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Veterinarian Tom Gill prepares to check the herd at a dairy farm outside of Auburn, New York.

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Being a veterinarian involves more than giving rabies shots. In a special broadcast from Ithaca, N.Y., four veterinarians practicing in different areas join host Ira Flatow

to talk about their day-to-day work — from birthing calves, to tracking epidemics, to diagnosing a sick hamster.

### Guests:

**Tom Gill**, large- and small-animal veterinarian, owner, Brookside Veterinary Clinic, Auburn, N.Y.

**Lisa Fortier**, president, International Cartilage Repair Society, associate professor of large animal surgery, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

**Sarah Meixell**, small-animal veterinarian, owner, Veterinary Care of Ithaca, Ithaca, N.Y.

**Alfonso Torres**, associate dean for public policy, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

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