## Animal Health Awards program

Fall 2022 we launched our Northern Animal Health Initative career and awards program.

The program aims to increase knowledge of animal care in remote communities and remove barriers for northern residents to access these education opportunities.









Visit **vetswithoutborders.ca** to learn more about the program, eligibiliy and to apply.



# Love animals? Make it your job

Animal-related career opportunities





### **Veterinarian**

There are many different areas in which a veterinarian may specialize. A small animal veterinarian is most likely to work with domesticated cats, dogs, and birds. Large animal veterinarians work with farm animals, and a wildlife veterinarian will work with a variety of wildlife, including exotic species.

### **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements: at least 2 years of an undergrad degree then 4 years of vet school, pass a national board exam (NAVLE), then become licenced in province/territory

### **SKILLS TO BE SUCCESSFUL**

Communication, compassion, and critical thinking are essential skills and traits to be successful in a veterinary career.

## **Vet Summer camp**

Want to experience what it is like to be a veterinarian? Most veterinary colleges offer summer camps to learn what it means to be a vet.

Chat with your school counsellor about your options and to see if you qualify for a free or subsidized Northern seat.

# Veterinary technician/assistant

Veterinary Technicians (nurses) and assistants play key roles in caring for and treating animals. Responsibilities range from assisting with exams and surgeries to filling prescriptions, and updating records.

### **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Veterinary technicians have a two year program to go through posthigh school. Some of these programs are now moving online, with practicums condensed in summer.

### **SKILLS TO BE SUCCESSFUL**

Effective communication, organizational skills, empathy and a love for animals are important qualities in any veterinary technician or veterinary assistant.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

With the growth of telehealth, there are now more opportunities for remote work as a veterinary technician. From home, with phone and internet access,

# Animal-related certificates and diplomas

If you are not sure what you want to pursue, or instead are looking to grow your personal expertise, these certificate and diploma courses might be a great first step.

Perhaps you are exploring being a dog sledder and are interested in growing your knowledge. Or you are looking to increase community knowledge to benefit dogs and people in your community.

- Animal behaviour
- Animal first aid
- Animal husbandry
- Pre-veterinary science
- Animal care services
- Dog training
- Dog grooming

To find a course in Canada, search for the course on google with "Canada" and/or "online" as additional search terms.