



Animal X-rays

X-rays are an extremely important part of veterinary medicine. X-rays allow veterinarians to see the inner workings of an animal. X-rays can help image bones, organs, or even things stuck in the body. They help vets diagnose and treat sick animals.

First, visit <https://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/2015-x-ray-contest-winners/> to read about scenarios in which animal X-rays occurred. Then answer the questions below:

1. In the story A Belly Full of Belt and Buttons, what kind of animal is sick?

2. What did it eat?

3. What were the symptoms?

4. What did the vet recommend?

5. Would the animal have gone undiagnosed without the use of X-rays? Why or why not?



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Now it's your turn to be the vet. In the box below, draw your own X-ray of a sick animal. Once you are done drawing, write a short description. What are the animal's symptoms? Did it eat something, did it break a bone, does it have babies?

Accident/Symptoms (*What happened? How does the animal feel?*):

Diagnosis (*What did you discover is the problem?*):
