

Some Typical Questions Taken from Vet School Interviews

- How is the veterinarian responsible for the environment?
- How is the veterinarian responsible to the community?
- What are five characteristics that you believe all veterinarians share, and do you share them as well?
- If you were shopping in Wal-Mart, could you name 6 products that veterinarians helped to put on the shelves?
- What are some recent advances in the bio-medical sciences?
- What are your thoughts on using real animals (live and cadavers) for teaching purposes in a veterinary program?
- How do you feel about the use of lab animals to test new products?
- What are your views on the spay/neuter programs for domestic as well as feral animals?
- Would you condone the destroying of feral cats if it was thought that their population was having a negative impact on the environment and habitats of indigenous species?
- How would you instruct your receptionist to answer a client call asking to have their animal euthanized? To your knowledge, the animal is not having any health problems.
- In reference to Mad Cow Disease (or any other disease related to food animals in the news)...do you think the government handled it well? If not, please state how the management of the disease could have been improved.
- What is the "one medicine"?
- Do you approve the use of animals for testing human medicine and medical technology?
- For career changers...how do you think your previous career has prepared you to be a doctor of veterinary medicine?
- How are you at working in groups (and depending on others for a grade in a course) and alone?
- What was your greatest personal (or professional) challenge that you have overcome, and how did you achieve it?
- How do you relieve stress at the end of the day?
- What do you think is the typical starting salary for a veterinarian?
- There are now more women than men enrolled in veterinary programs...why do you think this is so? Where are the men going, and why?

Some Scenarios:

- A person from out of town comes into your clinic with a certificate from an organization that will pay a reduced fee to have their animal spayed. The animal is without vaccines, but the owner does not have money for the vaccines. It is necessary for the animal to be spayed immediately (for whatever reason). What would you do, as the doctor?

- A client is moving out of town and cannot, under any circumstances, take her beloved dog with her. Though the animal is young and healthy, and has many years ahead of it, the owner demands it be euthanized because it will miss her so terribly it will go into a decline and be so distraught, it will suffer immensely without her love and care. What would you do in a situation such as this?
- A person is in the market to buy a racehorse. He has the animal examined by Vet A, who passes him. As the horse is quite expensive, he wants a second opinion, so he brings it to Vet B. Vet B fails the animal. Now perplexed, the person asks a third opinion of Vet C (you). You examine the animal and fail him. What would you tell the client? How would you explain the differences in the examination results? What if this were the 6th time this very same thing happened with the same vet...what would you say to him?
- A mongrel mated a client's prize lab. She has become pregnant and the owner, who breeds labs for money, wants the pups aborted. As the doctor, what would you do?
- You are left alone with a client's dog that suddenly turns vicious in the exam room. How would you handle the situation?
- You are assigned to work in groups, and it is noticed that one person is not doing his/her share of the work. How would you address this person? How would you try to resolve this problem?