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Host Today on "What's your job," we're talking to veterinarian, Dr. Juan Valencia. Welcome to the show, Dr. Valencia. Can you tell us a little about why you decided to become a vet?

Juan Happy to be here! Well, I realized at a very young age that I got a lot of satisfaction out of being around animals and helping animals. When I was a child, I used to spend a lot of time taking care of my grandparents' animals. They lived on a ranch and they had all sorts of animals, from dogs to chickens. I quickly realized that I wanted to devote my life to wildlife, but I also really liked interacting with other people, so working with domesticated animals seemed like the logical choice.

Host Now that you've achieved your goals, would you say that it was the right choice? Do you take pleasure in the job?

Juan Yes, definitely! There's just one part of it I'll never enjoy.

Host And what's that?

Juan It's very unfortunate, but the sad fact is that some animals are too sick to save, so of course that means I have to intervene and put them to sleep. It's the kindest thing to do in those circumstances. It's sad for me to see an animal die, but it's much worse for the owner. I do my best to reassure people, to … well, put their minds at rest, I guess … and make things go as smoothly as possible, but it gets me down sometimes.

Host Yes, I can imagine. You're like the emergency services for pets, really, aren't you?

Juan Yes, that's absolutely right! I see some terrible things – illnesses and accidents – just like any doctor, but of course often there's a happy ending. Those are the good times. It's really an honor to be able to help a sick animal. I like to feel I'm making a contribution to the well-being and happiness of others, and I think I do. One of the hard things you have to come to terms with is that sometimes, you're going to ruin someone's day by giving them bad news, but often, you're going to make someone's day by offering a cure or a therapy for their precious pet. Overall, the good days make all the bad days worthwhile!

Host Thank you for coming to talk to us today, Juan.

Juan Thank you!

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Lety I'm having a serious case of buyer's regret, Jason.

Jason Uh oh. What did you buy?

Lety A fitness tracker. It cost me $300 because it was the new Fit4U one. You know, the special edition one? It comes with this really neat strap. Anyway, I got it because it monitors your heart rate, the number of hours you sleep, how many steps you take, and how far you walk or run … and you can also follow guided training sessions and get reminders, so it all seemed very cool and I thought it would be useful and put me on the path to healthy living.

Jason Sounds pretty good. So what happened? Didn't it work or something? You can send it back if it's faulty.

Lety Well, no – it worked just fine. I could see that I'd slept 7 hours and 10 minutes and it told me that I'd walked five miles the previous day and that my heart rate was normal for the amount of activity I did. I was happy with it, but after a week, I forgot all about it and left it at home.

Jason It really wasn't worth the money then.

Lety No, it absolutely wasn't! Now I just think I was being foolish. I don't really have $300 to spare so it was a very dumb thing to do.

Jason Oh, no. You're being too hard on yourself!

Lety I don't think so. I realize now that my phone can track my sleep and that my walking app tells me how far I've walked or run each day. Also, the screen is very small, so it's hard to follow the training sessions. If only I'd kept my $300! I guess I've learned the hard way.

Jason OK, if it helps at all, I've got an idea for a brand new gadget. Do you want to hear what it is?

Lety Sure. Brighten up my day!

Jason OK, I'm the sort of person who's always in too much of a hurry, and as a consequence, I leave stuff all over the place. I never put anything away. All my pants for work are jumbled up in the laundry basket waiting to be ironed, nothing ever gets folded, and I never hang up my jackets.

Lety OK, … go on?

Jason My new gadget will be wearable, probably on a person's wrist, like a watch or a fitness tracker, and it'll have a camera. Every time the camera sees a pile of clothes or a heap of dirty dishes, an alarm will go off.

Lety Oh! I get it! Little by little it trains you to become a neat, tidy person who cleans up and has everything in neat, tidy piles!

Jason Exactly! It'll be a life-changing experience!