



Veterinary Medicine

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).
Workbook developer: craig@craiglincoln.com. Requirements revised: 2006, Workbook updated: April 2008.

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

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.

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
 ► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: [BSA Troop 780](#) -or- usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org

- | | |
|---|--|
| Amer. Animal Hospital Assn.: http://www.aahanet.org | Amer. Assn. of Bovine Practitioners: http://www.aabp.org |
| Amer. Assn. of Equine Practitioners: http://www.aaep.org | Amer. Assn. of Public Health Vets: http://www.avma.org/aaphv |
| Amer. Assn. of Swine Veterinarians: http://www.aasv.org | Amer. Assn. of Wildlife Veterinarians: http://www.aawv.net |
| Amer. Assn. of Zoo Veterinarians: http://www.aazv.org | Amer. Poultry Assn.: http://www.amerpoultryassn.com |
| Amer. Sheep Industry Assn.: http://www.sheepusa.org | Amer. Veterinary Medical Assn.: http://www.avma.org |
| Assn. of Avian Veterinarians: http://www.aav.org | Assn. of Reptilian and Amphibian Vets: http://www.arav.org |
| Canadian Vet Med Assn.: http://www.canadianveterinarians.net | National 4-H Council: http://www.fourhcouncil.edu |
| National FFA Organization: http://www.ffa.org | NetVet--Veterinary Resources: http://netvet.wustl.edu/vet.htm |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA): http://www.usda.gov | Virtual Livestock Library: http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/library |