

Veterinary student views and career plans survey

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Use a DARK PEN to mark your response as follows: ● Correct any mistakes by filling in the box as follows: ✖

The survey data will be transferred to spreadsheet format and de-identified so that no veterinary school personnel are able to correlate the answers with the student. The de-identification key will be held by a 3rd party. The survey pages will be archived in a locked facility.

Please fill in your UNIVERSITY ID number from left to right:

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Please indicate which University you attend:

University 'A' University 'B' University 'C' University 'D' University 'E' University 'F' University 'G'
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

1. What is your age? (in years) — —
2. What is your gender? Male Female
☐ ☐

13. Have your parents ever owned a farm? Yes No
☐ ☐

Please state how interested you are in engaging in the following activities in the next 5-10 years:

	very little 1	a little 2	neutral 3	somewhat 4	a great deal 5
19. Starting a business	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
20. Acquiring a small business	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
21. Starting and building a high-growth business	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
22. Acquiring and building a company or an enterprise into a high-growth business	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
23. Continuing education	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please indicate your animal handling experience AT THIS POINT IN TIME for each of the following species:

	none 1	some introductory experience 2	basic 3	experienced 4	very experienced 5
24. Fish, Crustaceans and/or Molluscs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
25. Cattle	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
26. Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Llamas and/or Deer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
27. Dogs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
28. Cats	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
29. Horses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
30. Wildlife (e.g. Birds, Reptiles, Native mammals, Frogs, Amphibians)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
31. Rabbits and/or Rodents	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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In the years after graduation, how likely is it that you will pursue a position in any of the following SECTORS and/or position(s)?

	extremely unlikely 1	not very likely 2	not sure 3	highly likely 4	extremely likely 5
33. Public Health, Government or Diagnostic Laboratory services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
34. Industry (e.g. Biotech companies)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
35. Practice – companion animal only	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
36. Practice with large animal component	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
37. Biomedical Research/Academia	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
38. Laboratory Animal Medicine	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
39. Intensive Animal Production (e.g. poultry, pigs, aquaculture)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
40. Not work in the veterinary profession	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please tell us how important the following are to you PERSONALLY:

	will not be applicable 1	will be very unimportant 2	will be unimportant 3	neutral importance 4	will be important 5	will be very important 6
42. In my professional life being a leader...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
43. In my professional life financial knowledge...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
44. In my professional life income...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
45. In my professional life contributing to animal welfare...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
46. In my professional life effective communication...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
47. In my professional life working in a team...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
48. In my professional life self care (mental and physical)...	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please mark a box which represents your BEST ANSWER for every statement

	very unlikely 1	unlikely 2	not sure 3	likely 4	very likely 5
60. After graduation I expect to work in the same state as my vet programme.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
64. After graduation I expect to work in a capital city/metropolitan area.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
65. After graduation I expect to work in a country town (<10,000 people) or a rural area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
66. After graduation I expect to work in a position where there will be NO requirement to do after hours emergency calls or care for patients in hospital.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please indicate the animals you would PREFER to work with on completion of the course:

	strongly disagree 1	disagree 2	undecided 3	agree 4	strongly agree 5
79. Food and fibre (e.g. dairy, beef, sheep, goat, alpacas, llamas, deer)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
80. Intensive (e.g. pigs, poultry)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
81. Companion animals (e.g. dogs, cats, pocket pets, birds)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
82. Wildlife, zoo, exotic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
83. Laboratory animals	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
84. Aquaculture (e.g. fish, crustaceans and/or molluscs)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
85. Horses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐