it, and now seeing the antibody, that confirms it! It's West Nile Virus...





So, what's the matter? Is everything going to be okay?

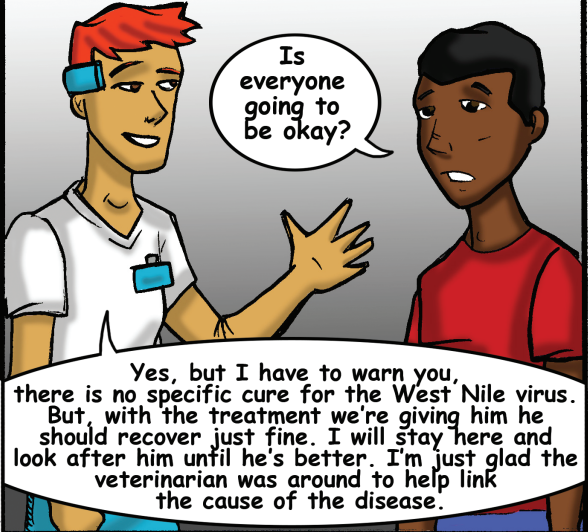


Well, it turns out there has been an outbreak of West Nile virus in your village.

West Nile virus?



Yes, I noticed that there were a lot of dead birds being found near the pond where you take the donkeys to drink. Mosquitos are the carrier for this disease, and water like your pond is the best breeding grounds for them. Your father must have been bitten by an infected mosquito when he took the donkeys for a drink. And it looks like your donkeys were bitten, too.



Is everyone going to be okay?

Yes, but I have to warn you, there is no specific cure for the West Nile virus. But, with the treatment we're giving him he should recover just fine. I will stay here and look after him until he's better. I'm just glad the veterinarian was around to help link the cause of the disease.



Just doing my job!

West Nile is a nasty disease. The most effective way to avoid it is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

Thank you so much for everything you've done.



My job isn't done just yet.

While there is no cure for humans, I'm going to stay here and give a vaccine to your healthy donkeys and make sure the others get better.

I'm also going to need to collect more data on the dead birds and where the disease is traveling. The more we know about the disease, the more it will help us in the future.

MEANWHILE...

Undisclosed food processing plant, United States

FASTER! We need to get this moving people, there's a nation full of hungry mouths just waiting to eat!



In another room...

Everything points to this section of the plant being the source of the food-related illnesses we've been investigating. Let's see what's going on in here.



Something doesn't seem right about this belt.



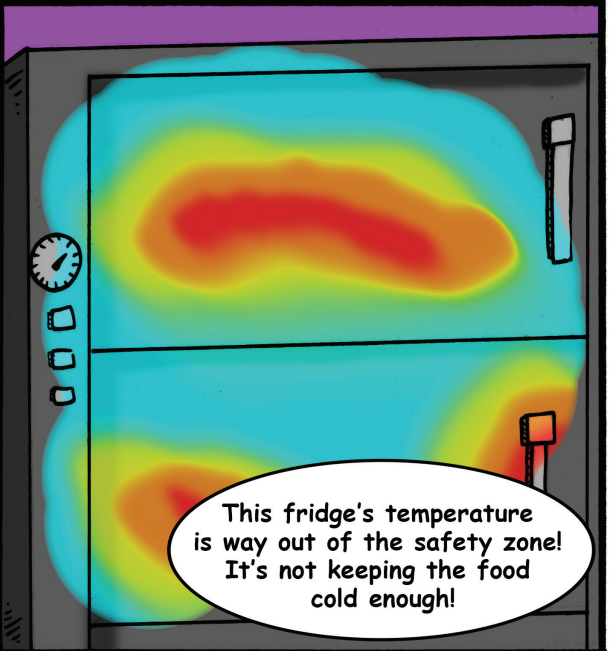
Let's take a closer look!



Just what I suspected, there's bacteria on this equipment. These inspection lenses don't lie!



This fridge's temperature is way out of the safety zone! It's not keeping the food cold enough!





Hold it right there!



FASTER,
keep it moving!



What in the world?

Who are you
and what are you
doing here?



Who me? Oh, I'm a veterinarian.

And well...
there have been reports
of people getting sick after eating
food that came from **YOUR** plant.
I'm here to find out what's
going on.



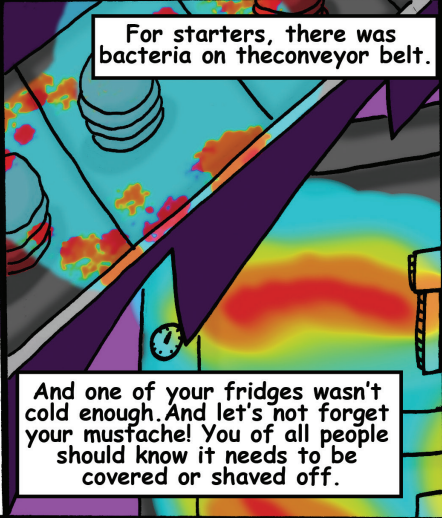
A Veterinarian? HA!
What could you possibly do to me and
my factory?



I work for the USDA and it's my job to inspect your plant and make sure everything is okay.



What could possibly be wrong here?



For starters, there was bacteria on the conveyor belt.

And one of your fridges wasn't cold enough. And let's not forget your mustache! You of all people should know it needs to be covered or shaved off.



I can explain!

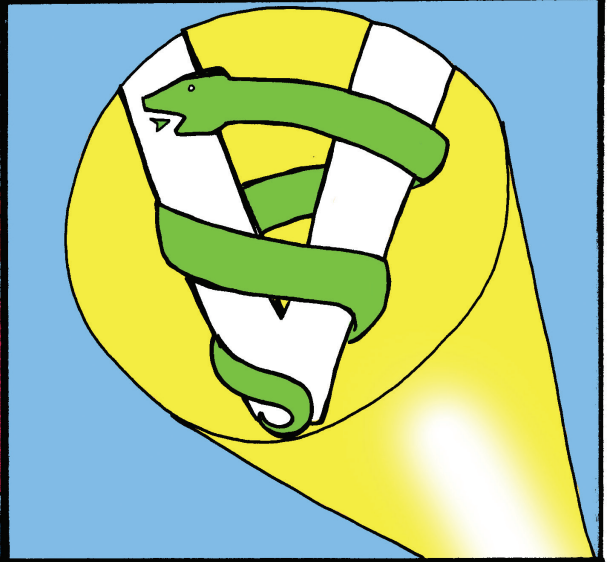
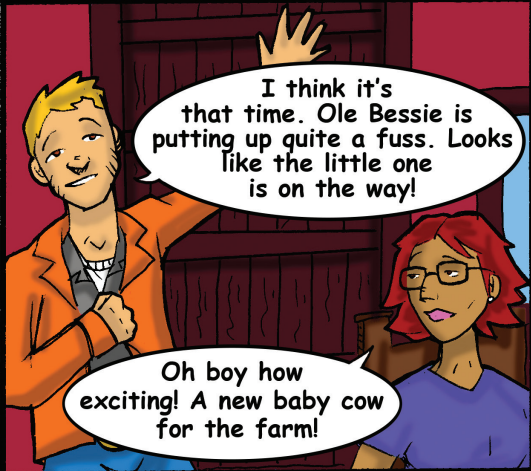
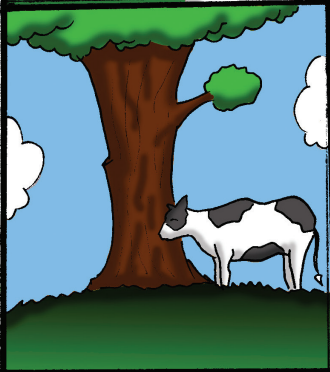
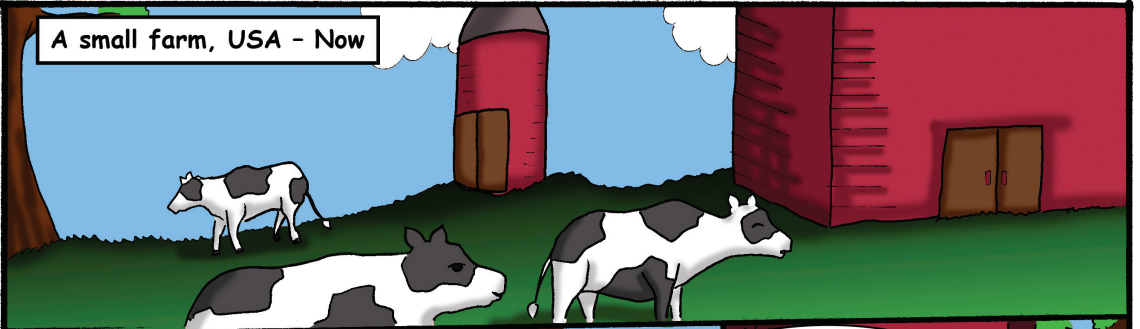
You'll get your chance, but you're in big trouble buster! Every other area of the plant was a-okay. The broken and unclean equipment could make people really sick! It's a health hazard! There's going to need to be a recall of everything that's come out of this plant, and you can't make any more food here until everything is up to snuff!



I'm so sorry! What have I done?

Meanwhile...

A small farm, USA - Now



At another farm, not too far away.

I've checked her teeth and I'm all done with her checkup. She should be all good for a while. Don't be afraid to call if you ever need anything.

Thanks doc!
I really appreciate you coming all the way out here to help with my horses and at this time of day.

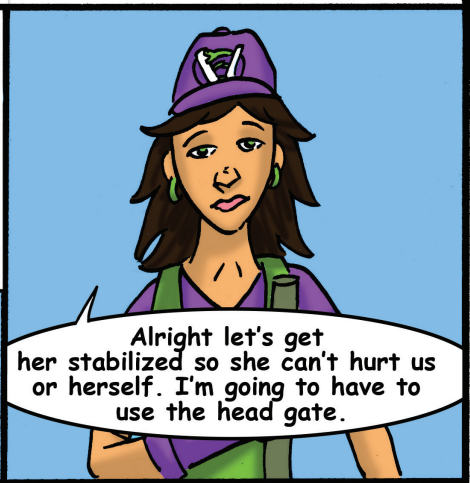
It looks like someone else needs your help now too!

To the Vet Mobile!

I saw the Vet Signal and came as quickly as I could! What's the matter?



Bessie is trying to have her little baby, but something's not right. I don't know what it is. She seems to be in more pain than she should be. Something is definitely wrong!



Alright let's get her stabilized so she can't hurt us or herself. I'm going to have to use the head gate.



Now let's take a look and see what's going on. Why are you so upset Bessie?

Well that explains it! The calf is in the breach position, its coming tail first. I'm going to have to help her out.



Mooooooooo!



Here she is, safe and sound!





Alright, I've checked the pigs, the chickens, the sheep and even your llama and everyone is looking nice and healthy! Feel free to signal me anytime you need something!

And don't you worry little girl, I'll be back to make sure you grow up to be big and strong!

Everyday veterinarians are called upon to keep our planet safe and to help treat those in need.



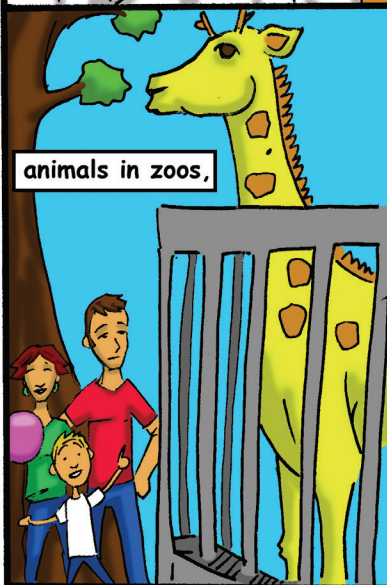
From family pets,



to farm animals,



animals in zoos,



or in the wild, no creature is too big or too small to be helped by a veterinarian.



Even humans are under the protection of veterinarians.



From ensuring the safety of our food supply,



to researching cures for deadly diseases no task is too big or too small for one of the world's true super heroes....



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