



Today my dog Bailey went to see Dr. Chuck the veterinarian!

We checked in at the front desk and waited in the waiting room with all the other animals. There were cats, dogs, a parrot, and even a hedgehog! When it was our turn they took us into the exam room with Bailey. My parents brought in a poop sample (gross!) so the doctor can check Bailey for worms.

First the veterinary assistant asked us questions about Bailey. How is Bailey? Is she eating well? Is she going to the bathroom outside? Does she have lots of energy? Then they weighed Bailey (she weighs as much as me!) and checked her temperature.

Next Dr. Chuck examined Bailey. He looked in her eyes and ears and mouth, he listened to her heart and lungs, he felt her belly, and he stretched out her legs. "Bailey looks very healthy today!" he told us.

Dr. Chuck gave Bailey shots, but Bailey didn't mind because she was busy eating treats! Her shots will keep her from getting diseases such as Rabies. I hope I can be as brave as Bailey next time I get shots!

A veterinary technician came in the room and drew blood to test Bailey for Heartworm disease and Lyme disease. Bailey was just as brave for her blood draw as she was for her shots! The doctor says Bailey can get Heartworm from mosquitoes, and Lyme disease from ticks! Ick!

Before we left, Dr. Chuck sent us home with medicine to keep away ticks and fleas, and another medicine to prevent heartworm.

As we walked out the door, someone walked in with a turtle! What a day! I never knew there were so many things that happen at the vet!

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### Discussion Questions:

What are 2 things that the veterinarian did to examine Bailey?

Why did Bailey get shots?

What are 2 things that the veterinarian did for Bailey that a human doctor does for kids?

Why did the veterinary assistant ask us questions about Bailey?