BACKGROUND

• The members of the profession came on board and registered as a profession with the SAVC in 2004

• The association is represented in all nine provinces in South Africa

• Its main aim is to maintain professional conduct, discipline and responsibility of members and to protect the interest of its members through a recognized structure
Animal Health Technicians in South Africa qualify from three institutions which are:

**UNISA**

Currently Unisa offers two undergraduate diplomas which are both part of the national curriculum:

- National Diploma in Animal Health
- Diploma in Animal Health (3 years)
BACKGROUND

- The department is in the process of phasing out the National Diploma in Animal Health and it is being replaced by the Diploma in Animal Health. This process started in the 2016 academic year. Although the National Diploma in Animal Health will continue to run until 2021, admission of new students into the programme stopped in 2016.

- Unisa also offers a BTech in Animal Health (3 years). This programme will also be phased out from 2018, and will be replaced by the Advanced Diploma in Animal Health. Admission to the BTech is a 3 year diploma in Animal Health or an appropriate degree with evidence of Epidemiology and/or Veterinary Public Health.
BACKGROUND

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- Diploma in Animal Health (3 years)

NORTH WEST UNIVERSITY

- Diploma in Animal Health (3 years)
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Animal Health (4 years)
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Animal Health Technicians (AHT) are employed within government and the private sector:

• To promote and maintain animal health, animal welfare and production.

• To protect human lives and to improve farming practices according to veterinary related Acts
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AHT within employment area has two major Key Performance Areas with specific indicators/activities to perform:

- Disease Control
- Farmers support and Development
DUTIES: KEY ACTIVITIES

Disease control:

• Tuberculosis
• Brucellosis
• Foot and Mouth Disease
• Rabies
DUTIES: KEY ACTIVITIES

Disease control:

- Inspections:
  - Cattle, Small Stock, Pigs, Game and Buffalo
  - Import and Export facilities
  - Port of entry
    - ✓ Census
  - Annual Stock census
DUTIES: KEY ACTIVITIES

Farmers support and Development:

• **Training & Extension**
  o Veterinary related Information sessions
  o Awareness days
  o Farmers’ days
  o Demonstrations
  o Organized Agricultural meetings

• **Mentorship**
  o Self development through courses/seminars
  o Development of internal and external clients
DUTIES: KEY ACTIVITIES

Farmers support and Development:

• Clinical Services
  o Dipping
  o Branding
  o Dosing
  o Castrations
  o Sampling
  o Sheath washings
  o Primary animal health care
LEGISLATION

• Application of Animal Disease Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984) its regulations, and relevant protocols and procedure.

• Application of Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act 6 of 2002) and its regulations.
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?