

# FOOD ANIMAL VETERINARIAN

Food Animal Veterinarians are responsible for the care of animals that are raised for food production and human consumption. They provide medical care consisting of research, diagnoses, and prevention.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Provide health care for livestock, and possibly laboratory animals
- Examine animals to determine nature of illness or injury
- Diagnose and treat injuries
- Monitor animal performance and provide regular feedback via performance management reports
- Provide technical expertise in health management including biosecurity, disease identification, prevention, control and treatment, regulatory and food safety requirements
- Research new diseases, medicines and procedures
- Mentor veterinarian technicians regarding veterinarian medicine and animal related illnesses
- Test and vaccinate, prevent, and control contagious animal diseases
- Responsible for ensuring sanitary measures before, during and after all procedures
- Operate medical equipment
- Euthanize animals when necessary
- Assist animals with births when difficult or necessary
- Provide preventative care to maintain animal health
- Document for each specific animal treated
- Oversee staff and office/business affairs



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine; undergraduate in animal science or nutrition, biology, chemistry, zoology or related field

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, mathematics, biology, anatomy, animal science, physical science, earth science, botany, chemistry

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Food and animal production companies, government agencies, some university research farms; may be self-employed or work for a veterinary practice

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- American Society of Animal Science

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$87,000