

### Letter of Advice

Dear J. C.,

I heard that you are having a bad time with your parents. They do not agree with you being a vet. I totally understand your situation, and I've seen many teenagers facing the same problem. Of course, you would want your parents to agree with you, and I am here to advise you on how to do that.

Most importantly, you must never start an argument with your parents. You cannot come across as annoying to them otherwise your relationship with them might become tense. Firstly, put yourself in their shoes. Think why they might disagree with your dream. Is it because it is too expensive to get a vet degree? Or are they worried that you won't earn enough to feed yourself? Try to think about the fears or misconceptions they have about vets and try to come up with a convincing reason to help with these fears of theirs.

Secondly, think of you really, truly, want to be a vet? If yes, why? Why do you want to be a vet? I know you love animals, but this might not be enough to convince your parents. Try thinking what aspects a vet's job you love the most. What about animals do you love? Try conveying this love you have for animals to your parents. Let them know why you want to be a vet, how a vet is the perfect job for you.

Finally, maybe you can sit down and have a chat with your parents about your future. No matter how much you disagree with their opinion, they still have much more experience than you in life. Have a discussion with them about what career paths you should take. They can give you some insights on how the "adult life" is. I know this sounds difficult but having a sensible conversation with them can help you build a better and healthy relationship with your parents.

I totally understand your frustration. But not understanding your parents' point of view and being mad at them will not help. It might even cause your relationship to worsen. Try to see this situation from your parents' angle and you might gain a new perspective and understand that they actually care for you. I hope this advice helps and that you can solve this problem soon.

Yours,

Chris Wong