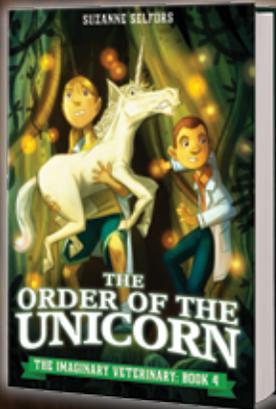
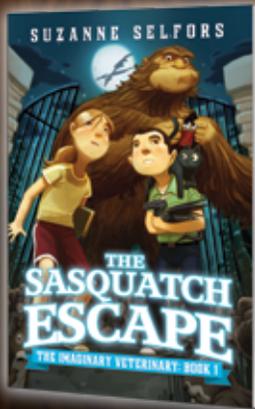


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**HAIRY
BEASTS.
MAGICAL
UNICORNS.
FIRE-BREATHING
MONSTERS.**

Welcome to Dr. Woo's Hospital for Imaginary Creatures.



ACTIVITY KIT

In celebration of **THE IMAGINARY VETERINARY SERIES**



Greetings New Apprentices!

Welcome to Dr. Woo's Worm Hospital. Oh, don't let the sign above fool you...there's so much more inside the walls of Dr. Woo's than creepy crawly things.

Behind these doors lies a **secret hospital for imaginary creatures**. When mythical beasts are feeling under the weather (think big hairy guys named "Sasquatch"), this is the person they call (those who can call, that is).

Being a veterinarian's apprentice isn't always the most glamorous job in the world. From **clipping the aforementioned Sasquatch's toenails** to dealing with the **Loch Ness Monster's horrible foot fungus**, Dr. Woo's apprentices will need strong stomachs to succeed!

In this activity kit you'll find everything you need to become a world class apprentice yourself, whether planning an **Imaginary Veterinary-themed party** for your school or bookstore or looking for a rainy-day activity at home.

Use your imagination and have fun!

From your fellow imaginative apprentices at Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

PARTY IDEAS

The below ideas are perfect for throwing your own **Imaginary Veterinary** party at your school, bookstore, or right at home!

Decorating Ideas—Setting Up Shop:

Supplies Needed: *construction paper, markers, crayons, tape*

As an apprentice of Dr. Woo, you will want to decorate your party space to make your imaginary creature friends (your guests) feel right at home. After all, if the Loch Ness Monster were to make a cameo at your event, he shouldn't feel out of place!

Consider throwing a party decorated in the theme of one imaginary creature in particular. If you want to throw a Sasquatch-themed party, pick up green and brown streamers (to resemble a forest in the Pacific Northwest), along with any tree cut-outs you can find at your local party store. If you're more interested in the Loch Ness Monster, pick up blue and silver-themed streamers and balloons for a water look!

Can't decide on a creature of choice? Use the list of popular mythical figures below (both individual and species) to set up a station at your event for guests to make a drawing of their favorite imaginary creature.

Sasquatch

The Loch Ness Monster

The Giant Squid

Werewolves

Dragons

Unicorns

Leprechauns

Griffins

Fairies

Basilisks

Phoenix

Elves

Gnomes

Chimera



PARTY IDEAS

Party Favors—Bringing the Imagination Home:

In setting up your event, you'll want to make sure each guest has an imaginary creature-themed takeaway to bring home.

Consider putting together a candy gift bag for each attendee inspired by the creatures in the **Imaginary Veterinary** series. We've posted a list of suggestions below, one for each of our favorite imaginary creatures.

Sasquatch—chocolate candy bar

(Because Sasquatches LOVE chocolate.)

The Loch Ness Monster—Swedish fish

(In honor of fellow sea dwellers.)

The Giant Squid—licorice candy

(The long rope candy could be tentacles!)

Werewolves—gummy bears

(Fellow beasts of the forest!)

Dragons—red hots or cinnamon fire candy

(Your guests' mouths will be breathing FIRE!)

Unicorns—candy corn

(These horn-shaped candies are perfect!)

Leprechauns—chocolate gold coins

(Your guests will want to steal the lot of them!)

Griffins—king-sized candy bars

(In honor of the king of all mythical beasts.)

Fairies—sweet & sour candy

(For the sweet—and occasionally sour—creatures of mythology.)

Let's Get This Imaginary Party Started!

To get your event kick-started, set up a station for arriving guests with name tag stickers and markers. Use the name tags found inside this kit for your guests.



ICE BREAKER ACTIVITIES

Party planners, use the below ice breakers to help your new apprentices get into the **Imaginary Veterinary** party spirit!

ACTIVITY 1: What's Real and What's Imaginary?

Gather your apprentices (guests) into groups of four or five and have them host a game of "What's Real and What's Imaginary?" Each person will take a turn and list three fun or unusual things about themselves, two that are real and one that's imaginary. The rest of the players in the group will vote on which of the three facts is the imaginary one. Go around the circle until everyone has had a turn.

ACTIVITY 2: An Imaginary Veterinary Tall Tale

Supplies: sheet of writing paper, pens or pencils

Using the same groups from the first activity, have your apprentices work together to write a tall tale about one imaginary creature. Assign each group one imaginary creature (using the list from page 3), and, starting with one group leader, have each guest write one line in this short story about that creature.

Then, going around the group, have each guest contribute a different line to the story until all group members have contributed at least two lines. Then have the assigned group leader read the story out loud to the entire party!

ACTIVITY 3: Which Creature Is Best?

Supplies: construction or poster paper, markers

Switch up your guests into new groups of four or five and assign each group a new imaginary creature. Each group will then use the markers and other supplies provided to create a banner for their given creature to share with the group.

To add some competitive spirit to the festivities, have the guests vote at the end on the best creature (or have a panel of judges from the event planners decide) and award that group with a special prize!

ACTIVITY 4: Would You Rather?

Using the same groups in the "Which Creature Is Best?" activity, have your groups brainstorm together the various scenarios they may face as an apprentice for Dr. Woo's **Imaginary Veterinary** practice.

Would you rather...

- 1) Clip Sasquatch's dirty toenails or treat a dragon with a cold (who coughs fire!)?
- 2) Patch up an angry unicorn's injured leg or repair a hot-tempered fairy's broken wing?
- 3) Treat the Loch Ness Monster's foul foot fungus or brush out a griffin's mangy mane?
- 4) Clean a werewolf's teeth or trim a leprechaun's beard?
- 5) Inspect a Giant Squid's slimy tentacle (underwater) or diagnose a Chimera's headache?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Consider reading aloud sample chapters from the **Imaginary Veterinary** series with your guests. The below questions will help you to lead a discussion about the series.

1. Talk a bit about some of the creatures highlighted in the first four books in the series: the Sasquatch, the lake monster, dragons, and unicorns. Talk about these creatures and which you think could exist in real life, and which are clearly works of fiction and why.
2. Talk a bit about Pearl and Ben as teammates and fellow apprentices in this series. Do their personalities work well together? What do each of them bring to Dr. Woo's hospital (and to each other as friends) that is valuable?
3. Throughout the **Imaginary Veterinary** series, Pearl talks about how she's seen as a troublemaker by others, but that's not really who she is. Have you ever been described as a troublemaker? How did that make you feel? Do you consider yourself a troublemaker?
4. Talk about Dr. Woo's secret hospital for imaginary creatures, and how she's hidden her real patients with the cover of worms! Why does Dr. Woo need to hide her real hospital patients, and what do you think would happen if the secret got out?
5. In *The Sasquatch Escape*, Pearl and Ben encounter one very stinky beast in the Sasquatch. Talk about the Sasquatch's first appearance in the book and how he fits (or doesn't) your imagination of this mythical creature.
6. Throughout the **Imaginary Veterinary** series, Pearl and Ben discover that imaginary creatures are not always what they initially appear to be. Talk a bit about making snap judgments and why it's important not to judge others based on appearances.
7. In *The Rain Dragon Rescue*, Pearl and Ben deal with a poacher out to hurt one of Dr. Woo's patients. Talk about why it's important to stand up when you see someone doing something you don't agree with, and some good tactics to keep in mind in these situations.
8. Part of working as apprentices for Dr. Woo means that Pearl and Ben need to be responsible for the care of many creatures in a day-to-day job. Why is it important for Pearl and Ben to be responsible and listen to Dr. Woo's instructions in caring for the creatures at the hospital?
9. Throughout their adventures, Pearl and Ben have to work together as a team in every obstacle they encounter. Talk about the most important parts of being a good team member, and what qualities you'd look for in a team member if you were in Pearl or Ben's shoes.
10. Of all of the imaginary creatures that Ben and Pearl encounter in the **Imaginary Veterinary** series, which is your favorite? If you could treat any of Dr. Woo's patients, who would it be and why?



REPRODUCIBLE ACTIVITY SHEET

INVENT YOUR OWN IMAGINARY CREATURE

Throughout the **Imaginary Veterinary** series, Pearl and Ben encounter many different mythical creatures, from Sasquatch to a dragon!

Now is your chance to create a new fantastical beast for Pearl and Ben to treat at Dr. Woo's hospital. Use the space below to draw your creature, and then fill in the factoids below.

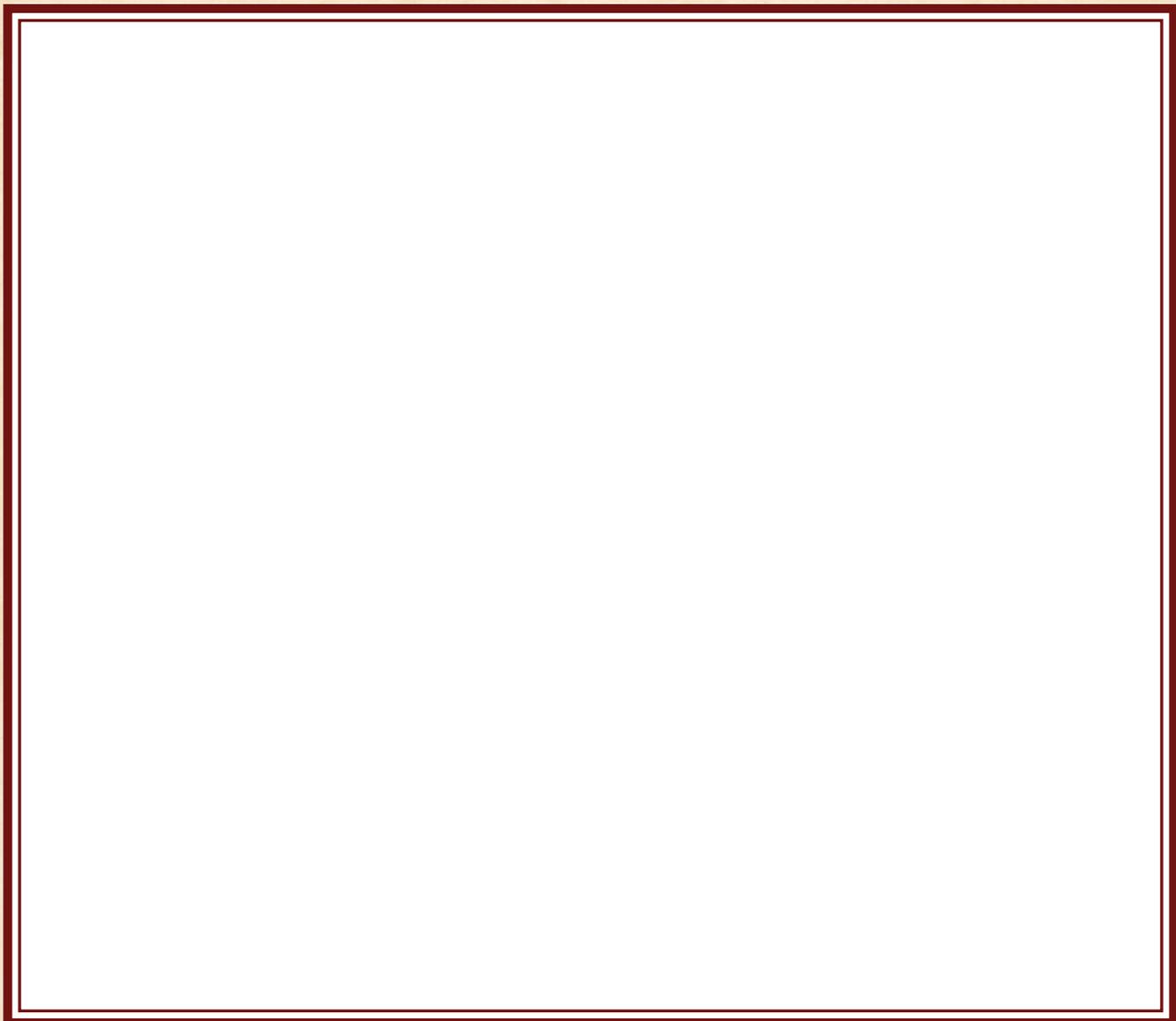
My Creature's Name:

My Creature's Favorite Food:

My Creature's Favorite Color:

Three Adjectives to Describe My Creature:

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REPRODUCIBLE ACTIVITY SHEET

IDENTIFY THAT CREATURE

How well do you know your imaginary creatures? Are you a fairy expert? Do you know everything there is to know about dragons in mythology?

See if you can identify these lesser known creatures from popular myths, by matching the creature on the left with the description on the right.

Think you're REALLY smart?

Identify the one creature below that actually IS real and not imaginary.

CREATURE:

1. Chimera
2. Centaur
3. Buraq
4. Basilisk
5. Phoenix
6. Kraken
7. Cerberus
8. Chupacabra
9. Mothman
10. Narwhal

DESCRIPTION:

- A. A creature with a human face, horse's body, and peacock's tail.
- B. A chicken-like serpent with a gaze that can turn a person to stone or even kill them.
- C. A fire bird that can regenerate after dying by fire.
- D. A three-headed dog creature who guards the underworld in Greek mythology.
- E. A three-headed beast, often described as part lion, part goat, and part snake.
- F. A sea monster resembling a giant octopus or squid.
- G. A large creature with huge wings, the body of a man, and red eyes.
- H. A toothed whale that lives year-round in the Arctic.
- I. A reptile-like creature with scaly green skin and sharp spines on its back.
- J. A beast with the torso of a man and the body of a horse.



REPRODUCIBLE ACTIVITY SHEET

IMAGINARY BUT TRUE

Below are facts about some of the creatures that apprentices Ben and Pearl encounter in the **Imaginary Veterinary** series. But which facts are true and which are fictional?

For each of the 10 statements below, mark those which are **true**, and those which are **false**.

- 1. Pixies are fairies who are described as mischievous and childlike. Sprites and pixies are often described as one and the same.
- 2. The yeti is typically spotted and associated with the Himalayan regions of Nepal and Tibet.
- 3. The Loch Ness Monster is commonly called Nessie in popular culture.
- 4. Trolls have Scottish origins, while the story of the Loch Ness Monster originates from Norse mythology.
- 5. Dragons are connected to the reptile species, not the amphibian.
- 6. Unicorns horns are always located on the center of the forehead.
- 7. Satyrs are male creatures in Greek mythology. Female versions are called satyresses.
- 8. Reptiles like dragons are hatched from eggs, but drink milk like mammals.
- 9. Cerberus is a three-headed creature, with two dog heads and one cat head.
- 10. Leprechauns don't have wings, but they are typically considered part of the fairy family.



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WRITE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Now is your chance to create your own account of treating an imaginary creature!

Using the template below, write your own short story about treating a new imaginary creature as an apprentice.

Patient's Name:

Patient Suffers From:

Describe Patient's Symptoms:

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My Diagnosis:

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Make copies of the certificate below for your guests and cut out along the dashed line to hand out to your guests at the end of your event, certifying them for participating in the **Imaginary Veterinary** festivities!

Be sure to fill in the below for a special **Imaginary Veterinary** skill they'd like noted on their certificate.

Certificate of Merit



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AS AN HONORARY APPRENTICE FOR DR. WOO,
TRAINED VETERINARIAN FOR IMAGINARY CREATURES.

Dr. Woo, VMD

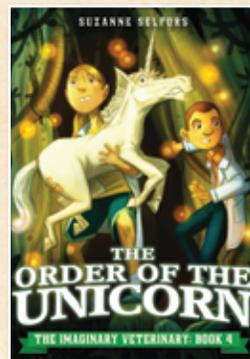
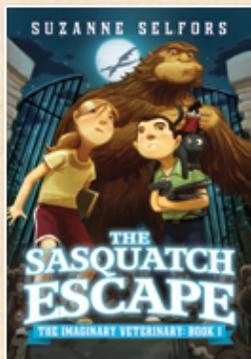
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ABOUT THE BOOKS/ANSWER KEY

THE IMAGINARY VETERINARY by SUZANNE SELFORS

ABOUT THE SERIES:



When Ben Silverstein is sent to the rundown town of Buttonville to spend the summer with his grandfather, he's certain it will be the most boring vacation ever. That is, until his grandfather's cat brings home what looks like...a baby dragon?

Amazed, Ben enlists the help of Pearl Petal, a local girl with an eye for adventure, to take the wounded animal to the only veterinarian's office in town—Dr. Woo's Worm Hospital...which turns out to be a secret hospital for imaginary creatures.

Suzanne Selfors' hilarious series features fantastical animals and zany adventures that are anything *but* imaginary.

"The best books are those in which imaginary creatures leap off the page and into our world—just one of the reasons why this book is a ton of fun. I can't wait for more adventures!"

—Wendy Mass, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Candymakers*

"Funny, touching, and sure to please, this title is full of charm."—*School Library Journal*

1. True 2. True 3. True 4. False—The Loch Ness Monster is associated with Scottish, while Trolls come from Norse Mythology. 5. True 6. True 7. True 8. False—reptiles do not drink milk. Twist! In some tales, dragons are noted as drinkers of milk, but as dragons are imaginary and don't necessarily follow all reptile rules, this is an anomaly. 9. False—Cerberus has three dog heads, no cats in sight! 10. True

IMAGINARY BUT TRUE

1. Chimera - E
2. Centaur - J
3. Burqa - A
4. Basilisk - B
5. Phoenix - C
6. Kraken - F
7. Cerberus - D
8. Chupacabra - I
9. Mothman - G
10. Narwhal - H

IDENTIFY THAT CREATURE

ANSWER KEY

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