

# Careers in the Licensed Professions

# Veterinary Technician

**Veterinary technicians** carry out medical orders prescribed by a supervising veterinarian. These licensed professionals may perform a variety of functions to assist veterinarians and help the animals in their care. Examples of services:

- prepare and give medications
- take x-rays and collect specimens for lab analysis
- induce and maintain anesthesia
- assist with medical, dental, and surgical procedures

## Education

High school diploma, or the equivalent

AND

At least an 18-month (two academic years) diploma or degree from a Department-registered veterinary technology licensure program, an accredited American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) program, or the equivalent.

## Examination

Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)

## Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$49,553
- Salary range: \$39,311-\$58,040
- Projected growth: much faster than average

## Where Could I Work?

- Private clinics and hospitals
- Farms and ranches
- Research and education
- Government agencies
- Animal shelters, zoos and aquariums

## Your Interests and Abilities

- Work with animals
- Basic sciences
- Assist with medical procedures
- Manual and technical skills

## Professional Skills

- Concern for animals and people
- Ethical standards
- Attention to detail
- Communication

