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Requirements

1. Discuss with your counselor the roles a veterinarian plays in the following:
 - a. Companion or small animal medicine, and equine medicine
 - b. Food animal or large animal medicine
 - c. Exotic animal medicine
 - d. Marine animal medicine (mammal and fish)
 - e. Poultry medicine
 - f. Wildlife medicine and aquaculture medicine
2. Discuss with your counselor the roles a veterinarian plays in the following:
 - a. Public health medicine and zoonotic disease surveillance and control
 - b. The military
 - c. Food safety and inspection
 - d. Laboratory animal medicine and research
 - e. Teaching and government
3. Describe the training required to become a veterinarian. Where is the veterinary medical college nearest you? Describe the prerequisites for applying to veterinary school.

4. Tell your counselor what a registered veterinary technician (R.V.T.) or animal health technician (A.H.T.) is. Describe the training required to become an R.V.T. or A.H.T. Where is the school or facility for R.V.T. or A.H.T. training nearest you? Describe the role an R.V.T. or A.H.T. would play in assisting a veterinarian working in three of the practice types listed in requirement 1.
5. Discuss with your merit badge counselor the role a veterinarian plays in the human-animal bond.
6. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Visit a veterinary clinic, hospital, or veterinary referral teaching hospital that does work in one of the practices listed in requirement 1. Spend as much time as you can observing the veterinarians and their staff. Write a report on what you observed and learned at the facility. Share your report with your counselor.
 - b. Spend as much time as possible with a veterinarian who works in one of the fields listed in requirement 2. Learn what special training beyond veterinary medical school may have been required for that position. Learn about any special or unusual activities required of this position. Write a report on what you have learned about this field of veterinary medicine. Include in your report how this field serves the needs of the general public. Share your report with your counselor.

Veterinary Medicine Resources

Scouting Literature

Animal Science, Bird Study, Dog Care, Fish and Wildlife Management, Horsemanship, Mammal Study, Nature, Pets, Public Health, and Reptile and Amphibian Study merit badge pamphlets

Visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website at <http://www.scoutstuff.org> for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, et al. *Veterinary Medical School Admission Requirements in the United States and Canada*. Purdue University Press, 2015.

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James Herriot. *All Creatures Great and Small*. St. Martin's Press, 2004.

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Lee, Mary Price, and Richard S. Lee. *Opportunities in Animal and Pet Care Careers*, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill/Contemporary Books, 2008.

Maynard, Thane, and Jane Goodall. *Working With Wildlife: A Guide to Careers in the Animal World*. Franklin Watts, 2000.

Maze, Stephanie, and Catherine O'Neill Grace. *I Want to Be a Veterinarian*. Harcourt, 1997.

Pavia, Audrey. *Careers With Animals*. Barron's Educational Series, 2001.

Organizations and Websites

American Animal Hospital Association

12575 West Bayaud Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80228-2012
Toll-free telephone: 800-252-2242
Website: <http://www.aaha.org>

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

P.O. Box 3610
Auburn, AL 36831-3610
Telephone: 334-821-0442
Website: <http://www.aabp.org>

American Association of Equine Practitioners

4033 Iron Works Parkway
 Lexington, KY 40511
 Telephone: 859-233-0147
 Website: <http://www.aaep.org>

American Association of Swine Veterinarians

830 26th St.
 Perry, IA 50220-2328
 Telephone: 515-465-5255
 Website: <http://www.aasv.org>

American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians

Website: <http://www.aawv.net>

American Association of Zoo Veterinarians

581705 White Oak Road
 Yulee, FL 32097
 Telephone: 904-225-3275
 Website: <http://www.aazv.org>

American Veterinary Medical Association

1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100
 Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360
 Telephone: 800-248-2862
 Website: <http://www.avma.org>

Association of Avian Veterinarians

P.O. Box 9
 Teaneck, NJ 07666
 Telephone: 720-458-4111
 Website: <http://www.aav.org>

Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians

810 E. 10th St.
 P.O. Box 1897
 Lawrence, KS 66044-8897
 Website: <http://www.arav.org>

Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

339 Booth St.
 Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1R 7K1
 Telephone: 613-236-1162
 Website: <http://www.canadianveterinarians.net>

Veterinary Medical Schools and Colleges in the United States and Canada
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Auburn University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Auburn, Alabama
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu>

Tuskegee University
 School of Veterinary Medicine
 Tuskegee, Alabama
 Website: <http://tuskegee.edu>

Midwestern University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Glendale, Arizona
 Website: <http://www.midwestern.edu>

University of California
 School of Veterinary Medicine
 Davis, California
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu>

Western University of Health Sciences
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Pomona, California
 Website: <http://www.westernu.edu/veterinary>

Colorado State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine and
 Biomedical Sciences
 Fort Collins, Colorado
 Website: <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu>

University of Florida
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Gainesville, Florida
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>

University of Georgia
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Athens, Georgia
 Website: <http://www.vet.uga.edu>

University of Illinois
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Urbana, Illinois
 Website: <http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu>

Purdue University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 West Lafayette, Indiana
 Website: <http://www.vet.purdue.edu>

Iowa State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Ames, Iowa
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu>

Kansas State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Manhattan, Kansas
 Website: <http://www.vet.k-state.edu>

Louisiana State University
 School of Veterinary Medicine
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 Website: <http://www.lsu.edu/vetmed/>

Tufts University
 Cummings School of
 Veterinary Medicine
 North Grafton, Massachusetts
 Website: <http://www.tufts.edu/vet>

Michigan State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 East Lansing, Michigan
 Website: <http://cvm.msu.edu>

University of Minnesota
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 St. Paul, Minnesota
 Website: <http://www.cvm.umn.edu>

Mississippi State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Mississippi State, Mississippi
 Website: <http://www.cvm.msstate.edu>

University of Missouri
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Columbia, Missouri
 Website: <http://www.cvm.missouri.edu>

Cornell University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Ithaca, New York
 Website: <http://www.vet.cornell.edu>

North Carolina State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Raleigh, North Carolina
 Website: <http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu>

The Ohio State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Columbus, Ohio
 Website: <http://www.vet.osu.edu>

Oklahoma State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Stillwater, Oklahoma
 Website: <http://www.cvm.okstate.edu>

Oregon State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Corvallis, Oregon
 Website: <http://vetmed.oregonstate.edu>

University of Pennsylvania
 School of Veterinary Medicine
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Website: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu>

University of Tennessee
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Knoxville, Tennessee
 Website: <http://www.vet.utk.edu>

Lincoln Memorial University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Harrogate, Tennessee
 Website: <http://vetmed.lmunet.edu>

Texas A&M University
 College of Veterinary Medicine and
 Biomedical Sciences
 College Station, Texas
 Website: <http://vetmed.tamu.edu>

Virginia Tech and University of
 Maryland Virginia-Maryland College of
 Veterinary Medicine
 Blacksburg, Virginia
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.vt.edu>

Washington State University
 College of Veterinary Medicine
 Pullman, Washington
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu>

University of Wisconsin-Madison
 School of Veterinary Medicine
 Madison, Wisconsin
 Website: <http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu>

University of Calgary
 Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 Website: www.vet.ucalgary.ca

University of Guelph
 Ontario Veterinary College
 Guelph, Ontario, Canada
 Website: www.ovc.uoguelph.ca

University of Prince Edward Island
 Atlantic Veterinary College
 Charlottetown, Prince Edward
 Island, Canada
 Website: www.upei.ca/avc/

University of Montreal
 Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
 Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada
 Website: www.medvet.umontreal.ca

University of Saskatchewan
 Western College of Veterinary Medicine
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
 Website: www.usask.ca/wcvm

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