



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

# University Career Services

Division of Student Affairs

## VETERINARY SCHOOL PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The following list is not a complete list of possible questions but does represent the types of questions that may be asked. To prepare for your interview, contemplate your answers and arrange to do a **MOCK INTERVIEW** with the staff at UCS to enhance your interviewing skills. Please call 742-2210 to set-up an appointment.

1. Describe your (clinical, farm, animal, research) experiences; what exactly did you do? What did you like or didn't like about it.
2. What would you do if you saw a fellow student cheating?
3. How do you feel about the use of live animals in vet school or in various other kinds of research?
4. What is the difference b/w animal rights and animal welfare?
5. How do you deal with stress, how do you relax, who do you turn to if you're stressed?
6. What got you into the veterinary profession? Why do you want to be a vet? What makes you sure you want to be a vet? How do you know?
7. What do you think it will be like to be a vet?
8. Burnout is a common problem in our profession. What will you do to avoid burnout?
9. A client pulls up with a dog that has been hit by a car that will die without immediate medical attention. They only have \$50. The short term costs for caring for the animal will be much more than that, not to mention the long term costs. What do you do?
10. Accidents happen in every profession. What if you kill an animal by accident (wrong drug, surgical mistake, overdose, etc)? What would you do?
11. How do you react if you become aware that another vet has made a serious medical mistake or has practiced sloppy medicine on one of your clients? A client comes to you after having surgery performed by another vet. You notice that the surgery was sloppy to the point of being dangerous/ not all of a growth was removed/ the animal is sick as a result of the surgery, septic, etc/ or anything else that may or may not have serious impact to the animal's health – what do you do?
12. How did your background or experiences prepare you for veterinary school?
13. What are your motivations?
14. What makes you stand out, or why should we remember you?
15. Do you know the routine vaccinations for dogs?
16. Tell me about yourself? (Be prepared to articulate what's important to you, your interests and goals.)
17. Write an on-the-spot essay. First choice, "How does mad-cow disease affect the veterinary field?" Second choice, "How does computer based education apply to the veterinary field?"
18. How do you feel about euthanasia?
19. How do you handle confrontation? For example, how would you handle it if the author of one of your letters of recommendation actually talked about how you were a bad worker, a bad person, etc.
20. What do you know about E.coli?
21. What do you think about hunting as a means of population control?
22. Let's say you owned a vet hospital, what would you do to make it stand out from other hospitals?
23. What do you like to do for fun?
24. What do you think is the most important in a veterinary hospital?
25. How will you pay for vet school?