

Veterinarians ensure healthy animals, safe food and healthy communities



WHY DOES THE SOUTH AFRICAN VETERINARY COUNCIL REQUIRE THAT ANIMAL OWNERS USE THE SERVICES OF REGISTERED VETERINARIANS?

- Food supply veterinarians protect the quality of meat and dairy products, control diseases and ensure that animals are treated humanely
- Safe and effective drug use limits the threat of disease in food producing animals
- Production animal veterinarians are valued animal health consultants- their opinions and recommendations are sought after and respected
- Animal welfare and disease surveillance requires on-farm presence of veterinarians
- Some human diseases come from foods of animal origin without veterinarians such diseases will spread
- Registered veterinarians are highly trained professionals who offer clients expertise far beyond inspections and drug sales



Veterinarians, the only profession involved in the entire animal health and food chain

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