



# Veterinary Medicine Merit

1. Define the following veterinary medicine terms.

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| a. Acute      | v. Incontinent      |
| b. Airborne   | w. Lesion           |
| c. Alopecia   | x. Necropsy         |
| d. Antibiotic | y. Neutering        |
| e. Ataxia     | z. Parturient       |
| f. Bacteria   | aa. Pathogen        |
| g. Bedding    | bb. Polydispisia    |
| h. Breed      | cc. Polyuria        |
| i. Carcass    | dd. Prophylaxis     |
| j. Cauterize  | ee. Quarantine      |
| k. Chronic    | ff. Restraint       |
| l. Covering   | gg. Septicemia      |
| m. Crossbreed | hh. Spay            |
| n. Dip        | ii. Suture          |
| o. Dressing   | jj. Tachypnea       |
| p. Dystocia   | kk. Therapeutic     |
| q. Dysuria    | ll. To bring to bay |
| r. Edema      | mm. Vaccine         |
| s. Feral      | nn. Veterinarian    |
| t. Gestation  | oo. Void            |
| u. Heat       | pp. Zoonosis        |

2. Visit a veterinarian and ask the following questions OR invite a veterinarian to speak to your Expedition Rangers group and cover the questions.

- Why did you choose veterinary medicine as a career?
- What are the requirements to get into a veterinary medical school?
- What degree does a veterinarian have?
- What is the average income for a veterinarian?
- Where did you get your education?
- Approximately how much did it cost for your education? How was it funded?
- How long does it take to become a veterinarian?



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- h. What are some things that a veterinarian can do besides private practice?
- i. What do you like about working in this vocation?
- j. What is the role of the veterinarian assistant?
- k. Where do veterinarian assistants get their education?
- l. How long does it take to become a veterinarian assistant (veterinarian technician)?
- m. Do you have any recommendations for someone entering the field of veterinary medicine?

3. List the routine duties in a veterinary clinic.
4. List various types of rooms and facilities commonly seen in veterinary clinics.
5. Create and complete a table showing the average normal range of vital signs (temperature, pulse, and respiration) for the following domesticated animals: dog, cat, horse, cow, and pig.
6. Create and complete a table showing the average reproductive cycle of the following domestic animals: dog, cat, horse, cow, and pig.
7. List the proper methods of disposal for dead animals.
8. Create and complete a table showing the appropriate schedule of vaccinations for puppies.
9. Create and complete a table of diseases that may be transmitted from animals to humans. Include the name of the disease, the organism causing the disease, and the normal means of transmission.
10. Ask a veterinarian, veterinarian technician, or veterinarian assistant what information must be recorded about each animal treated by a veterinary clinic. List the information or obtain a preprinted form from a vet's office to place in your workbook.
11. List the address of the nearest school of veterinary medicine and the address of the nearest veterinarian assistant school.

