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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.

Croke, Vicki, Philip C. Kosch, et al. *Animal ER: Extraordinary Stories of Hope and Healing From One of the World's Leading Veterinary Hospitals*. Plume, 2000.

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](http://www.vet.ucalgary.ca)

University of Guelph  
 Ontario Veterinary College  
 Guelph, Ontario, Canada  
 Website: [www.ovc.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca)

University of Prince Edward Island  
 Atlantic Veterinary College  
 Charlottetown, Prince Edward  
 Island, Canada  
 Website: [www.upei.ca/avc/](http://www.upei.ca/avc/)

University of Montreal  
 Faculty of Veterinary Medicine  
 Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada  
 Website: [www.medvet.umontreal.ca](http://www.medvet.umontreal.ca)

University of Saskatchewan  
 Western College of Veterinary Medicine  
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada  
 Website: [www.usask.ca/wcvm](http://www.usask.ca/wcvm)

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