I WANT TO BE A VETERINARIAN

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WHAT IS A VETERINARIAN?

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What Is a Veterinarian?

A registered person who renders and manages veterinary services.

By law some activities are reserved for veterinarians, amongst other things, a veterinarian renders services in:

- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Prevention of disease
- Surgical operations and other procedures on animals
- Prescription and administering medicines to animals
WHO SHOULD BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Do you have a passion for the health and welfare of animals and people?

WHAT QUALITIES ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?
WHO SHOULD BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Are you concerned about the status of food safety & security in the country and worldwide?

WHAT QUALITIES ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?
WHO SHOULD BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Is your focus on development?

WHAT QUALITIES ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?
WHO SHOULD BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Are you a hard worker and team player?

WHAT QUALITIES ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?
WHO SHOULD BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Are you concerned about ecosystems?

WHAT QUALITIES ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?
IS IT YOUR DREAM TO
BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

If your answer is YES to all of the
ABOVE, then you are on the right
path towards your dream of
becoming a veterinarian.
If your interest is just money, money, money, then please don’t think of becoming a veterinarian.
ANIMAL DOCTOR

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I know that many of you think or were told that a veterinarian is just [only] an Animal Doctor.
Well, let me tell you more about the important role of a veterinarian.

What duties does a veterinarian have?
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

S/he acts as mentor and facilitator for rural development.
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

S/he promotes food safety to protect both producers [clients] and consumers.
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

S/he prevents and controls disease outbreaks.

(IN STATE VETERINARY SERVICES and PRIVATE PRACTICE)
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

(IN FOOD PRODUCTION)

S/he advises and helps farmers with herd health and production.
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

S/he provides advice on product development.
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

S/he advises, trains, empowers and renders services in State Veterinary Services, Private Practice and in Animal Welfare sectors.
Research advances evidence-based knowledge

Veterinarians develop new methods of diagnosing and treating animal diseases.
THE ROLE OF A VETERINARIAN

(IN THE ANIMAL HEALTH TEAM)

Veterinary nurse

Veterinary technologist

Animal health technician

Laboratory animal technologist

The veterinarian is the leader in the ANIMAL HEALTH TEAM.
A veterinary nurse assists a veterinarian to save lives, relieve suffering and promote health.
The role of an animal health technician

An animal health technician helps with the prevention of the spread of disease: disease surveillance, vaccination and parasite control programmes, abattoir inspections, meat inspections and education.
A veterinary technologist performs laboratory procedures for confirmation of diagnosis and research.
A laboratory animal technologist provides comprehensive care for welfare of animals used in research. The technologist is part of the research team.
WHAT IS NEEDED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Hard work to meet the basic requirements.

STUDY
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WHAT IS NEEDED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

Minimum requirements
Love and passion for animals.
WHAT IS NEEDED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

A person who appreciates the value of rural development. Rural living v/s city life.
WHAT IS NEEDED TO BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

A person who weighs personal dreams or self-interest against what the country and region needs.
I DO WANT TO BE A VETERINARIAN

Thank you!

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